

ERIE COUNTY BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

10:00 A.M. – ERIE COUNTY SERVICES CENTER

Call meeting to Order – Co-Chairman Jeff Krabill and Co-Chairman Mike Parker

Commission Roll Call – Co-Chairman

Approval of Minutes

Purpose of the Meeting – Committee to discuss ways public entities can work together to reduce costs for police services in Erie County

Subcommittee Meeting Review – Subcommittee members Mr. Forster and Mr. Parker review of March 6th Meeting with Police Chiefs and Sheriff. The following topics reviewed with Chiefs of Milan, Perkins, Kelleys Island, Sandusky and Sheriff:

- ☐ Officers available by department and county wide
- ☐ Jail budget and maintenance is satisfactory. Holding cells minimally used in certain communities.
- ☐ Centralized dispatch is good model of cost savings.
- ☐ Training is often commonly conducted.
- ☐ Discussed other items on list previously published by committee, no findings for improvement at this time.
- ☐ Departments operate within budget and are often under budgeted staff.

Police Discussion and Proposals on Efficiencies – Department led suggestions on increased efficiencies for increased department coordination and cost savings

- ☐ Efficiencies currently in practice:
 - o Investigation sharing, canines
 - o Warrants
 - o Records management
 - o Creative ways to keep officers “on the beat”
 - o Northern Border initiative
 - o Manpower sharing during shortages due to vacation and illness, etc.
 - o Unanimous approvals of grant applications by all police departments
 - o Common weapons, common ammo
- ☐ Efficiencies proposed in subcommittee meeting on March 6th
 - o Use of FLOCK camera systems county-wide typically reduces an enormous amount investigative time and greatly improves response time – grant and funding opportunity
 - o Feasibility of full-time grant administrator(s) for safety services – note could be partially self-funded as % allotted for each grant
 - o Grant opportunity for 24/7 mental health crisis response team
 - o Possible need to streamline administrative process for hiring

Audience/public input or comments

Action Items As Needed

Closing Remarks by Commission Members

Adjourn

Next Meeting: 10:00 AM Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Erie County Downtown Office Building, 247 Columbus Avenue, 3rd Floor Commission Chambers Topic: Purchasing

Ms. Crescimano & Mr. Forster Facilitators