

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst
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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Thursday, May 7, 2026

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, David Aungst, Ralph Tillotson, James Van Doren

Also Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Prosecutor Allison Arnold, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Emergency Management Director Craig Tanis, Public Defender Salvatore Molaro, Regional Morgue Facility Manager Sarah Palmari, MSC Director Rod Weaver, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Community Engagement Specialist Quinn Wilt, Medical Examiner Dr. Maino, Jail Captain Randy Casey

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: April 2, 2026

Motion by Aungst to approve the minutes from April 2, 2026, seconded by Krasny. Motion carried.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott reviewed the finance report; no discussion.

IV. Sheriff

A. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Troy Bevier shared highlights.

Three corrections officers graduated from the academy last week, and a deputy is expected to graduate next week. Marine patrol is preparing for summer.

Yesterday, the office celebrated Corrections Officers Week and had a great turnout.

National Police Officers Week starts next week, and the annual Police Memorial event takes place on May 15th.

Comm. Van Doren shared information regarding mental health at a recent conference. Sheriff Bevier reported various steps the office has taken to support employees' mental health at the Office.

Comm. Aungst and Comm. Collins commended the Sheriff and Jail Captain for all of the improvements at the Jail booking and Control center. The renovations are very noticeable and very much appreciated.

B. Request: Renew contract - Jail Telephone and Tablet Vendor

The Lenawee County Jail contracts with ViaPath Technologies for inmate telephone calls, visitation, and tablets. The FCC- Federal Communications Commission recently implemented a cap on how much money may be collected per minute, for each phone and video call. The request is to renew the contract with ViaPath, pursuant to the attached contract.

Motion by Aungst, seconded by Krasny, to recommend approving the extended contract with ViaPath, to Personnel Ways & Means. Motion carried.

Discussion opened up; Captain Casey shared that there would be a loss of revenue to the County. However, they did not know what the impact would be. ViaPath is used for inmate phone calls, visitations, and tablets. The captain was able to increase the tablet commission from a 20% to 50% and a \$20,000 signing bonus, with a 3-year contract extension.

V. Prosecuting Attorney

A. Prosecutor's Report

Deputy Prosecutor Allison Arnold highlighted the monthly report.

A large number of victims are exercising their rights; They received 275 adult warrant requests, and the Economic Crimes & Diversion unit continues to be successful in its operations and returning funds to victims.

VI. Public Defender

A. Public Defender Report

Defender Sal Molaro shared information from the monthly report; no further discussion.

VII. Emergency Management

A. Emergency Management Report

Director Craig Tanis recently participated in a table-top exercise at the Village of Clinton for emergency preparedness. An incident action plan was implemented for the Siena Heights University farewell gathering.

Tanis also attends quarterly meetings with local chemical facilities regarding emergency preparedness and general discussions for opportunities.

Last month, the Board approved a grant for critical incident mapping, originally intended for Adrian College & County/Hickman Hospital. Tanis reported that the grant total was not enough to complete both projects. Critical Incident Mapping will be completed at Adrian College only this year. The mapping at AC will be completed by the end of August. Future possible awarded grants would be utilized to complete incident mapping at County facilities and Hickman Hospital.

Tanis provided a list of total Tornado Sirens in Lenawee County, as requested. Each siren listed are in working order except for Blissfield and Rasin Twp. The City of Adrian and Madison Twp. do not have one.

Comm. Van Doren suggested working with GIS to create a list of the working Tornado sirens in the County.

Tanis reported a tornado siren has a 1-mile radius. In order to have full coverage throughout the County, he estimated a need for about 200 more sirens, each are \$30,000.

Discussion continued regarding the RAVE alert system, which is an alert notification system that residents can register to receive weather alerts via text. The committee would like to look at how we can improve marketing the RAVE system to educate residents. It is an opt-in system, not opt-out. Therefore, residents are not automatically enrolled.

The annual cost per citizen for RAVE is \$0.12; very low in comparison to purchasing a new siren.

Currently, the RAVE system is marketed primarily on municipality websites. Discussion continued about the importance of finding other avenues to market the RAVE system. It was suggested to work with Equalization to include paper flyers in the mail or when visiting residents.

Tanis reported that there are around 30,000 residents signed up for RAVE alerts

Comm. Aungst reported that Tornado sirens are still on the VHS radio system and will eventually be at end of life; other operations have switched to 800 MHz system.

VIII. Medical Examiner

A. Medical Examiner's Report

Dr. Maino was present. The office had a total of 73 cases YTD as of the end of March. The prior 4-year annual data are included in the report.

During the month of March, there were no deaths under the age of 50; 59% occurred in the home and 41% at a nursing facility.

There were also several unclaimed bodies in Jackson County and one in Lenawee. Dr. Maino shared information regarding the process for unclaimed bodies.

A part-time employee recently started at the Office. They also provided a tour of the morgue to the Morenci Science Club.

Next week, Dr. Maino will be participating in the Mass Fatality Planning group.

Discussion continued regarding the unclaimed body policy. The office contacts all immediate family members. If a non-family member requests to accept the body, it must go through the legal process first.

For unclaimed bodies, the office works with local funeral homes and seeks other funding sources to avoid a charge to the County.

IX. Courts

No report

X. Maurice Spear Campus

Director Rod Weaver was present. The campus celebrated Teacher Week and Nurses Week.

Beehive operations have started and some of the juveniles at the campus help with this. Summer projects for those at the campus are being planned, one being working at MIS.

Comm. Van Doren complimented the MSC Board for all the recognitions they have recently provided to the juveniles. There have been impactful and meaningful stories, and the Committee is happy to see this recognition. Weaver shared that this is being accomplished through the Sunshine Committee.

XI. Updates & Other Business

No comment.

XII. Public Comment

No comment.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Krasny to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 am, seconded by Aungst. Motion carried.