

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst
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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Thursday, April 2, 2026

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst, Jim Van Doren

Also Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Chief Prosecutor

Present: Jackie Wyse, Emergency Management Director Craig Tanis, Acting Chief
Public Defender Michael Dagher - Margosian, Regional Morgue Facility
Manager Sarah Palmani, MSC Director Rod Weaver, Marketing &
Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator
Carissa Zubke, Community Engagement Specialist Quinn Wilt, Candy Gomez
- Catherine Cobb, Dr. Maino - Medical Examiner, Captain Jacob Pifer,
Francine Zysk, Bryan Vish (WLEN)

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2026

Motion by Krasny to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026 seconded by Aungst. Motion carried.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

Deputy Administrator Elliott reviewed the criminal justice finance reports; no discussion.

IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Bevier shared highlights from the monthly report. The office will be recognizing many National Holidays this month including: Telecommunicators (Dispatch), Volunteers, Correctional Officers, and Police Officers Week.

The Lenawee County Jail will be providing tours of the jail to the public and a private session available to Commissioners.

May is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. So far this year, the Sheriff's office has written 72 citations for distracted driving and wants to bring awareness to this issue.

Discussion opened up regarding occupancy at the Jail. Over the past few years, there have

been increased arrests and decreased jail admissions. Bevier shared that jail admissions are determined through the judicial process.

Current maximum occupancy at the Lenawee County Jail is 287. Discussion continued regarding the need for staff, regardless of the current number of inmates.

B. Request: Madison School Law Enforcement Contract

Over the past several years, the Sheriff's Office has established a contract with Madison Schools for a law enforcement officer. The request is to recommend approving the 2026 contract between the Sheriff's Office and Madison Schools.

Motion by Aungst, seconded by Krasny to recommend approving the contract between the Sheriff's Office and Madison Schools, to the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

V. Prosecuting Attorney

A. Prosecutor's Report

Prosecuting Attorney Jackie Wyse reviewed the monthly report. The office received 226 warrants in February and 156 cases were authorized; Wyse discussed the various reasons for denial.

Approximately 74% of victims are exercising their rights. Over \$7,500 were collected and returned to victims and/or merchants in February.

VI. Public Defender

A. Public Defender Report

Public Defender Michael Dagher-Margosian was present to review the monthly report. Total felony and misdemeanor cases for February were discussed. Cases are labeled high severity or low severity, as defined by Michigan law. Both misdemeanor and felony cases slightly decreased during March, as did PPO violations.

The Defenders' office currently has a new intern, who is a recent law school graduate and is doing great during his time at the office.

VII. Emergency Management

A. Emergency Management Report

Craig Tanis shared the monthly report. Tanis applied for a Michigan Public Safety grant, which would allow mapping at critical infrastructure sites. He expects to hear about the award in May.

A tornado siren test was scheduled last month. However, Emergency Management and the Sheriff's Office are not responsible for the alarms, as they are managed at the local level. Local jurisdictions are responsible for those sirens. It was shared that the City of Adrian and Madison Township do not have tornado sirens. The County does not currently have the total

number of available Tornado Sirens in Lenawee, since we do not manage/control those. It was also discussed that there are no state or federal laws requiring siren testing or mandating activation of the alarms.

The National Weather Service sends alerts directly through the RAVE system via text. Once a weather alert is issued by NWS, it is sent out immediately. The Sheriff's Office previously had authority over MHz systems. Central Dispatch can set off alarms for jurisdictions using older radio systems, but they do not activate tornado sirens. Additionally, for those that have transitioned from the VHF system to the 800 MHz system, dispatch alerts are no longer transmitted.

Tornado sirens would need to be upgraded to the 800 MHz system; however, this would be a very costly update. Discussion continued regarding possible grant funding.

Comm. Krasny would like to see a total count of tornado sirens in Lenawee County.

VIII. Medical Examiner

A. Medical Examiner Office's Report

Dr. Maino presented the monthly report. There were 52 total cases in Lenawee County from the start of the year through the end of February.

Medical Examiner cases over the past six years average 321 annually, plus or minus 22 cases. The office uses this as an annual benchmark. This data shows that approximately 34% of reported deaths result in autopsies.

Dr. Maino is working on a report regarding head injuries to share with hospice and nursing home providers, including guidance on when certain injuries should be reported. The report will also include information on DNRs.

The office continues to provide educational opportunities to high school students. Additionally, Dr. Maino will be providing education to college students on "How to Complete a Death Certificate". Dr. plans to distribute to local physicians too, as there are instances when death certificates are not completed properly.

IX. Courts

No report.

X. Maurice Spear Campus

Director Weaver provided highlights. Phase 2 construction is almost complete with plans to take possession this month.

The MSC Board has recently provided several recognitions to prior or current juveniles attending the campus; Weaver discussed the noticeable impact of this.

There are 11 juveniles that continue to work in the community every week. MSC has hosted college interns this year and are hopeful to continue doing so in the future.

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XI. Updates & Other Business

No discussion.

XII. Public Comment

No comment.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Krasny to adjourn at 10:32am, seconded by Aungst. Motion carried.