

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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## MEMBERS

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

Chambers

**Minutes:** Thursday, June 6, 2024

### I. Call to Order

**Present:** *Chairman Terry Collins, Commissioners James Van Doren, Karen "KZ" Bolton, Kevon Martis, Ralph Tillotson*

**Also Present:** *Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Chief Prosecutor Jacqueline Wyse, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Emergency Management Coordinator Craig Tanis, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Chief Public Defender John Glaser, Medical Examiner Dr. John Maino, Emergency Management Planner Chris Foerg, MSC Director Rod Weaver, Accountant Matt Turgeon, Captain Jacob Pifer*

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

### II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: May 2, 2024

*Motion by Bolton to approve the minutes of May 2, 2024, Seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.*

### III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

*Administrator Murphy reviewed the finance reports. A few projects remain open, leaving a cash fund balance of approximately \$69,000.*

*No further discussion*

### IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

*Sheriff Troy Bevier provided updates from his office. They are preparing for upcoming summer events, including the popular concert at MIS. Sheriff reports they are currently down employees in the jail and road patrol. They are continually working on hiring qualified personnel.*

B. **REQUEST:** Purchase of Crash Investigation equipment and software

*Sheriff provided an overview on the request for crash investigation equipment and software. The request is for a drone and accident investigation equipment to effectively set up at a crash scene. Lenawee County has a group of Accident Investigators, from numerous police agencies, who are specially trained to fully investigate these serious crashes. The current total station measuring device used by the Accident Investigators was put into service in 2013, is outdated and not compatible with current computer technology utilized by Lenawee County agencies. The Sheriff states they have conducted a demonstration, and received a quote for equipment to replace our older total station device with a comprehensive package that will significantly reduce the time needed to process a crash scene. The purchase of this will be funded by the secondary road Patrol fund, and the Sheriff states it is an approved expense. The expense will be incurred over two fiscal years.*

*Motion by Bolton, to move the purchase of Crash Investigation equipment and software to the Board of Commissioners, for an amount of \$119,184.65, seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.*

*Discussion included that personnel training expenses will be covered under the Secondary Road Patrol fund. The yearly maintenance fees for the software and equipment will be \$10,500 per year. The Commissioners thank the Sheriff and his team for their hard work and dedication.*

## **V. Prosecuting Attorney**

### **A. Prosecutor's Report**

*Prosecutor Wyse provided her monthly report in the packet. Wyse informed the committee there have been increased expenses for "witness fees", during the processing of evidence involving blood draws.*

*Discussion was held regarding cases that are "Refused as insufficient evidence"; Wyse explained when reviewing a case, if further information is needed, they do reach out to the agency. If the information provided is not enough to prosecute, or there is no additional evidence, the category "refused as insufficient evidence" is selected.*

## **VI. Public Defender**

### **A. Public Defender Report**

*Chief Defender Glaser submitted his department's monthly report, included in the packet. No further discussion.*

## **VII. Emergency Management**

### **A. Emergency Management Report**

*Director Tanis provided his monthly department report in the packet. Tanis included a list of the Lenawee County Emergency Management Grant Funded Projects from 2020-2024.*

*Commissioners discussed that these grants are not ones that automatically come to the County, they are ones that Tanis & his department have independently sought out and applied for.*

## **VIII. Medical Examiner**

### **A. Medical Examiner Office's Report**

*Medical Examiner Dr. Maino shared his department report. He further discussed the process regarding the increased expense for blood testing. Dr. Maino states that during the prosecution of "death after delivery of a drug", there are various facilities testing the blood and each comes with a significant fee.*

*Dr. Maino states the possible death projections for 2024 are approximately 380. It was discussed that these numbers are simply calculated based on the data, thus far from the year.*

*The 2023 Annual Report from the Medical Examiner's office is included in the packet. Since the pandemic, the overall number of deaths has decreased. The data shows there have been a number of deaths between the age of 70 and 80. The number one cause of death being from "natural" causes and the second leading cause being "accidental". The place of death is included in the report; Dr. Maino states deaths occurring at a nursing home facility continue to be closely looked at. Further breakdown of data including manner, mechanism, age, gender are also included in the annual report.*

*A discussion was held regarding what the process is for "unclaimed bodies". Dr. Maino states they have processes in place in Jackson for the duration and handling of "unclaimed bodies", including specific processes for bodies that may be included in criminal investigations. Comm. Van Doren suggests setting up a Lenawee County policy for "unclaimed bodies".*

## **IX. Courts**

*Deputy Elliott shared an update provided by Circuit Court Administrator Ciara McGrane. Elliott states McGrane and other court employees recently attended a security training session through MMRMA, and she looks forward to bringing information to a future meeting.*

## **X. Maurice Spear Campus**

*Director Weaver shared updates from his department. Yesterday was the last day of the school year and they are preparing to start summer school.*

*MSC held a graduation ceremony for the three graduates last week; Weaver states they had a number of people attend in support and overall it was a wonderful ceremony.*

*Weaver shared an MSC success story about a former juvenile who was at MSC years ago. The juvenile recently graduated from high school, she will be attending Michigan State University for engineering, and received consecutive \$2,500 scholarships. Weaver mentions she is a testament to the juveniles currently in the facility, and she has taken the opportunity to visit MSC occasionally, to speak to other juveniles.*

## **XI. Updates & Other Business**

### **A. July 4, 2024 Meeting**

*Next month's regularly scheduled meeting falls on the holiday. After discussion it was decided the July 2024 meeting will be canceled and will be at the call of the chair.*

## **XII. Public Comment**

*Sheriff Bevier shared that his administrative assistant for the past 32 years, will have her last day at the Sheriff office today. Navarro will be relocating within Michigan, and thanks her, for her commitment all these years.*

## **XIII. Adjournment**

*Motion by Krasny, seconded by Bolton to adjourn the meeting at 10:41am. Motion carried.*