

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, Karol "KZ" Bolton
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MEETING LOCATION
Chambers

Minutes: Thursday, May 2, 2024

I. Approval of Minutes

Present: Commissioners Dustin Krasny, Terry Collins, James Van Doren, Karen Bolton
Also Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Marketing &
Present: Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator
Carissa Zubke, Prosecuting Attorney Jen Bruggeman for Jacqueline Wyse,
Sheriff Troy Bevier, Emergency Management Coordinator Craig Tanis,
Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Public Defender Sam
Molero for John Glaser, MSC Director Rod Weaver, Probate/Juvenile Court
Director Dionne Bowens, Medical Examiner David Nowland, Budget Analyst
Tracy Stace

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Comm. Collins

A. Approval of Minutes: April 4, 2024

Motion by Krasny to approve the minutes of April 4, 2024, seconded by Bolton. Motion carried.

II. Attendance

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

Administrator Murphy reviewed the finance report. The cash fund balance in the Criminal Justice Committee is \$69,000. No further discussion.

IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff Reports

Sheriff Bevier reviewed his report. The National Police Memorial Day takes place annually on May 15th. The County's Memorial Ceremony will take place that day, 11am at the Oakwood Cemetery, where the Proclamation will be read. Commissioner Collins is unable to attend this year, and it was discussed that Commissioner Van Doren would read the Proclamation. The Sheriff is looking forward to recognizing their sworn Deputy Sheriff at the Board of

Commissioners meeting on 5/8/24.

V. Stock Kill Report

A. 3/18/24 Report- Sheriff Bevier

It was discussed that the committee should take action on this item.

The Sheriff reported the incident occurred on March 18th. 2 dogs reportedly attacked the live stock and killed 35 chickens and 2 guinea fowls. The dogs were taken to the humane society and no owners came forward. A complaint by the stock owners was made in Riga Township, and they are requesting a reimbursement of \$200.93. The supervisor of Riga Township approved the request and is coming to this committee for recommendation to the board. The Sheriff said that the price of the live stock was compared to four other quotes and the amount requested is comparable. Funds to come from Animal Control (101.430-877).

Motion by Bolton to move the stock kill claim to Personnel/ Ways & Means, seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.

VI. Prosecuting Attorney

A. Prosecutor Report

Attorney Jen Bruggeman was present for Chief Jacqueline Wyse. Previously, the office had technical issues with reporting the victims' rights. However, they believe that has now been resolved. No further discussion.

VII. Public Defender

A. P.D. Report

Sam Molero present for John Glaser. Felony cases are down, while misdemeanor cases are up. No further discussion.

Administrator Murphy shared the public defenders' office is looking at restructuring some of the positions. She informed the committee they may see some requests at next weeks' meetings.

VIII. Emergency Management

A. Emerg. Mgmt. Report

Tanis reviewed his monthly report. He was able to obtain an additional \$15,000 in grants and with that funding, he was able to secure 18 emergency vehicle plugs, as previously discussed. Tanis brought the plugs to show the committee in person. There are three readings provided during use: either informing plug does not work, the vehicle is disabled, or the vehicle is not disabled. Each county fire department received one. The plugs run on batteries.

IX. Medical Examiner

A. Medical Examiner Office's Report

David Nowland was present to represent the Medical Examiners office. He reported the month of March was lower in deaths than the previous months. 31 cases total, 22 of those from Lenawee County. Nowland reported, unfortunately, there have been five deaths from motor vehicle accidents recently. No further discussion was held.

X. Courts

A. Report

Director Bowens is here representing the courts. Recently, a juvenile court referee resigned, which was a big loss for them. Bowens reported a contract for a visiting judge has been secured to assist them. Her department will continually work with the Prosecutor's office during implementation of the new laws that passed last week. Probate/juvenile court is currently down in staffing.

Bowens shared they have been successful in engaging with community partners to align their work and serve the many families that they work with. She thanked Rod Weaver for their continued partnership with Maurice Spear Campus.

A field trip with the Boys and Girls club will be touring the courthouse on June 11th and June 12th. Bowens is excited about introducing the court system to children, and to build a positive relationship with juveniles. Bowens invited the committee to join the group for lunch with the middle school children on those dates.

XI. Maurice Spear Campus

MSC Director Weaver reported there are 33 total juveniles, 22 in the open unit and 11 in the detention unit. 17 of those are Lenawee County youth.

Summer plans for the juveniles have been finalized. Weaver reported the juveniles will have an opportunity to attend culinary classes for the first time at the LISD Tech Center. There are plans for the juveniles to assist in serving and preparation at some of the culinary events. Summer school will be taking place at MSC. May 30th is the MSC graduation at the campus, and this year they have three graduates.

Weaver has also been busy assisting in the planning for future campus renovations.

Comm. Krasny thanked both Weaver and Bowens for their hard work and dedication.

XII. Updates & Other Business

A. 2024 Policies- Kim Murphy

- Code of Ethics
- Conflict of Interest
- Enhanced Public Participation

Administrator Murphy shared the three recent policies passed in 2024 and requested the committee members to sign the policies, acknowledging they received and are familiar with the policies. All Lenawee County employees received these via Localgov.U

XIII. Public Comment

No public comment

XIV. Adjournment

Deputy Elliott reported the current liability insurance with MMRMA, does not cover the Public Defender office. A contract for liability insurance will be coming to the board next week.

Motion by Krasny, seconded by Bolton to adjourn the meeting at 10:22am. Motion carried.