

**Ionia County Board of Commissioners
Committee-of-the-Whole**

**June 18, 2019 - 3:00 p.m.
Board of Commissioners room – 3rd floor
Ionia County Administrative Building
101 W. Main St.**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Invocation
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Consideration of additional items
- V. Public Comment
(3 minute time limit per speaker – please state name/organization)
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Department Reports
 - 1. Sheriff Department
 - 2. Prosecutor's Office
- VIII. Reports of Officers, Board and Standing Committees
 - A. Chairperson
 - B. Commissioners
 - C. County Administrator
- IX. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees
- X. Closed Session
 - A. Discussion with attorney regarding lawsuit Samuel Carmon v. County of Ionia
- XI. Adjournment



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Committee of the Whole IONIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Talking Points

SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROJECTS

Jail Population: The jail population has held steady at max capacity. In addition to the large population we still have several inmates waiting for beds at mental facilities, inmates who don't get along and have to be moved around, and the large population of females makes it a challenge to manage on a daily basis. The jail staff is doing a good job dealing with these issues.

Building Issue at the Ionia County Sheriff's Office: Fencing in the recreation yard is currently broken. We have been seeking different quotes to get it fixed in order to make use of the rec yard for inmates.

The issues with the washer and dryer appear to be a continuing issue. These are used 24/7 and with the increase in the inmate population are being worked hard. Several repair technicians have worked on them and we continue to patch them.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE STAFF and TRAINING

Correctional Facility Staffing: They are entering the busy time of year for time off requests and vacations and the staff is doing a good job accommodating whenever possible. Officer Beach has been off on Workers' comp due to an injury to his knee while dealing with an out of control subject. It is unknown when he will be able to return to work.

Officer Andrew Babcock and his wife are expecting their first baby at the end of the month and we wish them all the best. Officer Babcock will take some time away to be with his new baby.

Officer Kimberly Ripley resigned from the sheriff's office for personal reasons. Officer Tyler Hoskins was made full-time and has completed his CTO training. The Sheriff's

Office hired a new part- time Correctional Officer. The Sheriff's Office has hired Jarred Wright. Officer Wright comes to us from Hastings and will begin his career with the Ionia County Sheriff's Office June 24th and will be working part-time taking over Officer Hoskins spot. Officer Wright will complete 6 weeks of CTO training and both Officer Hoskins and himself will attend the Corrections academy within the year.

Medical Issues: We have seen a rise in medical issues with inmates recently in the jail. Several inmates needing to go to the hospital for serious illness have taxed the staff, however the courts have been fantastic in working with us in many ways. Some of these ways include furloughing inmates while they attend to their medical issues and they are returned to jail when their treatment is completed. Another is providing a PR bond for those that have not been sentenced and are here for a non-violent crime. The cost of medical treatment is very high and if they were to remain in our custody, the cost would be passed on to the county. These efforts have assisted the inmates in being able to get the treatment that they need while easing the financial burden on the county.

Uniform Services Staffing: Since last report, Jack Pieters has been promoted to Uniform Services Lieutenant. Lt. Pieters has been employed with the sheriff's office since February of 2002. He has been a leader in our department in several different roles. He joined the Ionia County Critical Incident Team in 2006 and has most recently served in a team leader role. Pieters is our lead firearms instructor and our defensive tactics instructor. Pieters was promoted to road patrol sergeant in January of 2017.

Dion Sower was recently promoted to road patrol sergeant to replace Lt. Pieters. Sgt. Sower has 19 years of law enforcement experience with 17 years at the sheriff's office. Sgt. Sower has been the department K-9 handler for the last 10 years and serves as our departments standardized field sobriety test instructor and has also been a member of the ICCIT since 2006.

Deputy Ervin and Deputy Veenstra recently graduated from the Field Training Officer program and are eager to put their new skills to work.

Deputy Coughlin has resigned from the Sheriff's Office and Deputy Tyler Kohl will be leaving in August of this year for the Grand Rapids Police Department. Additionally, Deputy Nic Foster is in the background with West Bloomfield Twp PD and it is anticipated that he will leave the Sheriff's Office at the end of June. The three deputies will be hard to replace as they were great assets to our office.

We have extended an offer to Ethan Young who started his career June 3rd. Young just graduated from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy at LCC and this will be his first law enforcement job. Young is from Fowler and is excited to stay close to home. Young will take part in the department's field training program, which will last 12-16 weeks.

We have extended an offer to a second candidate Kyle Macklin. Macklin spent two years with the Grand Rapids Police Department and another with the Sparta Police Department. He currently lives in Sparta and will begin his career with the Ionia

County Sheriff's Office on June 24th. Macklin will take part in the department's field training program, which will last 12-16 weeks.

Major Issue Coming: With the information that we are reaching end of life on Windows 7 and the need to switch to Windows 10, we discovered that our RMS and JMS systems (reporting systems used by the road and jail) are not compatible with this new version. This will force us to update to a new version or switch vendors. Either option will cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000. We are looking at different ways to adjust the cost but the biggest issue is that we did not find out about this non-compatibility until the middle of May and all options put us 8-12 months out from implementation which is past end of life for Windows 7. More to come on this soon.

Notable Cases: The Ionia County Sheriff's Office had several notable cases since last report.

