

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst
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MEETING LOCATION
Chambers

Minutes: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: David Aungst, Beth Blanco, Terry Collins, James Daly, Kevon Martis, Ralph Tillotson, James Van Doren

Also Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Sheriff Troy

Present: Bevier, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jen Ambrose, Captain Jacob Pifer, Undersheriff Jeff Ewald, Flock Representatives: Jonathan Paz and Mike Lampman

Absent: David Stimpson, Dustin Krasny

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Comm. Collins.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: June 5, 2025

Motion by Van Doren, seconded by Tillotson to approve the minutes of June 5, 2025. Motion carried.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

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

IV. Old Business

A. **Request:** Flock Camera System

The Personnel/Ways & Means Committee motioned to refer the Flock Camera hardware & software back to the Criminal Justice Committee for further discussion. This is a Committee of the Whole.

Sheriff Bevier provided a recap of the Flock camera system request. The Sheriff addressed a concern regarding the future ability to include live-viewing.

Flock representatives confirmed there is an "opt-in" live viewing feature coming, and it was just announced. However, it is still not a surveillance system and does not record, but instead offers a live-viewing option with a prompt every 5 minutes asking if one is still watching. It is still a stationary LPR and angled directly at the road. Sheriff Bevier confirmed that Lenawee County will not be adding this feature.

The Sheriff's Office has a draft policy ready for the Flock system, which includes annual audits and has been submitted to the Administration office.

Discussion was held that the Committee would like it to be included in the policy that Lenawee County would not enroll in the live-viewing feature. In addition, it was asked if the company monetized the data; Flock representative Jonathan Paz stated no data captured by Flock is resold.

Deputy Administrator Elliott stated she had received the Sheriff's Office policy. MMRMA, the County's liability insurance carrier, is in support of the Flock camera software. 138 agencies in Michigan do use the Flock system.

In addition, MMRMA recommends setting various policies to cover: how data collected will be used, audited data access controls, setting data retention limits, staff training in legal ethical use, and including FOIA information on what data can be collected and what cannot be included.

Deputy Elliott shared that the draft Sheriff's Office Flock policy does address most of these recommendations; MMRMA is available for further assistance as needed. Sheriff Bevier stated his office is in frequent contact with MMRMA. Comm. Aungst discussed his experience with the sheriff's office and is confident about the processes in place.

Some commissioners would like to see the draft policy before voting for approval. The Sheriff stated he was happy to provide that and requested to keep in mind that policies are frequently reviewed and revised as needed. For example, as technology evolves and since they are not live in the system, after a period of time, it may be required to make some changes to the policy.

Discussion continued, the committee would like the policy and/or contract to include the data retention guidelines and include that Lenawee County will not opt in for the live-viewing feature. All camera option changes are required to come to the Board for approval.

Captain Pifer stated they are following the recommended data retention period of 30 days, to provide law enforcement adequate time during an investigation.

Motion by Van Doren to recommend entering into a two-year agreement with Flock System to the Personnel Ways & Means Committee, seconded by Aungst.

Motion passed by roll call vote: (5): Yays - Aungst, Blanco, Collins, Tillotson, Van Doren, (2): Nays - Martis, Daly, (2): Absent - Krasny, Stimpson

Comm. Blanco questioned how the data is used if a case goes to court and the retention period is only 30 days? Captain Pifer stated that while the retention period is only 30 days, after the software is searched, they have the ability to download photos as evidence in an investigation.

Captain Pifer confirmed the request is to have two cameras in 3 County locations, and 1 movable camera.

Discussion opened up regarding the Axon and Flock relationship. Captain Pifer confirmed

Axon and Flock's previous issues had been resolved, and they continue to have a good working relationship. Comm. Martis further discussed that Axon, Flock, and MMRMA all recommend setting standard policies for camera use.

Comm. Collins summarized the request, which is to purchase the Flock camera and software. There will be a Sheriff's office policy which establishes the use and auditing. The Flock contract will ensure that the cameras will not be used beyond the LPR's (license plate reader) capability, and includes the MMRMA recommended best practices.

V. New Business

No discussion.

VI. Updates & Other Business

No discussion.

VII. Public Comment

No comment.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Tillotson, seconded by Van Doren to adjourn at 9:22am. Motion carried.