

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**May 13, 2019**  
**4:00 P.M.**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM D - COUNTY SQUARE**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Council Office and mailed to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Rick Roberts  
Vice Chairman Lynn Ballard  
Councilor Xanthene Norris  
Councilor Willis Meadows  
Councilor Mike Barnes

**COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

John Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator  
Jeffrey D. Wile, Assistant County Attorney  
Helen E. Wood, Clerk to Public Safety Committee  
Debbie Templeton, Administrative Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Rick Roberts  
Chairman

**INVOCATION:**

Willis Meadows  
Councilor

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Councilor Willis Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Services' meeting of December 19, 2018. Motion carried unanimously by all Council members present.

### **Overview of Greenville County Detention Center**

Mr. John Vandermosten, Assistant County Administrator of the Department of Public Safety, presented the committee with an overview of the Department of Public Safety and The Greenville County Detention Center. He explained that the department consists of: Forensics Division, Records Division, Detention Center, and Detention Medical. Mr. Vandermosten defined the number of employees and the responsibilities of each entity. He spoke about current issues and/or needs of the department. The Greenville County Detention Center's underlying struggle at this time is the lack of applicants. The detention center presently has 26 vacancies. Surrounding agencies are experiencing the same issue due to a lack of interest in pursuing a law enforcement career. The primary budget requests at this time are for additional Detention Center officers over 2 years, 2 DNA analysts, and 1 drug lab staff member. If all these requests are met it will increase the budget by a little over \$1.5 million less benefits. Mr. Vandermosten concluded by explaining that a show of appreciation for current detention officers will go a long way towards boosting morale and retention.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Councilor Xanthene Norris moved to adjourn the meeting of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Services. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra S. Templeton, Administrative Coordinator