

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Thursday, December 4, 2025

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst, Ralph Tillotson, Beth Blanco, Jim Van Doren, Jim Daly

Also Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Prosecutor Allison Arnold, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Emergency Management Director Craig Tanis, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Public Defender Salvatore Molaro, Regional Morgue Facility Manager Sarah Palmani, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Community Engagement Specialist Quinn Wilt, IT Director Ben Ricker, Captain Jacob Pifer, Kyle Hites-AXON representative

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Comm. Collins and noted that this meeting is a Committee of the Whole.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: November 6, 2025

Motion by Aungst to approve the minutes of November 6, 2025, seconded by Van Doren. Motion carried.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

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

IV. Prosecuting Attorney

A. Prosecutor's Report

Prosecutor Allison Arnold shared the monthly report for Chief Prosecutor Jackie Wyse; no further discussion.

V. Public Defender

A. Public Defender Report

Public Defender Salvatore Molaro provided the monthly report for Chief Public Defender John Glaser. He stated the total case numbers have slightly decreased over the last month. No further discussion.

VI. Emergency Management

A. Emergency Management Report

Craig Tanis reviewed the monthly report

Tanis shared that another training session is being planned at the Emergency Operations Center for February. Tanis is hoping to host these events every 6–9 months, to allow various people who may need to attend during an emergency, a training opportunity.

VII. Medical Examiner

A. Medical Examiner Office's Report

Sarah Palmani highlighted the monthly report. There were a total of 44 cases in October that were investigated, 30 in Lenawee and 11 autopsies.

The office signed 19 death certificates in October, that involves various duties in order to complete a certificate.

Palmani stated the office continues to participate in local Career Fairs to educate Lenawee students about the Medical Examiner field.

VIII. Courts

No discussion.

IX. Maurice Spear Campus

Deputy Elliott reviewed the MSC report for Director Rod Weaver.

Currently, there are 39 juveniles at the Campus and 13 are out-of-County residents.

The department is preparing for the Foster Kids celebration and Open Unit Christmas party that will be coming up this month.

X. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Bevier shared that a Deputy will be graduating from the Lansing Police Academy next week.

This weekend is the annual "Shop with a Cop" and they are expecting record-breaking attendees with the number of children they have this year.

B. Request: 2026 Axon Contract

Sheriff Troy Bevier provided key highlights of the request. Axon has been a long-standing vendor with the Sheriff's Office, offering a reliable partnership over many years.

Bevier further discussed the value of unlimited digital storage and the significant expense

associated with digital storage, which is expected to increase as society continues to shift toward digital formats. Many cases now involve third-party storage—including mobile phone data or neighborhood video surveillance—which requires retrieving and storing large amounts of external digital data.

Kyle Hites, Axon Representative was also present to answer questions.

Captain Pifer presented information regarding the total expense. Individual pricing for necessary items resulted in a higher cost than when those items were bundled. The bundled savings over the contract term totals \$1.9 million.

Currently, the Sheriff's Office has four contracts with Axon. If consolidated into a single bundle, all existing obligations would be removed, with an obligation waiver of \$159,000. Additional negotiations produced further savings of \$339,000. The office reviewed the expense of only the "critical/necessary" items, which would cost approximately \$361,879 per year.

A few other options were considered. Pifer emphasized the importance of unlimited third-party storage. When reviewing different contract durations, it was noted that an annual 5% increase after five years would result in over \$500,000 in additional expense.

Emergency Management Director Craig Tanis noted that drone footage from events can consume nearly half a terabyte of storage. Crash data must be retained for seven years.

The IT Director, Ben Ricker, provided an overview of what storage would entail if the County did not use Axon's digital storage and instead stored data internally. Ricker estimated that the cost of maintaining internal storage would continue to rise. Discussion followed regarding the County's server capacity, including the potential need for an additional staff member to manage increased server demands. It was also noted that the current physical IT space is insufficient to accommodate additional servers.

Comm. Collins confirmed that the contract does include an opt-out clause.

Kyle Hites stated that any future AI-related product releases would be included, and all upgrades are covered during the length of the contract.

The opt-out clause was further discussed.

If, for any reason, the County is unable or chooses not to make the annual appropriation, we may opt out at any time. Comm. Van Doren clarified that although there are some costs associated with terminating the contract, this clause was added to allow the future commissioners to cancel the contract, should they have an issue during the 10-year period.

Deputy Elliott shared that \$200,000 had already been budgeted annually for Axon, and another \$200,000 had originally been included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Project for this upgraded contract. However, because a separate CIP was unnecessary, the Capital Improvement Plan was reduced by \$200,000, and that amount was moved into the 2026 budget, for this request. Essentially, the request is \$200,000 more than what has historically been budgeted.

Discussion was held regarding the automatic renewal language. Mr. Hites stated that renewal discussions occur years in advance and this section is meant to protect both parties, such as a termination of services.

Hites further shared that other recommendations from our Corporation Counsel will be reviewed by Axon's legal team this week, and he does not foresee any issues with the recommended language changes.

Discussion was also held regarding Flock camera storage. Footage downloaded from Flock cameras into Axon would be classified as third-party storage.

Regarding other potential vendors, Captain Pifer stated that since the County already works with Axon, this proposal represents an upgrade to the existing systems. Pifer discussed the ease of use and time savings when having 1 primary vendor.

Comm. Collins shared information from discussions with other local agencies, noting that their research into competitors did not find comparable performance or capabilities.

MOTION BY VAN DOREN TO RECOMMEND THE 2026 AXON CONTRACT TO PERSONNEL/WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BLANCO.

Deputy Administrator Elliott discussed the original vetting process conducted earlier this year during the planning of the 2026 budget, which resulted in significant savings. Elliott also noted that the improved technology may reduce the County's liability—particularly within the Sheriff's Office, the largest County department, with features such as video-CAM auto-activation.

Administrator Murphy explained that while the future cannot be predicted, historical data can be reviewed. Director Ricker noted that IT storage requirements have increased by approximately 112%. Murphy also discussed revisions made to the opt-out clause to better meet the County's needs.

It was clarified that the motion today is simply to recommend the proposal to Personnel/Ways & Means.

Passed by Roll call vote: Yays (4) BLANCO, COLLINS, TILLOTSON, VAN DOREN, Nays (3) AUNGST, DALY, KRASNY. Motion carried.

XI. Updates & Other Business

Discussion was held regarding the substantial amount of donations received for the Shop with the Cop; often receiving many donations throughout the year.

A. January Meeting - 1/1/2026

The next meeting falls on a holiday and the County is closed.

Discussion opened up to possibly change the meeting dates in January. This will be brought back for further discussion at next weeks PWM meeting.

XII. Public Comment

No comment.

XIII. Adjournment

Criminal Justice Committee
12/4/2025

Motion by Tillotson, seconded by Blanco to adjourn at 11:16am. Motion carried.

Grant Reimbursements Received: \$ 4,324.58 – RTF Medical Kits
\$ 3,514.43 – DOJ STOP Grant