



PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING COMMITTEE

March 14, 2024

1:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

Location:

**301 W Jefferson St
10th Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, AZ 85003**

Call to Order:

Director Brian Schmitt called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and welcomed the members to the first meeting of the Public Safety Funding Committee.

Roll call:

Chairman Lewis called the roll with the following members present: Chief Brian Tobin, Jason Baran, Barbara Broderick, Dr. Dawn Noggle, Kimber Lanning (remote), Chairman John Lewis. Absent: Heather Carter, Marissa Calderon, Chief Deputy Dan Butler (joined during Executive Session, remote). Also present: Emily Craiger, Legal Counsel.

A quorum was established.

Announcements:

Chairman Lewis introduced Maricopa County staff, Jen Pokorski, County Manager; Zach Schira, County Manager's Executive Director; Jack Sellers, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Rick Bohan, Chief of Staff to Chairman Sellers.

Chairman Sellers thanked the Committee for their willingness to serve on this very important Committee. He also thanked John Lewis for serving as the Chair of the Committee. Chairman Sellers mentioned the importance of the next 20 years in establishing funding for the Criminal Justice Programs.

Chairman Lewis asked the Committee members present to introduce themselves. Each member gave the following basic introduction.

Jason Baran, Director of State Government Affairs for the Salt River Project.

Dr. Dawn Noggle, a past Maricopa County employee serving as Mental Health Director for Correctional Health Services.

Barb Broderick, former Maricopa County employee as the Chief Adult Probation Officer and prior to that was with Supreme Court as the Director of Probation.

Brian Tobin, Fire Chief with Daisy Mountain Fire and prior to that worked with Phoenix Fire for 37 years.

Kimber Lanning, CEO at Local First Arizona.

Members not present were mentioned by Chairman Lewis:

Dr. Heather Carter, Senior Vice Chancellor for External Affairs Maricopa County Community College District.

Marissa Calderon, Chicanos Por La Casa, and CEO of Prosperity Now.

Dan Butler, Assistant Chief of Mesa Police Department (would join the meeting at approximately 2:00 pm remote).

John Lewis, Chairman of this Committee, introduced himself saying he is the present CEO of East Valley Partnership and prior to that was the Mayor of Gilbert for seven years.

Chairman Lewis said the focus of this Committee is to research and recommend options for funding that will have a financial impact on the Criminal Justice System for the next 20 years. He began the discussion talking about the scope of work projected and tentatively, in November 2024, present findings. He talked about the frequency of meetings, perhaps a blend of in-person and remote, for a total of two meetings per month and acknowledged the scheduling of nine individuals can be challenging. Chairman Lewis suggested that appointing a Vice Chairman or two to the Committee would help keep the process moving efficiently. He welcomed any volunteers for that Vice Chairman seat and to contact Mr. Schmitt with questions or interest.

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Future Meeting Dates/Times and Formats

Chairman Lewis said that Brian Schmitt, Director of the Committee, would be providing some additional details for the task.

Mr. Schmitt explained the current Jail Excise tax of 1/5 cent tax that was approved by voters in 1998 to span 20 years and extended another 20 years and due to expire in 2027. He said the funds were to be used for construction of Adult and Juvenile Facilities as well as maintenance and operations of the facilities. Mr. Schmitt said the estimated revenue for FY2024 is \$270 million. Due to the approaching expiration of Jail Excise Tax, the Board of Supervisors put together the Public Safety Fund Committee (PSFC) and a framework to identify the current and future needs of the criminal justice system (the Charge). Mr. Schmitt read the Charge.

- **Review statutory framework to fund public safety facilities, including alternatives to current funding (i.e. property tax increase, jail district) and identify most viable option.**
- **Review the promises made in prop 400 and 411 and the outcomes.**
- **Assess the existing adult and juvenile jail facilities, the current Jail Masterplan, and current Jail CIP to identify maintenance, capital, and expansion needs in the next twenty years.**
- **Identify staffing needs, both short and long term.**
- **Review probation and other recidivism programming and their impacts on public safety funding.**

- **Advise the Board concerning other issues, public concerns and matters of interest that may pertain to the planning and financing of jail facilities in Maricopa County.**

Chairman Lewis talked about the challenge of coordinating schedules for meetings. He recommended when a date and time is established that each member add it to their personal calendar. He thought Thursdays at 1:00 would be good for all. He added that Mr. Schmitt would reach out to each member to work through calendar options going forward. Chairman Lewis said it would be best to get the ground rules set so each member knows what will happen in the meetings. Chairman asked if there were any questions before exec. Mr. Tobin asked who established Charge and its scope. Mr. Schmitt said the Board of Supervisors developed and approved the Charge. Mr. Schira said they made it broad to provide flexibility.

2. Executive Session

Vote to convene in Executive Session to consider the items on the Executive Agenda dated Thursday, March 14, 2024, for the Maricopa County Public Safety Committee pursuant to the statutory authority listed for each item.

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Jason Baran, seconded by Barbara Broderick

Ayes: John Lewis, Brian Tobin, Jason Baran, Barbara Broderick, Dawn Noggle, Kimber Lanning.

Absent: Marissa Calderon, Heather Carter, Dan Butler,

~ Dan Butler joined the Executive Session remote after the vote to go into Session ~

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

After discussion in Executive Session, the Committee reconvened in Open Session in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room.

Motion to adjourn Open Session by Dawn Noggle, seconded by Barbara Broderick

Ayes: John Lewis, Dan Butler, Brian Tobin, Jason Baran, Barbara Broderick, Dawn Noggle, Kimber Lanning

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

John Lewis, Chairman of the Committee