- Since the start of the year our agency has taken reports of 40 sex offense/sexual assault cases.
- Sexual Assault Case: Adult male was arrested in 2016 for sexually assaulting his daughter and pled guilty this February to one count of CSC 1st Degree.
- Stalking/Terroristic Threats Case: In June 2016, suspect had been stalking his ex-girlfriend and also made threats to kill her and her co-workers at a business in Grand Rapids. Suspect got into a brief pursuit with Ionia County Sheriff's Office deputies when he attempted to return home and was taken into custody. Suspect recently pled guilty to Interfering with a Police Investigation; Aggravated Stalking; Fleeing from Police; Resisting and Obstructing Police; and Habitual Offender.
- Sexual Assault Case: Seeking charges on male suspect who sexually assaulted three juvenile girls who are sisters on multiple occasions; also seeking charges on the mother of the girls. A second male suspect was also involved in sexually assaulting the girls outside of Ionia County and that matter is being investigated by law enforcement from that jurisdiction.
- Child Abuse Case: Detectives are currently conducting an on-going investigating involving a baby that was severely burned and are working on seeking charges against the parents for child abuse.

Kitchen Status: The kitchen status has become more stable and equipment has not been an issue recently. Joanna Gates has been named as the kitchen manager from Canteen Services and has been doing a fantastic job.

Ionia County Posse: The Ionia County posse has had some turn over. Kyle and Kaleb Vickery have resigned their position on the posse. We have held interviews and identified four additional members that we are going to bring on. The two additional members are to replace members that are soon to retire.

Alice Training: Sheriff's Office personnel have been actively training private companies and schools on how to prepare and deal with an act of Violence. There are more trainings coming up in the future and the response we have received so far

has all been positive. We are in the process of training all 900 staff at Herbruck's among others.

OHSP Seatbelt Grant: The Sheriff's Office received a grant to conduct selective seatbelt enforcement throughout the high traffic accident townships. There were several traffic points out in the county and we also partnered with the City of Portland and the City of Ionia for points in the cities. The Sheriff's Office conducted 44 traffic stops in the 4 different traffic points. The point of the selective enforcement was based solely on the use of safety belts.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

June 18, 2019

Trials, Hearings, and Trainings

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o Trials

- *PSM v Badder*- CSC 1st (x10), CSC 2nd (x6). Allegation involves father, perpetrating on daughter over six-year span. Jury trial started on 2/4. After one day of trial, a mistrial was declared when incriminating evidence surfaced. Rescheduled for trial in June.
 - *UPDATE*- D PG prior to trial and was sentenced to 25 to 40 years prison.
- *PSM v Velasquez CSC 1st* (x2) D was long time older friend to the victim. Allegation that he sexually assaulted her numerous times. On eve of trial, D PG to CSC 1st. Sentencing date set for 7/2.

o Appeals

- *PSM v Krzeminski*- OWI 3rd case involving circumstantial evidence that D operated on a highway and direct evidence that D operated in an open field. Orally argued on 5/10. COA agreed with the People. Case affirmed.

- CAPA Mrzlack

o Trials

- *PSM v Jones* – Delivery of Meth and PWID Meth. Defendant brought meth from Kalamazoo and sold it to a confidential informant. Approximately 8 ounces of meth was seized. D found guilty.
 - *UPDATE*- D sentenced to 13-40 years prison.
- *PSM v Douglas* – Poss Meth. Officer found 3 grams of meth in D's pocket before bringing D into the jail. D found guilty.
 - *UPDATE*- D sentenced to 20 months to 20 years prison.
- *PSM v Deryke*- D manipulated herself into a stranger's home, stole her car keys and then stole her car, all with D's own child with her. D found guilty. D sentenced to 48 months to 25 years prison.
- *PSM v Farley*- D accused of stealing a purse and the contents within after it was left unattended by the victim. D found guilty. D sentenced to 6 months jail w/probation.
- *PSM v Mason*- D accused of possession of meth. Officer found small amount of meth in a shirt that the D was holding on his lap in a car. D found guilty. D set for sentencing on 6/25.

- *PSM v Fischer*- D accused of PWID-Meth. CMET set up undercover operation. D found guilty. Sentenced to 10-40 years.
- APA Tsaturova
 - Replaced APA Mattioli on 3/18. She is assigned to Probate court to handle DL, NA, and any other probate matter needing an APA.
 - She has been to various trainings involving child abuse.
 - Numerous NA cases involving termination and/or removal of child
- APA Lobbes
 - Replaced APA Eberle on 4/22. He is assigned to District court to handle all criminal matters.
 - Attended the PAAM APA "Bootcamp" in May.
- APA Newbury
 - Replaced APA Parker on 5/6. She is assigned to District court to handle all criminal matters.
 - Attended the PAAM APA "Bootcamp" in May.

Big Cases

- *PSM v Noom*- CSC 1st degree (x4). Circuit Court suppressed Defendant's confession. Case currently on appeal at the Court of Appeals.
 - UPDATE: COA peremptorily reversed the Circuit Court and sided with the People,. Case is currently being appealed to the MI Sup.
- *PSM v Benson*- CSC 1st degree (x2) and Domestic Violence. Allegation is the Defendant, who was the boyfriend of the victim's mother, committed sexual penetration upon the 13 year-old girl and assaulted her mother. On 8/28 the Defendant entered a plea of No Contest to CSC 1st degree with no sentence agreement. His sentencing was scheduled for 12/4. Sentencing was adjourned due to the Defendant wanting a new attorney, reset for sentencing on 1/29. Sentencing was adjourned again because the Defendant wanted to represent himself and think about withdrawing his plea, reset for sentencing on 2/12. Sentencing was adjourned again because the Defendant more time to think about withdrawing the plea.
 - UPDATE: On 2/26, D was sentenced to 25 to 40 years prison.

- Other news

- Pros assisted with DRE training in Grand Rapids on 6/11.
- Staffing
 - Victim Advocate Jeannie Wernet left the office for PAAM/PACC on 5/10. Long time Legal Secretary, Angie Lundstrom, moved into that position.
 - Currently interviewing to fill Legal Secretary position.