

Public Health & Safety Committee

Tuesday, April March 10, 2024, in the ROE Conference Room

Overseeing the Sheriff, Emergency Management, Coroner, Veteran's Advisory Commission and Animal Control.

Present were Mark Dietrich, Barbara Fletcher, Steve McQueen and Mark Sorenson. Also attending were Ambulance and EMS Director John Simon, Sheriff Tony Grootens and VAC Director Paul Havermale.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.

There was no speaker.

The bills were reviewed and appeared to be in order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, meeting was made by Mark Sorenson and seconded by Steve McQueen, motion carried.

Department Reports

Veterans Assistance Commission- Paul Havermale

Director Havermale stated that since January 2, they have seen 56 clients. Most of them are seeking General Assistance needs. They have also been working on VA claims and appeals, one of whom obtained 100% VA disability. The VAC will be requesting a new appropriation to establish a new line item to hire a Receptionist/Inake/Greeter. That will not require additional funding. They hope to bring that before the Finance Committee and the full County Board in May.

The will be having an Open House for the Community on April 29 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM at their office at 3701 Eastlake Center.

Sheriff – Sheriff Tony Grootens reported that for the month of March there were:

3 new hires:

William Kipping - Jail

Zachary Smith – Jail

John Barner - Jail

3 Departures:

Logan Peter – Deputy

Trista Quintrall - Jail

Bailey Shear - Jail

The average jail population was 94.

Sheriff Grootens reports that there are 9 Federal inmates at present.

Emergency Management/Ambulance-Director John Simon

Director Simon reports That they have written a grant targeted towards
Mass Casualty Supplies.

Coroner – Written report from Coroner Graham: for the month of March there were:

89 reported deaths

5 autopsies

1 abandoned remain.

43 cremation permits were issued.

1 suicide in February and 1 in March

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Appointments

None

Executive Session:

None

The Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the ROE Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J Fletcher

Chairman, Public Health, and Safety Committee