

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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## MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst  
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## MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

**Minutes:** Thursday, September 4, 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  
Director Craig Tanis, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk,  
Court Administrator Dionne Bowens, Morgue Facility Manager Sarah Palmani,  
Medical Examiner Dr. Maino, MSC Director Rod Weaver, Marketing &  
Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator  
Carissa Zubke, Community Engagement Specialist Quinn Wilt, Assistant  
Emergency Management/Planner Chris Foerg, Brian Vish (WLEN), Criminal  
Division Director Salvatore Molaro-Public Defenders Office

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

### II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: August 7, 2025

**Motion by Krasny, seconded by Aungst to approve the minutes of August 7, 2025. Motion carried.**

### III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

*Deputy Elliott reviewed the criminal justice finance reports. No discussion.*

### IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

*Sheriff Troy Bevier reviewed the monthly report. Two Deputies will be graduating from the Washtenaw Police Academy. Sheriff Bevier reminds motorists to be mindful of back to school and children walking to/from school or at bus stops.*

### V. Prosecuting Attorney

A. Prosecutor's Report

*Chief Prosecutor Jacqueline Wyse provided her monthly report; no discussion.*

## **VI. Public Defender**

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

*Salvatore Molaro from the Public Defenders office was present to share the monthly report. Molaro reported that both felony and misdemeanor cases in their department have increased.  
No further discussion.*

## **VII. Emergency Management**

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

*Emergency Management Director Tanis provided his monthly report; no discussion.*

### **B. Request: Purchase M30T Drone and 800MHz Portable Radio**

*Director Tanis provided an overview of the request to purchase a M30T Drone and 800MHz radio.*

***Motion by Aungst, seconded by Krasny to recommend the purchase of the M30T Drone and 800 MHz radio, not to exceed \$23,960, to the Personnel/Ways & Means Committee. Motion carried.***

*Director Tanis stated the requested drone is the same model that was utilized during the Adrian Fire which features infrared; by purchasing this additional drone, the department will now have two.*

*Further, Tanis reported the current pilots of the drone utilize standard phones for communicating with command staff; having the MHz radio will provide ideal communication during incidents.*

*The Emergency Management Department currently has 5 drones; Tanis explained they do not all have infrared and are smaller for various other needs.*

*During large events, such as MIS, the infrared drone is stationed there. However, if there is an incident outside the event, they would not have the sufficient technology with only 1 drone.*

*Currently, Emergency Management and Drain Commission are the two departments utilizing drones.*

*Deputy Administrator Elliott stated the funding to purchase the drone and radio will come from remaining grant funds awarded to the Emergency Management department.*

*Tanis discussed that the radio does not interact with the drone specifically, but it is going to be stationed with the drone.*

*Discussion opened up regarding replacement blades for the drone; Tanis stated the blades generally are not expensive and generally need to be replaced every few years unless*

*damaged during use.*

*Tanis reported that this request is for an amount not to exceed \$23,960.67.*

## **VIII. Medical Examiner**

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

*Dr. Maino provided statistics from August. YTD there have been 202 deaths in Lenawee County and 54 autopsies (27%). Dr. Maino reported that one of the largest expenses to the Medical Examiner's Department is conducting autopsies. Of the deaths investigated, 70% were natural and 21% accidental.*

*The examiner's office has been providing tours of the morgue, including one for the Jackson Commissioners.*

*The mobile x-ray unit is currently experiencing some vendor issues, and they are considering purchasing a new unit.*

*Recently, a full-time investigator and pathology assistant were hired by Jackson County; Dr. Maino stated that the additional staff will relieve some work load for administration.*

*Next Month Dr. Maino will be speaking at an Inter National Conference regarding medicine at mass gatherings and his experience over the years working at MIS.*

## **IX. Courts**

*Dionne Bowens was present from the Courts. Bowens reported the Juvenile Courts have received 164 petitions YTD. Bowens thanked the prosecutor for the continuous collaboration and efforts made through the diversion program. This has been vital due to the Youth Reform changes that have been implemented by the State of MI.*

*Bowens also discussed the youth incentive cards, which are given to juveniles as a way to positively recognize and encourage their efforts. Bowens stated the department is tracking the number of re-offenses and new petitions each juvenile is receiving, to gauge the outcome of this program.*

*November is Family Court Awareness Month and Adoption Month. On November 18th, the Lenawee Probate Court will host the 2025 Adoption Month; Commissioners and committee members are invited to attend.*

*Bowens additionally reported the Docket-To-Drive program at District Court is underway. This is similar to a diversion program that will assist drivers in reinstating their license.*

*Prosecutor Wyse agrees the work being done through the diversion program is going great, however, she does not recommend the diversion program for all juvenile crimes and petitions. Bowens further discussed the new state-mandated screenings being used, which consist of 5 questions and show very different results based on the answers provided. Bowens stated this is currently mandated.*

## **X. Maurice Spear Campus**

*MSC Director Rod Weaver provided monthly highlights. MSC staff training for the new building starts next week.*

*The girls' open unit recently attended training at the Lenawee Medical Facility and participated in a 3D printing class.*

*A ribbon-cutting ceremony is taking place for the new MSC expansion project on September 26th.*

*By the first week in October, the new space will be occupied. Weaver discussed the repairs that will take place in the existing unit, after occupying the new space.*

*Deputy Elliott shared that these repairs are being funded by a Juvenile Infrastructure Grant and will include major upgrades to the campuses' plumbing, doors, windows, etc. The awarded grant is approximately \$1.3 Million with a County match of \$500,000.00.*

*Weaver reported there are currently 22 juveniles at the campus; 15 out-of-county and 8 in-county.*

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

*Comm Krasny encourages the committee to attend the Blue Jean Ball being held at the Boys and Girls Club in Adrian this eveing.*

### **A. Overdose Fatality Board Update**

*Deputy Administrator Elliott relayed information regarding the Overdose Fatality Review team. Public Act 313 of 2023 allows counties to establish an Overdose Fatality Review team.*

*The team would look at the cases of a citizen who has passed away from a drug overdose, and assess opportunities or a lack of resources in the community. In addition, community members who worked with that specific individual may be invited to participate in this assessment (i.e. school, justice system, MDHHS, counselor, etc.).*

*The purpose of this team is to identify areas where we could provide more resources to prevent overdose death.*

*At the conclusion of each case review, the results are then provided to MPH (Michigan Public Health Institute). Elliott discussed the measures that are taken to maintain confidentiality.*

*Dr. Maino stated that each Hillsdale, Jackson and now Lenawee have this review team. The medical examiner's office provides a lot of statistical information to these review teams.*

*A question was asked if a board appointment is needed; Deputy Elliott shared that no appointment is needed rather the statutory guidelines are followed.*

## **XII. Public Comment**

*No comments.*

## **XIII. Adjournment**

Criminal Justice Committee  
9/4/2025

***Motion by Aungst, to adjourn the meeting at 10:33am, seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.***