

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

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

Chambers

Minutes: Thursday, December 5, 2024

I. Call to Order

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

Present: *Comm. Collins, Dustin Krasny, Jim Van Doren, Karol Bolton*

Also *Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Marketing &*

Present: *Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Court Administrator Heidi Cannon, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Emergency Management Coordinator Craig Tanis, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Regional Morgue Facility Manager Sarah Palmani, Chief Public Defender John Glaser*

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2024

Motion by Bolton to approve the minutes of November 7, 2024, seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

Administrator Murphy reviewed the Criminal Justice Division of the Capital Improvement plan.

Comm. Bolton asked the Sheriff if additional funding is needed for the "Drug Awareness/K9" account, and if the funds from the Opioid settlements could be used. Sheriff discussed that the drug takeback program would be used for additional funds in the future.

Administrator Murphy reported there will be a request to the 2025 commission to form a new subcommittee that would look at the gaps and possible uses for the 8 allowable areas for use of the Opioid funding.

Murphy also shared some of the funds that have come in, but additional Opioid funding will continue to come in until 2040. Each settlement varies in amount and duration of payments.

Coordinator Zysk shared that in addition to the County receiving Opioid funding from the County, the State of MI has many and various available grants for various departments/programs that may apply for. Zysk stated she distributes this information as she

receives it.

Sherrif Bevier confirmed he has received the available State Grants and is hopeful the new Jail Program Coordinator position will be able to apply for those grants in the future.

Further discussions were held regarding the Opioid funding. The categories for use of the Opioid funds have been determined and were presented by Coordinator Zysk in the past. It is available upon request and will be reviewed and discussed further during a possible future subcommittee.

IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Bevier reviewed his monthly report. Some new positions are in the process of being filled, including a new Jail Program Coordinator.

Bevier also shared that there were many generous donors this year, for the annual Shop with a Cop. The event will take place this weekend and over 70 children will have this special opportunity. Each child will have approximately \$250 and it would not be possible without the many donations they have received. Enrollment for the program comes from the County schools.

V. Prosecuting Attorney

Chief Prosecutor was unable to attend. No discussion.

VI. Public Defender

A. Public Defender Report

John Glaser included his monthly report; he stated the monthly numbers are down slightly. No discussion.

VII. Emergency Management

A. Emergency Management Report

Craig Tanis gave kudos to his drone team, who played an active role a week ago while using the thermal drone to prevent a possible fatality.

Tanis shared the meaning of the abbreviations that are included in his report and highlighted some details about them.

VIII. Medical Examiner

A. Medical Examiner Office's Report

Manager Sarah Palmani submitted the report from October. There were 26 deaths in Lenawee and 14 in Hillsdale; the majority being natural deaths.

November was a record with only 11 cases, and it has not been that low since 2011. YTD 349 were at the morgue in 2024, among all counties. 851 total cases YTD.

Palmani continues to participate with the schools for career education. She is providing education about forensic careers and associated careers.

Palmani provided some education to Hospice about what the Medical Examiner does and when to contact their office for deaths occurring at Hospice.

Comm. Van Doren opened discussion about the policy for "unclaimed bodies". Palmani will get updates from Dr. Maino and bring that back.

A discussion was held about a regional morgue. Palmani stated information is being prepared to provide a presentation to the Board of Commissioners in the near future.

IX. Courts

A. District Newsletter

Administrator Cannon shared her monthly report. The court has a giving tree in the lobby and are accepting donations from both employees and the public. Anyone who knows someone in need or is in need may come grab scarfs, hats, or gloves.

X. Maurice Spear Campus

Director Weaver was unable to attend. Deputy Administrator Elliott shared some updates. Recently, they had a visit from "Pete's Garage" at the campus to teach the juveniles to play some instruments and learn songs.

This fall, the juveniles were active raking leaves.

The annual Foster Party is being held on December 14th. Elliott reported the contractors working on the new MSC addition have graciously donated a sum of funds to purchase toys for the event.

XI. Updates & Other Business

Administrator Murphy shared that the Old Courthouse would be closed for the afternoon on 12/17/24 at 1:30pm, for staff training.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 1/2/24; Murphy stated there are plans to have all January meetings postponed by 1 week. Once it is confirmed, information will be sent out to the various board members.

XII. Public Comment

No comment.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Bolton, Second by Krasny, to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 AM. Motion carried.

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