

**APPROVED**

**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors’  
Public Safety Committee  
Meeting of January 19, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Public Safety Committee Co-Chairman, Chris Butler, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**2. Introduction of Participants**

Present were:

- Mr. Chris Butler, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Lee District)
- Mr. Chris Granger, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Center District)
- Sheriff Robert Mosier, Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office
- Ms. Erin Kozanecki, Deputy County Administrator
- Ms. Tracy Gallehr, County Attorney
- Chief Darren Stevens, DFREM
- Mr. Jeremy Falls, Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office
- Mr. Tom Marable, President, Fire and Rescue Association
- Mr. Michael Guditus, DFREM
- Ms. Lisa Henty, Office of Management and Budget
- Ms. Shel Douglas, Department of Social Services
- Mr. Chuck Kuhler, Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office
- Mr. Linwood Parsons, Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office
- Mr. Mark Lavoie, Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office
- Ms. Joell Kight, Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office
- Mr. Butch Flippo, DFREM
- Ms. Carrie Horvath, Human Resources
- Mr. Tom Pavelko, Staff

**3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda**

Supervisor Butler moved for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of the December 21, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Granger.

**4. Communications Statistics and Updates**

The Sheriff's Office communication statistics for the month of December 2020 were included in the meeting handouts. Joell Kight advised that the Communications Center is currently recruiting for several vacant positions. Supervisor Butler inquired about the effect these vacant positions were having on operations. Ms. Kight advised that, while the situation is not ideal, there have been no operational issues due to the flexibility of current staff. There were no further questions or additional discussion.

**5. Detention Center Transportation**

Sgt. Parsons of the Sheriff's Office, provided updates on the new transportation protocols they will be implementing. Following a study of surrounding jurisdictions and review of Virginia Code, it was determined that the Sheriff's Office is only responsible for receiving Transportation Orders, not providing background research and docket review functions. Research and review by the Sheriff's Office is a time consuming process that can result in overtime costs. Therefore, effective January 1, 2021, the Sheriff's Office will work with the Courts and other stakeholders to transition these functions. They will also move towards the 24-48-72 hour criteria used by other localities to transport inmates. Following a brief term of stakeholder education and assistance, they expect to implement these changes May 1, 2021.

**6. DAD's Program**

Sgt. Parsons of the Sheriff's Office, provided information on the DAD's Program they have been facilitating at the Adult Detention Center. This program is a resource for qualified male inmates that teaches them to be better fathers through attitude change, knowledge and skill development. The program is no cost to taxpayers and funded through the inmate commissary. To date, four inmates have successfully completed the DAD's program.

**7. Public Safety Radio Project Enhancement**

Supervisor Butler led the discussion on some recent issues brought to the B.O.S. regarding the implementation of the new public safety radio system. Most importantly, ensuring Harris Corporation is providing adequate service and to escalate the matter if they are having problems. Chuck Kuhler confirmed that initially, Harris was slow to respond to their requests. However, representatives were on-site last week to assist. Many of the initial issues have been resolved; however, additional meetings are scheduled to continue working on the remaining ones. Supervisor Granger also stated the importance of escalating the matter legally with Harris Corporation if necessary. Butch Flippo of DREM listed a few of the issues that have occurred and their resolution. He advised that the response from Harris has improved.

Supervisor Butler requested that the B.O.S. be notified of any regression, as not to put public safety officials in harm's way. He also stressed the importance of proper training for those who are using the system. Sheriff Mosier requested that all issues be reported via email, so they can cataloged and tracked through resolution.

**8. Other Items**

Sheriff Mosier reported that Betty Ramsburg passed away. Ms. Ramsburg was a vocal supporter of getting Narcan to law enforcement following the death of her son. He also advised that Paul Jessup passed away. Mr. Jessup, a war veteran, provided leadership development opportunities to the Sheriff's Office and county employees. Tom Marable of the FRA suggested re-establishing the communications committee to address, not only the radio issues, but other things that may arise. It was suggested this be an ad hoc committee, with report outs to the PSC. Mr. Marable also reported that, despite all the obstacles from the pandemic, the FRA enlisted sixty (60) new members in 2020. Supervisor Butler suggested writing a press release to share their successes with the citizens.

**9. Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, Supervisor Butler called for adjournment at 6:44 p.m. Generally concurred.

*Given under my hand this 27th day of January, 2021*

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*Thomas S. Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee*