

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Frank Holmes, Chris Arndt, Jason Peek, Brian Haskell, and Jacob Toomey

ABSENT: Nicole Christensen

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, Brian Droscha, Scott Hansen; Connie Sobie, Ben Dawson, Sheriff Reich, Undersheriff Cook, Captain Kuhlman, Kelly Cunningham, Prosecutor Lloyd, Ella Gardner, Judge Cunningham, Melanie Achenbach, Amy Etzel, Kathy Brooks, and CPD Captain Brooks

The April 3, 2025, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairperson Holmes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

Commissioner Toomey moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2025, Public Safety Meeting as presented. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights for the month of March 2025.

SPECIALTY COURT GRANT RESOLUTIONS

Chief Judge Cunningham requested language in the grant application stating the Board of Commissioners shall have final approval of the acceptance or denial of the grant if awarded be struck from the Resolutions. She stated if the County did not accept the grant when it is awarded in September it would not be enough time to inform staff or to accommodate program participants. Chief Judge stated if these grants are awarded they need to ensure the program will operate in FY2025/26. She noted the amount contributed from the general fund to Specialty Court programs is \$130,000 per year. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend approval of all ten (10) resolutions (see below) with the deletion of the first BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that states the Board has final

approval of the acceptance or denial of the grant, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) - Adult Circuit Drug Court Application (ACDC)
- Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Adult Circuit Drug Court Application (ACDC)
- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) - District Hybrid Court Application
- Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant (OHSP) - District Hybrid Court
- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) - Felony Sobriety Court Application
- Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Felony Sobriety Court Application
- Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant (OHSP) - Felony Sobriety Court
- Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program - (SSSPP) Application
- Michigan Veterans Treatment Court - Grant Program (MVTCGP) Application
- Community Corrections Act 1988, P.A. 511 Grant Application

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Dispatch Director Cunningham reported on training and community events attended throughout the month. It was noted radios are being replaced in the smaller agencies throughout the County.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Management Specialist Gardner reported the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed by the state and is now being reviewed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She noted Training and Severe Weather Awareness testing was conducted and the EOC was activated with 7% (3,665 customers) of County residents without power. Ms. Gardner added Megan Randall has been selected for the summer internship, which starts May 1st.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Prosecuting Attorney Lloyd reported on case load statistics for the month of March 2025. The following National recognition events for April were noted: Sexual Assault Awareness, Child Abuse Prevention, and Crime Victims' Rights Week

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

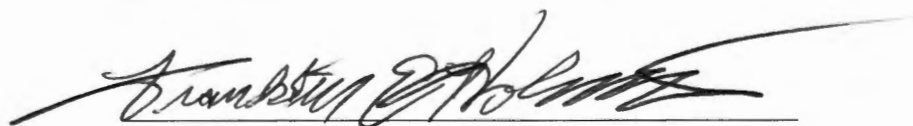
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Kuhlman spoke on his off-duty time, not as an employee but as a resident, stating his support of the upcoming Public Safety Millage vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Holmes adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held May 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Frank Holmes

Vice-Chairperson, Public Safety Committee