

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst
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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Thursday, October 9, 2025

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst, Jim Van Doren
Also Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Under Sheriff Jeff Ewald, Medical
Present: Examiner Dr. Maino, Chris Foerg, Chief Prosecutor Jacqueline Wyse,
Emergency Management Director Craig Tanis, Chief Public Defender John
Glaser, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose,
Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Community Engagement Specialist
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The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Comm. Collins

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: September 4, 2025

Motion by Aungst, seconded by Krasny to approve the minutes of September 4, 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

Undersheriff Jeff Ewald provided the monthly report from the Sheriff's Office. Recently, the Michigan Department of Corrections completed an annual inspection at the Lenawee County Jail and received a 100% compliance score. An accomplishment that would not be possible without the overall team efforts of the staff.

Ewald also reported that the Sheriff's Office Corrections Services was awarded the MSP Byrne Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant for 2026. This grant will provide Jail Programs for inmates at the Lenawee County Jail, and they are very pleased with the one-time awarded grant.

A discussion was held regarding the max occupancy at the Jail.

V. Prosecuting Attorney

A. Prosecutor's Report

Prosecutor Wyse reported that the Victims Rights section of her monthly report has been updated to reflect YTD totals, instead of only a 30-day period at a time.

Discussion was held regarding the totals for the Economic Crimes & Diversion Unit. Wyse stated the general fund total is from the beginning of the program, in 2014.

VI. Public Defender

A. Public Defender Report

Chief Public Defender John Glaser provided his monthly report. No discussion.

VII. Emergency Management

A. Emergency Management Report

Craig Tanis provided the monthly Emergency Management report.

There will be an EOC Workshop on October 14th and another one is being planned for after the first of the year.

No further discussion.

VIII. Medical Examiner

A. Medical Examiner Office's Report

Dr. Maino shared highlights from the monthly report. In September, there were 224 deaths and 63 of those were autopsied. To date, of all investigated deaths, 17% were related to trauma, which includes falls, car accidents and do not include deaths from overdose.

The Medical Examiners office continues to participate in local career fairs, hosting emergency medicine residents from Henry Ford, preparing year-end reports, and are involved with each of the 3 counties' review committees.

Dr. Maino stated they are looking into the possibility of a third forensic pathologist for additional assistance, for uninterrupted services and to relieve the schedules of the current forensic pathologists.

Discussion opened regarding the two new positions. Currently, the Medical Examiner's Office has only three staff members managing all morgue-related tasks across three counties. This has resulted in a gap in coverage for other essential clerical duties. Dr. Maino highlighted the issue of unsigned death certificates, noting that staff are often required to obtain medical records and determine the cause of death in order to avoid the additional costs associated with performing an autopsy.

One position is a lead medical examiner field investigator, who will oversee scheduling for ME

field investigators, review medical record(s) to maintain quality for possible use in court, and serve as a field investigator.

The part-time pathologist assistant will clean, maintain the morgue, order supplies, call the pathologist for new cases, and schedule pathologist assistance. This will allow the current 3 members to complete other necessary tasks and committees. The positions have not been filled, to date.

Discussion continued regarding the expenses of autopsies. Dr. Maino shared that he has researched comparable expenses for autopsy cases in the State. Generally, he has found that the average "bundled price" of an autopsy is \$2,600 per case, which includes autopsy, pathology assistant, toxicology, x-rays, and supplies.

Dr. Maino stated that with the proposed increases in pathology (\$1,800 autopsy alone), our new bundled price will be around \$2,400. Dr. Maino explained that we do not use an actual bundled price, but he has estimated one to use as a comparison. The only increase has been the increase in rent and expense of the autopsy.

IX. Courts

No report.

X. Maurice Spear Campus

Deputy Administrator Elliott provided some highlights for MSC Director Weaver. Phase 1 of the renovation project has been completed, and Phase 2 project will begin.

Girls in the open unit participated in the ProMedica Walk to End Alzheimer's and the Boys Wing participated in a parade.

The Detention Unit is working on personal psychology, a book club, and the MSC nurse provided AED training.

XI. Updates & Other Business

No discussion.

XII. Public Comment

No discussion.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Aungst to adjourn at 10:22am, seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.