

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

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

Minutes: Thursday, October 3, 2024

I. Call to Order

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

Present: Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, James Van Doren, Karol KZ Bolton
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, Emergency Management Coordinator Craig Tanis, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Chief Public Defender John Glaser, Judicial Law Clerk Ciara McCrane, Regional Morgue Facility Manager Sarah Palmani, Emergency Management Planner Chris Foerg, Under sheriff Jeff Ewald, MSC Director Rod Weaver, Budget Analyst Tracy Stace

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: September 5, 2024

Motion by Bolton to approve the minutes of September 5, 2024, seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

Administrator Murphy reviewed the finance report for the Criminal Justice Committee allocation. No further discussion.

IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

Undersheriff Jeff Ewald reviewed the report. October 10th is the open house at the Sheriff's office from 2-6pm, with an employee recognition program at 4pm. A food truck will be available along with tour of the building.

Ewald also discussed the golf outing that benefits the "Shop with Cops" program.

V. Prosecuting Attorney

A. Prosecutor's Report

Chief Prosecutor Wyse discussed the various issues they have with victims exercising rights reporting. The percentage in the month of August was much lower; the office received a significant amount of mail returned for incorrect addresses that were being generated from the system.

Administrator Murphy highlighted the overall total of funds received from the Economic Crimes & Diversion Unit; just over \$1 million since the beginning of the program, that otherwise would have gone out of the County.

VI. Public Defender

A. Public Defender Report

Chief Glaser highlighted the total number of cases; pointing out that some cases are counted as half of a case, instead of a full such as contempt of court cases. No further discussion.

VII. Emergency Management

A. Emergency Management Report

Monthly report included in the packet for the committee, no further discussion.

VIII. Medical Examiner

A. Medical Examiner Office's Report

Sarah Palmani present for Dr. Maino. She reported there have been 315 cases between January-August, in Lenawee & Hillsdale counties; 100 autopsies. The total number is an increase from 2023. 116 placements were at the Lenawee / Hillsdale morgue during that time frame.

Palmani thanked the hard work of the medical investigators, who stepped up to work during the time of need due to the recent fatal car accident.

The Medical Examiners office has recently worked with "Align Lenawee"; a program offered by Lenawee Now that educates local school district teachers about Lenawee's workforce and job opportunities. The intent is for the school educators to pass that information on to Lenawee students for future employment opportunities and growth in the County.

The office has also worked with local vocational center(s) to visit the office to discuss and educate about possible careers related to the medical examiner field.

IX. Courts

A. District Court Newsletter

Court administrator Heidi Cannon included the newsletter that she started April of this year. The specialty court grant award letters were received, and they are very excited to continue funding the great programs.

Specialty Court fiscal year started October 1st. Sobriety Court was awarded \$107,000 and Mental Health \$66,910 towards program costs.

The Recidivism rates for their Specialty courts for 2023 came in. Cannon stated this study showed the recidivism rates, in the courts, within 3 years from admission.

- *Sobriety Court= 0%, State average is 4%.*
- *Mental Health Court= 0%, State average is 21%.*

Cannon shared a newsletter from the Juvenile/Probate court administrator. Some legislative changes are coming up and info is provided in the handout. November is Adoption Awareness Month and Family Court Awareness Month.

Circuit Court Administrator McGrane received statistics for their specialty court programs. She stated their study is done differently than in district courts. Within the State of MI, a matched comparison is done. Personnel currently enrolled in the program are compared to someone with similar circumstances/age, but not enrolled in the program. The study showed the % of new drug or alcohol offenses within a 3-year period.

- *Not in the program- 35% reoffense*
- *Enrolled & graduated from program- 9% reoffense*
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Grants were also received to continue the Circuit Specialty Courts.

McGrane reported there has been an increase in circuit court trials, more so this past month.

X. Maurice Spear Campus

MSC Director Rod Weaver provided some updates from his department. Weaver reported the water lines for the new build have been tapped and hope to be completed soon.

A student at the campus will be graduating; this year has been the most graduates ever. Weaver discussed MSC may see more graduates in the future with the State of MI age requirement changes; the juveniles may be older when attending the Campus.

Currently, there are 24 juveniles total; 10 from outside of Lenawee County.

Recently, a celebration was held at MSC for the support staff and Youth Specialist of the year to recognize the Campus employees.

The Dorman Boards Memorial event is being held this week. Borders passed away in 2000; his family, friends, and juveniles at the campus attend the memorial to gather in his honor and play volleyball. This year marks 23 years of the memorial.

Lastly, a Foster kids party is being planned for December.

A. REQUEST: Tuition Reimbursement Application

Murphy reviewed the tuition reimbursement application for a youth specialist at Maurice Spear Campus. Mr Buetler has a master's degree in counseling and is finalizing his licensing requirements. Two more courses are needed and a tuition reimbursement application is attached.

The request is to approve the tuition reimbursement application for a maximum reimbursement of \$1,233 per course.

Motion by Bolton to approve the tuition reimbursement application for a total of \$2,446, seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.

XI. Updates & Other Business

There was no other business.

XII. Public Comment

No public comment.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Bolton, Second by Krasny to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 AM. Motion carried.