

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Frank Holmes, Chris Arndt, Nicole Christensen, and Jacob Toomey

ABSENT: Jason Peek and Brandon Haskell

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, Brian Droscha, and Scott Hansen, Controller/Administrator Connie Sobie, Sheriff Reich, Undersheriff Cook, Captain Kuhlman, Dep. Maring, Dep. Zemer, Dep. Graham, Frances D'Huyvetter, Prosecutor Lloyd, Ryan Wilkinson, Ella Gardner, Megan Randall, Melanie Achenbach, Amy Etzel, Greg Algeier, and John Pignataro

The May 1, 2025, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:03 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 with the addition of Community Corrections Advisory Board Appointment under Miscellaneous. Commissioner Christensen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Arndt moved to approve the April 3, 2025, meeting minutes 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 April 2025. Sheriff Reich cordially invited the Public Safety Committee Members to attend any of the BBQ's being held Tuesday and Wednesday for the next 2 weeks in recognition of National Corrections Officers Week and National Police Week.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Deputy Dispatch Director D'Huyvetter was present to provide the monthly department report. An update was given on Telecommunicator Week festivities and their Annual Awards Ceremony.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson reported on working with the City of Olivet on their Emergency Operations Plan. Manager Wilkinson also reported on his assistance to Montcalm County Emergency Management during the aftermath of an ice storm in that area. The new summer intern Megan Randall from Saginaw Valley State University was introduced.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Prosecuting Attorney Lloyd reported case load statistics for the month of April 2025. He explained the history and upcoming future costs involved in resentencing juveniles sentenced to life without parole.

MISCELLANEOUS

Specialty Court Coordinator, Melanie Achenbach, explained District Court Judge VanLangevelde has resigned from the Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) due to her appointment to the State Office of Community Corrections Board. A recommendation has been made for the appointment of Judge Felsing to fill the District Court vacancy. Commissioner Christensen moved to recommend the appointment of Judge Felsing to the CCAB to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Arndt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Algeier, Business Agent for the Police Officers Association of Michigan, and John Pignataro spoke in support of the Public Safety Millage.

Brad Richman, Capital City Labor Program, spoke in support of the Public Safety Millage on behalf of the Eaton County Animal Control Officers.

Chris Kuhlman spoke on his off-duty time, as a resident, stating his support of the upcoming Public Safety Millage.

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 June 5, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Frank Holmes

Vice-Chairperson, Public Safety Committee