

APPROVED

**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors’
Public Safety Committee
April 18, 2023**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Public Safety Committee 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. Rick Gerhardt, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors (Cedar Run District)
- Sheriff Jeremy Falls, FCSO
- Ms. Erin Kozanecki, Deputy County Administrator
- Lt. Colonel Chad Brubaker, FCSO
- Mr. Kalvyn Smith, Interim Chief, DFREM
- Mr. Mike Gilliam, Assistant Chief, DFREM
- Mr. Tom Marable, FRA President
- Ms. Lisa Henty, Office of Management and Budget
- Mr. Chuck Kuhler, FCSO
- Joelle Kight, FCSO
- Mr. Kevin Swain, VFRA
- Ms. Angela Gibson, Department of Human Resources
- Ms. Carrie Horvath, Department of Human Resources
- Mr. Kenneth Nehm, IAFF Local 3762
- 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 January 17, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Gerhardt.

4. Communications Committee Updates

Joell Kight from the Sheriff's Office Communications Division presented 911 call data for the month of March 2023. She advised they are working to finalize a consultant for the CAD project. They are also in the process of testing software that shows staffing levels in the various stations.

5. Sheriff's Office Updates

Sheriff Falls indicated that they are transitioning from 40 caliber Glock handguns to 9mm Glock weapons. Studies and internal testing have shown that the 9mm weapons are more accurate and have less recoil. They are also implementing a new program for retired deputies wherein they will offer firearms training recertification events. These events will be followed by a luncheon for retirees and current staff to network. The Special Deputy Program is being discontinued due to lack of participation and cost effectiveness. Current participants may be offered part-time temporary positions. The Sheriff's Office is also working with a new vendor for School Zone photo enforcement. They hope to have this program online by the beginning of the next school year.

6. Radio System Update

Chuck Kuhler of the Sheriff's Office provided updates on the radio system. He confirmed the overall system is working well with the exception of the dual audio issues. Harris Corp has not been able to resolve the problem yet. They are also adding redundant routers to each radio site. This will provide for continuous coverage and backup in the event of a failure. With regards to equipment, they have found a few more defective mobile units. They are adding Wi-Fi access to the mobiles which will allow for access to the system. All vehicle chargers are being replaced. A few control heads will also need to be replaced. Mr. Kuhler also advised that Rappahannock County is going through some programming changes to their system. This will require some coordination from Fauquier to ensure continued communication between all parties and their respective systems. He was also notified that Loudoun County is switching their frequency ranges. This could be problematic due to the short notice and the amount of programing that needs to be done. Harris Corp will be involved in the reprogramming process.

7. **Chapter 9 Rewrite**

Supervisor Butler requested an update on the Chapter 9 rewrite. Tom Marable advised that the departments have been reviewing the document and providing feedback. Mr. Butler asked that all comments and feedback funnel through one person who will report them to the BOS. Mr. Marable will solicit comments from all Chiefs and update the Supervisors. Mr. Butler also indicated that the 90-day deadline can be extended to ensure the document satisfies all parties.

8. **Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, Supervisor Butler called for adjournment at 6:41 p.m. Generally concurred.

Given under my hand this 27th day of April 2023.

Thomas S. Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee