

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers
301 N. Main St, Adrian, MI 49221

Minutes: Thursday, June 5, 2025

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst, Ralph Tillotson, Jim Van Doren, Kevon Martis, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst

Also Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Chief

Present: Prosecutor Jacqueline Wyse, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Emergency Management Coordinator Craig Tanis, Chief Public Defender John Glaser, Judicial Law Clerk Ciara McCrane, Regional Morgue Facility Manager Sarah Palmani, MSC Director Rod Weaver, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Finance Director Dan Zimolzak, Under-sheriff Jeff Ewald, Captain Jacob Pifer, Brian Vish (WLEN), Flock representatives: Jonathan Paz, Mike Lampman

Absent: Jim Daly, David Stimpson, Beth Blanco

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: May 1, 2025

Motion by Aungst, seconded by Krasny to approve the minutes of May 1, 2025. Motion carried.

Aungst requested to move the flock and Sheriff's discussion to the end of the agenda.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

Deputy Administrator Elliott reviewed the Criminal Justice finance reports; no discussion.

IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Troy Bevier provided some highlights from his monthly report. The department is preparing for the MIS race this weekend, expecting a larger crowd.

The Sheriff congratulated Captain Casey for being appointed to the MMRMA Corrections Risk Control Advisory Committee, representing Lenawee County.

B. Request: Flock Camera System

The FLOCK Camera System was presented last month to the Personnel Ways & Means Committee. The request was sent back to the Criminal Justice committee for further discussions.

Captain Jacob Pifer, Sheriff Bevier, Jonathan Paz and Mike Lampman-Flock Representatives were present to discuss.

Comm. Martis opened the discussion by stating he had done some research, talked with constituents, Dave La Montaine, along with reading some articles from the ACLU. Martis stated he would like to see the data retention be closer to 72 hours instead of the recommended 30-day data retention. Mr. Paz from Flock was present via zoom. He stated they have found a 30-day retention period provides a long enough time for Law Enforcement to investigate properly however they are happy to accommodate what the County would like.

Captain Pifer provided a high-level review of the Flock Camera system. The cameras are not utilized as "surveillance" cameras and do not look inside vehicles. The camera captures license plates only and has assisted during kidnapping cases. It is an investigative tool. Pifer stated the data from the Flock system is used for high crimes.

The captain also reported that there is an audit trail and a standard bi-annual audit will be performed internally. The Law Enforcement audit would be conducted internally by 1 designated employee and the report given to the Sheriff.

Each time a search is run, there is a requirement to enter the complaint number.

The request today is to purchase 6 stationary cameras installed on County roads only, and 1 flex camera that has the option to be relocated for use at large events.

Captain Pifer recommended keeping the 30-day retention period.

The current request is to install the camera system within Macon, Ridgeway, and Palmyra Twp.; along Ridge Hwy and Deerfield Rd, near Rogers Hwy.

Comm. Aungst discussed collaboration with other townships? Captain Pifer stated that is a long-term goal. It has not been discussed yet; he would prefer to wait until some historical data is received to discuss/present to local municipalities.

A question was asked if the State of MI utilizes the system. Pifer reported MSP does utilize the Flock cameras however only currently on State Highways and none in Lenawee currently.

A standard flock pole is \$650/ea. However, when installed on non-county roads, there is an additional fee to have them installed on an MDOT road.

If installed on an MDOT road, there is permitting required and an additional \$1,000 per camera installed. Flock handles the permitting process in this case.

Discussion continued that currently, the City of Adrian is the only municipality that has Flock cameras in Lenawee County.

If the location of the cameras were changed, Mike Lampman stated they are installed as they are available, not necessarily at the same time.

Captain Pifer further explained the reasoning for selecting the proposed locations, stating they looked at areas with increased crime and points of entry and exiting Lenawee County. The Sheriff and Captain Pifer stated they are opposed to having some cameras on MDOT roads.

Discussion regarding the funding for this and the Sheriff's office budget. The first and second year payments will come from the Criminal Justice allocation; the Captain stated it could be incorporated into the future Sheriff's budget.

Captain Pifer stated that after year 2, Flock does offer a multi-year contract.

Comm. Van Doren discussed recommending looking at the Sheriff's budget further, as many departments are predicting possible budget cuts from the Federal and State levels, eventually affecting the future of the County's General Fund balance.

Comm. Krasny questioned what the back-end security is. Mr. Lampman stated all devices are encrypted, and no information is stored on the device. Information is backed up on a secured cloud, and the Flock system has never been hacked.

Comm. Tillotson requested clarification on the expense. Mr. Lampman stated each device is \$3,000. There is a 1-time installation charge making an annual fee of \$25,000. All maintenance of the device is handled by the company.

Deputy Administrator Elliott stated that currently the CJ allocation could budget for year 1 and 2 of the fee. After that time, if there is a request to renew the contract, it would be required to come back to the full Board for approval; at that time, the general fund budget/allocation could be re-evaluated.

Mr. Lampan shared that if, after 2 years, the County decided to no longer use it, the company would pick up equipment and services would discontinue.

In addition, if the County should choose to relocate the cameras in the future, there is a relocation fee; Mr. Lampan stated the cameras generally are not re-usable after they are removed.

Comm. Van Doren stated he would like to have additional discussions with the Administrator to review future budget/allocation.

Comm. Collins stated he has spoken to the City of Adrian and they have not had any issues. In addition, he does not feel like 3 days of data retention is enough, and 30 days may be too long.

Comm. Collins also recommended this proposal should be included in future budget planning, instead of mid-year.

Captain Pifer stated the standard agreement is 2 years, but the current pricing could be locked in at \$25,250 for UP TO 5 years.

Motion by Aungst to recommend the 2-year contract with the Flock Camera system, seconded by Martis, to the Personnel/Ways & means Committee. Passed by Roll call

Vote Yays (5) Aungst, Collins, Krasny, Tillotson, VanDoren, Nay (1)Martis, Absent (3)Blanco, Daly, Stimpson. Motion carried.

Comm. Krasny questioned if further discussions could continue regarding the placement of the cameras? Comm. Collins stated discussions could continue, but he will follow the Sheriff's recommendations.

Comm. Van Doren discussed that these cameras are for high crime data assistance; not for speeding, crashes, etc. Captain Pifer stated that with high crime, typically the main highways are not driven as much as the back main roads. In addition, there is an anticipation that future cameras will be placed on the main highways, where access to other data is available.

Discussion continued and Comm. Van Doren stated the current motion is to purchase and install Flock Cameras as proposed at the original request.

C. Request: Law Enforcement Contract- Lenawee County Fairgrounds

Historically, the Sheriff's Deputies have been present at the Lenawee County Fair. This year, they have collaborated with the Fair Board and would like to enter into a contract with the Sheriff's office for security and law enforcement services daily at the Fair in July.

Motion by Krasny, seconded by Aungst to recommend approval of the Law Enforcement Contract to the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding the contracted finances; the Sheriff stated it is not charged by the number of deputies working, and it is instead a negotiated fixed amount, agreed upon by both parties.

The Sheriff's office has the ability to utilize Geofencing, where dispatch calls are set within a boundary, and it is being considered for the Fair but not yet determined.

Deputy Elliott reported the proposed estimate was reviewed by our Human Resource Director and found to be appropriate.

V. Prosecuting Attorney

A. Prosecutor's Report

Chief Prosecutor Wyse provided her monthly report; no discussion.

VI. Public Defender

A. Public Defender Report

Chief Public Defender Glaser stated he has a new attorney attending an upcoming training session and things are going as normal in his office.

VII. Emergency Management

A. Emergency Management Report

Craig Tanis shared some highlights from his monthly report. The Emergency Management team is preparing for the MIS race this weekend.

All renovations have been completed at the Emergency Operations Center. It is now set up as pods for an easier flow for incident command; it also includes a dispatch center. Recently some Commissioners and Administrative staff visited the renovated space.

Comm. Martis thanked Tanis for the tour and discussed a possible need for an extra monitor in the public relations area. Tanis reported there will be a demonstration in the fall and will evaluate the process and other possible needs.

VIII. Medical Examiner

A. Medical Examiner Office's Report

Office Manager Sarah Palmani reviewed the department's April 2025 report; 131 total cases, Lenawee being 17. However, none required an autopsy in April, which is very rare. Dr. Maino will be working and attending the MIS race this weekend.

Palmani shared the categories of deaths that do not require an investigation and how this relates to completing/signing death certificates.

- If the cause of death does not require an investigation by the medical examiner's office, the PCP (Primary Care Physician) should certify and sign the death certificate, including the cause of death.*
- If the cause of death falls within one of the listed categories, it will require a medical examiner's investigation, and they are responsible for signing/certifying the death certificate.*
- When a death occurs outside a medical institution, Dr. Maino recommends the PCP sign the death certificate*

The Medical Examiners' office has been experiencing some difficulties working with the local PCPs in obtaining a physician's signature on the death certificate. This has been occurring for some time, but they feel it is becoming much more frequent. A Nurse Practitioner or Physician's Assistance is unable to certify the death certificate and, instead, requires the attending physician's signature. Many times the attending physician has not seen the patient, making it difficult to get a signature.

Dr. Maino is considering various options to mitigate the ongoing issue.

The Emergency Management team graciously offered the Medical Examiners office with extra supplies from COVID to use in her department, including numerous gowns, gloves, face shields, masks, etc.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed regional morgue. The Administrator and ME office continue to have discussions. Murphy stated they are considering many things and starting with what the overall staffing needs are at the ME office. Murphy will be meeting with

Hillsdale County in the near future, along with continued conversations with Jackson County. Murphy does not know exactly what the future of the regional morgue will look like.

Palmani stated over the years there have been many changes in responsibilities and additional staff added to her team would be beneficial. A short discussion was held regarding the funding.

The current morgue is mostly a stand-alone facility except for some storage space used by the Jackson SWAT team. Palmani stated the SWAT team are planning to fully evacuate the storage space soon and, once complete, the ME office will expand into it.

Discussions continued regarding working with other counties to obtain regional morgue ideas.

Manager Palmani has again invited all Commissioners or members to take a tour of the morgue.

IX. Courts

A. Request: Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan Review

Ciara McGrane, Circuit Court Administrator, provided an overview of the request. In the past, each judge has had their own statutory jurisdiction. SCAO, the Court Administrator's Office, is now moving to a Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan due to the strength of it. The Plan details authority for the District Court, Probate, and Circuit Court Judges to hear one another's cases for purposes such as disqualification, docket control and the "One Family, One Judge".

Prior to the adoption of the plan, the funding unit, which in this case is the Board of Commissioners, should have a 30-day review period.

The plan should be reviewed and affirm that there will be no financial impact upon the funding unit as a result of the adoption of the plan.

McGrane shared that provided the plan reflects current practice, there is not a financial change identified by the Courts.

This will be brought back next month with a request for signature.

Motion by Aungst, to recommend the jurisdiction plan for a 30-day review period, seconded by Krasny, to the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

X. Maurice Spear Campus

MSC Director Weaver discussed the ongoing construction. Connection to the back of the open unit is being connected and sealed. Painting and flooring has started, along with furniture placement.

Two students graduated from the facility this spring.

The juveniles have been asked to work at the NASCAR race this weekend, assisting with recycling/sorting bottles. The juveniles will also get paid.

Weaver discussed their excitement about the hydroponic farm the Commissioners approved and is going to be implemented into the science class curriculum.

A question was asked if the recycling information from the race could be forwarded to the Materials Management Committee; Weaver will work to relay this info.

The renovation to the campus is expected to be completed in September. The repairs that are to be completed to the old unit, under the grant, will begin in October and completed next year.

XI. Updates & Other Business

Discussion was held regarding the next meeting, which is scheduled for July 3rd . The meeting will be canceled and will be at the Call of the Chair.

XII. Public Comment

No comment

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Aungst to adjourn 11:26, seconded by Martis. Motion carried.