

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

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

Minutes: Thursday, August 1, 2024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 am by Terry Collins.

Present: Commissioners: Jim Van Doren, Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, Karol Bolton, Ralph Tillotson

Also Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Chief Prosecutor Jacqueline Wyse, Court Administrator Heidi Cannon, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Emergency Management Coordinator Craig Tanis, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Regional Morgue Facility Dr. John Maino, MSC Director Rod Weaver, Finance Director Dan Zimolsak, Chief Public Defender John Glaser

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2024

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Krasny, to approve the minutes of June 6, 2024. Motion carried.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

Administrator Murphy reviewed the YTD project income statement for Criminal Justice; there is a cash balance of \$76,982.

Comm. Bolton inquired about an increase in the drug awareness line item. Sheriff reported his office is continually working with the local drug coalition, who do an amazing job providing information to the community. In addition, the Sheriff's office recently joined the "Hope not Handcuffs" organization. The Sheriff stated they will continue their efforts to build relationships with other community resources to streamline funding. If there is a need to increase this line item, the Sheriff will bring it back for discussion.

IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

The sheriff provided updates from his department for July. The annual Faster Horses event took place; deputies working the event did a phenomenal job. Sheriff stated they utilized the 800mhz radio system which worked well and will continuously be used.

That same weekend was the Lenawee County Fair, where deputies also worked at that event. The MIS event will be taking place in a few weeks and deputy schedules are being prepared for that.

A discussion was held regarding Hillsdale County possibly bringing the same 800 mhz radio system to their county. A question was asked about how this would coordinate with the County's radio system. The sheriff reported it could be of benefit when the deputies are working close to Hillsdale County and in cases of emergencies.

V. Prosecuting Attorney

A. Prosecutor's Report

Chief Prosecutor Wyse informed the committee the issues with the victim's rights numbers have been resolved and are more accurate than in the past. During June, 78% of victims were exercising their rights within the department.

Wyse discussed a prior conversation regarding the referrals' category: "refused as declined". Wyse stated other reasons for this selection include crimes occurring in the wrong jurisdiction or when the cause of death is a "natural occurrence", and charges are denied.

VI. Public Defender

A. Public Defender Report

Chief Public Defender Glaser included his monthly report in the packet. There are a few changes he hopes to make to the reporting in the future months.

VII. Emergency Management

A. Emergency Management Report

Coordinator Tanis provided his monthly report. The Emergency Management team was also present at the Faster Horses annual event. No further discussions.

VIII. Medical Examiner

A. Medical Examiner Office's Report

Dr Maino recalled prior discussions regarding the "non-human" section of the annual report presented at the last meeting. Dr. Maino stated bones that are discovered require testing. When the findings show an animal bone, they are placed in this reporting category. Lenawee County had 30 deaths in May; 4 of those were less than the age of 50 and 25 over the age of 50. An autopsy and toxicology report is done for those under age 50.

A total of 35 deaths occurred in June, in Lenawee County. The non-applicable case involved a fallen tree that damaged a coffin. 8 deaths were under the age of 50, and 26 were over the age of 50.

Dr. Maino reports if there is any suspicious activity when working with the investigators, an autopsy and toxicology is completed.

Medical Examiner physicians are required to sign the death certificate within 48 hours. Dr. Maino stated the State of MI may be changing the requirements for physician signatures on the death certificate, which may involve licensing issues for physicians if signatures are not completed.

Comm. Van Doren discussed the contract for the deceased body policy; it was determined further discussion would take place with the manager.

Administrator Murphy informed the committee that discussions are taking place to arrange a regional morgue authority, and they will return to the committee for further discussions.

Dr. Maino shared he has been a part of the American College of Emergency Physicians, which specializes in large-event medicine. Dr. Maino was asked to participate in publishing a book, and he served as the editor of "Mass Gathering Medicine, A Guide to the Medical Management of Large Events" which will become a textbook for medicine and how to address mass gatherings.

IX. Courts

No updates or discussion.

X. Maurice Spear Campus

Director Weaver shared updates. Currently, there are a total of 30 juveniles at MSC; 13 boys and 6 girls from Lenawee.

The average stay at the campus is 20 days, whereas many years ago there was an average of 2 days.

Juveniles worked at Faster Horses as part of the clean-up process. Summer school went very well and Weaver reported the students in the open unit read a total of 500 books last year; an increase of 200 during the school year!

Two scholarships were awarded by the board this year, and they received applications from two other juveniles.

Commissioner Collins discussed that the student's average GPA is 3.1 and commended the hard work being done at the MSC school.

XI. Updates & Other Business

No other updates or other business discussed.

XII. Public Comment

No public comment.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Bolton, Second by Krasny, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 AM. Motion carried.

