

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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## MEMBERS

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**MEETING LOCATION**  
Chambers

**Minutes:** Thursday, February 6, 2025

## I. Call to Order

**Present:** Commissioners: Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst, Kevon Martis  
**Also** Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Sheriff Troy  
**Present:** Bevier, Emergency Management Coordinator Craig Tanis, Community  
Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Chief Public Defender John Glaser,  
Regional Morgue Facility Manager Sarah Palmani, MSC Director Rod Weaver,  
Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative  
Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Chief Prosecutor Jacqueline Wyse, Health Officer  
Monica Hunt, Director of Dept. on Aging Cari Rebottaro, Emergency  
Management Planner Chris Foerg

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

## II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2024

**Motion by Krasny to approve the minutes of December 5, 2024 seconded by Aungst. Motion carried.**

## III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

*Deputy Administrator Elliott shared an overview of the criminal justice committee fund. No further discussion.*

## IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

*Sheriff Troy Bevier provided an overview of his monthly report.*

*The 2025 Sheriffs office Goals and Objectives were reviewed. This year's goals focus on employee wellness, reducing fatal & serious vehicle crashes, and increase the inmate programming & improving the environment.*

*The State of MI has sent funding for three deputies to attend the police academy and Bevier is hopeful to send three more deputies later this year.*

*The Sheriff's office is now utilizing CLEMIS software to improve efficiency. This is used when calls come into dispatch, are created in Tyler Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and then*

*transferred over the interface to CLEMIS, where the Deputy can begin a report. A discussion was held regarding how many deputies the office is; Bevier reported they are down 8 but hoping to add more deputies this year.*

## **V. Prosecuting Attorney**

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

*Chief Prosecutor Wyse included her monthly report, no further discussion.*

## **VI. Public Defender**

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

*Chief Public Defender Glaser included his monthly report. Glaser stated case load is down slightly but typical for this time of year. No further discussion.*

## **VII. Emergency Management**

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

*Emergency Management Coordinator Craig Tanis shared that year two of the STOP grant is starting. This grant is used for School Violence training. Tanis is very happy with all the participants.*

*A tabletop training exercise will be held at Madison Township Fire Department on 3/18 at 9am. The training will discuss train derailment with hazardous chemical release. Many organizations will be participating in this training, and he encouraged interested parties are welcome to attend.*

*Tanis discussed the County's Drone program being one of the best, thanks to the hard work of Chris Foerg. Foerg continues to keep track of required training for drone users and without his hard efforts, the drone program would not be what it is today.*

## **VIII. Medical Examiner**

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

*Manager Sarah Palmani reviewed the department report from December 2024. The medical examiners office had 334 cases in 2024 and 108 autopsies in Lenawee. So far, in 2025, there have been 124 cases, mostly in Jackson County.*

*A discussion was held regarding the ideal number of investigators at the Medical Examiners office. Palmani shared that typically there is 1 investigator on call and many times the office is paged multiple times, at the same time.*

*Palmani recently worked with Hospice of Lenawee to discuss what items should be reported and what does not need to be reported. Palmani continues to participate with Align, to provide career education in the local school districts.*

*The Gift of Life medical examiner liaison recently visited their office and provided her with*

*referral numbers; and they are seeing an increased number of referrals. When there is an additional number of referrals, there may be an increase in donors.*

## **IX. Courts**

*No report.*

## **X. Maurice Spear Campus**

*Director Rod Weaver shared the new addition at MSC is about 41% completed. The roof was set, and the vendor is hoping to have it completed in the next week or two. The crews have continued to work through the winter weather and the project is going well. The campus is currently down 3 staff members; a new head cook will be starting soon that will relieve duties of other employees.*

*A few weeks ago, the Administration building had a drain freeze and began to flood in the offices, which led into the dining area. Weaver was thankful the drain commission was available to assist during the event. The drain and roofing have been repaired.*

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

### **A. Save the Date: Re-Entry Simulation- March 14th, 2025**

*Community Development Coordinator Zysk discussed the upcoming Re-entry Simulation on March 14th, at the Human Services Building from 9-3pm.*

*Participants have the option to either volunteer or participate in the simulation. This simulation focuses on individuals that are released from jail and are re-entering society. During the re-entry process, people face various challenges that make re-entry into society difficult. Participants will assume the identity of an ex-offender and perform tasks in four short rounds, with each round representing a week.*

*Registration remains open and Zysk encouraged all to attend.*

### **B. Robertson Brain Health Program Discussion**

*This program focuses on brain health, trapped stress, and how that stress can affect your body and overall health. Dr. Robertson presented this program at the MAC conference last year and will be presenting to the Commissioners next Tuesday at Personnel/Ways & Means. Administrator Murphy discussed various ways this program can help County employees. The program is individualized to each person, to help identify stress "triggers" and the impact on our brain. Murphy further discussed body chemicals having various effects, such as low/high levels of serotonin and dopamine. Murphy shared examples of many positions in the County that experience high levels of stress and/or trauma, which in turn can impact the brain and overall health.*

*Sheriff Bevier saw Dr. Robertson's presentation about 2–3 years ago and was very impressed. The events that occur, daily, in a law enforcement position can cause a lot of stressors on employees. Young deputies who have a long time left in their career are seeing additional trauma through daily events and things that deputies did not see regularly 15–20*

years ago. Bevier discussed the overall deputy shortage and stated this program will assist to "take care of our people". Bevier feels this program will be a great next step to achieve the desired employee wellness.

Murphy briefly discussed what the pilot program would look like. If the commissioners decide to enroll in the program, it can be tailored to what we want. Initially, Murphy is hoping to offer the program to the Sheriff's office, department heads & their second, and some Administration staff. Enrollment is not required, and the pilot would be available to approximately 40-60 County employees. The pilot program is split into 2 groups that would begin at different times. There is the opportunity to evaluate the outcome in a year, and determine if it should expand to additional County employees. County employees are required to do an Annual Wellness Visit as a preventative measure against long-term illness. Our insurance premiums recently have not increased to the level of other organizations, in part due to this preventative measure. Murphy feels the Robertson Brain Health program will assist in improving the overall health of our County employees.

MSC Director Rod Weaver also saw Dr. Robertson's presentation and was overall impressed. Weaver discussed the amount of trauma employees at the campus see. This program could help employees' overall wellness, to then properly assist and guide the juveniles they work with.

Health Officer Monica Hunt stated she sees many potential benefits this program could bring for her department. Employees at the Health Department have a great impact on public health. Their department faces slander, threats to themselves and their families that have an impact on the employees.

Department on Aging Director Cari Rebottaro has a strong interest in how this program would benefit her employees in the department. She stated that one may think employees at the Department on Aging do not include emotional stress, but Rebottaro stated that is not true. Front line workers are entering homes, meeting with those caregivers and individuals who are experiencing battles with long-term illness, grieving about the loss of a loved one, or feeling the stress of loneliness, rising cost of expenses, or deteriorating homes. When meeting with clients, the emotional stress they carry can be very impactful and, over time, can have an effect on employee well-being, which can result in attendance or reduced capacity to perform correctly. Rebottaro discussed how similar pressures can impact managers in her department, too.

Dr. Robertson will be presenting to the commissioners on February 11th.

**Motion by Aungst to recommend the Robertson Brain Health Program to Personnel/Ways & Means, seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.**

## **XII. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**XIII. Adjournment**

***Motion by Krasny to adjourn the meeting at 10:58am, seconded by Aungst. Motion carried.***