

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst
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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Thursday, August 7, 2025

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst, Jim Van Doren
Also Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Chief
Present: Prosecutor Jacqueline Wyse, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Emergency Management Coordinator Craig Tanis, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Chief Public Defender John Glaser, Regional Morgue Facility Manager Sarah Palmari, Medical Examiner Dr. Maino, MSC Director Rod Weaver, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Brian Vish (WLEN), Candy Gomez- Catherine Cobb, Gary Ward & Bill Wyse- Crime Stoppers

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: June 5, 2025

Motion by Aungst to approve the minutes of June 5, 2025, seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

Deputy Administrator Elliott reviewed the Criminal Justice income statement; no discussion.

IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Bevier included the monthly report.

This year, the Sheriff's office contracted with the Lenawee County Fairgrounds to patrol the week-long event. The sheriff stated everything went very well, and they are looking forward to doing the same in future years.

Staffing at the Sheriff's office has improved; full staffing in the Jail after 1 conditional job offer. There is 1 open position in Dispatch and 2 positions open for road patrol.

The sheriff reported they were one of the last agencies to receive the last of the state grant funding, for the police academy, with the next attendee this fall.

Chris VanDyke is retiring after 25 years and Animal Control Officer, Dave Borton is being

recognized for 30 years of service.

Last year, plans were implemented to make various improvements to their offices. One of those improvements was an improved and automated phone tree that provides new intake information. Sheriff Bevier stated they receive many calls for intake information, resulting in a large workload. This automated system will be more efficient for employees, allowing them to focus on other work tasks.

V. Prosecuting Attorney

A. Prosecutor's Report

Chief Prosecutor Wyse provided her monthly report. Bob Wendt, the Economic Crimes and Diversion Unit Investigator, has been very busy with 126 Open/Pending cases at the end of July.

VI. Public Defender

A. Public Defender Report

Chief Public Defender John Glaser included his monthly report. He stated that typically there is an increase in cases in the summer. However, cases decreased by 9 in July.

VII. Emergency Management

A. Emergency Management Report

Emergency Management Coordinator Craig Tanis provided his monthly report; no discussion.

VIII. Medical Examiner

A. Medical Examiner Office's Report

Dr. Maino was present and reviewed his monthly report.

To date, there have been a total of 169 cases and 46 autopsies in Leanwee. Dr. Maino estimates there will be a total of 290 cases by the end of 2025.

The medical examiner's office has been providing tours of the facility and encourages the committee to attend one.

A discussion was held regarding two possible positions coming to the ME office; 1 full-time and 1 part-time, and they would be Jackson County employees. Dr. Maino stated the part-time position will relieve the ME Administration staff, allowing them to be available for the various committees and other office needs.

Although no formal agreement exists between Jackson, Hillsdale, and Lenawee, the morgue operates as though it is a regional morgue. Conversations are ongoing between the 3 counties regarding a regional morgue.

IX. Courts

No discussion.

X. Maurice Spear Campus

MSC Director Rod Weaver recognized 3 staff members who were nominated for Youth Specialist of the Year: secure and non-secure. Juan Hernandez, Tammy Kolle, and Amanda Williams, RN.

Students have been busy this summer, attending CSI in Hudson for trade skills. This year's summer school at LISD, included an auto-body and culinary class. The students were able to receive their food-handlers license.

Weaver shared that LISD mailed a letter, thanking MSC for sharing their students and praising their positive attitude and enthusiasm. LISD stated they are looking forward to offering the classes next year.

Juveniles in the Open Unit continue to be involved in the community, working at many events this summer. Weaver reported that TLC purchased a pig at this year's Lenawee County Fair and the meat was donated to the campus.

Weaver highlighted all the therapy that is done at the campus for the juveniles, which occurs all through the day and staff continue to work very hard with them.

A 4th student will be graduating from the campus soon, reaching an all-time high.

A question was asked about the number of in-county vs. out-of-county juveniles? Weaver did not have the exact numbers to date; however, they generally run 50/50.

MDHHS recently launched a website, available to all counties, that shares the number of beds available.

XI. Updates & Other Business

A. October Meeting

Deputy Elliott discussed the October meetings being postponed by 1 week, to October 9th, instead of October 2nd due to the Administrator and some Commissioners attending the MAC conference.

The Sheriff stated he may not be able to attend due to the Chief's meeting.

XII. Public Comment

Gary Ward and Bill Wyse provided public comment regarding the closing of the Crime Stoppers of Lenawee Tip Line. Ward and Wyse thanked the County, Commissioners, Law Enforcement, and IT for the various ways they have supported the tip line over the past 22 years.

Ward encouraged to maintain the two phone lines through the Sheriffs' office. Over the past 8

years, about 1,400 tips have been received. January to August this year, included 80 tips. Ward hopes these tips continue to come in through the Sheriff's office, going forward.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Krasny, seconded by Aungst to adjourn at 10:46am. Motion carried.