

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Frank Holmes, Chris Arndt, Nicole Christensen, Jacob Toomey, Jason Peek and Brandon Haskell

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, Brian Droscha, Scott Hansen, Connie Sobie, Melissa Ballard, Sheriff Reich, Undersheriff Cook, Kelly Cunningham, Prosecutor Lloyd, Ryan Wilkinson, Melanie Achenbach, and Amy Etsel

The June 5, 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 with the addition of item 9.c. Grant Application. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Peek moved to approve the May 1, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR BYRNE RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCES ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT) GRANT

Undersheriff Cook gave a brief history of this program and grant. Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend approval of the grant to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Arndt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Dispatch Director Cunningham was present to provide the monthly department report. Director Cunningham noted an increase in call volume due to the recent storm, reported on conference attendance, and the retirement of Supervisor Thacker. The hiring status of telecommunicators was also provided.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson was present to provide the monthly department report. Manager Wilkinson reported on the May 15th storm and damage assessments and presented a resolution for approval.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE AND ADOPTION OF THE MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (MHMP) UPDATE

Commissioner Ardnt moved to recommend approval of the Mitigation Plan to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRIAL COURTS

CONTRACTUAL ATTORNEY MAGISTRATE APPOINTMENT – JOSEPH O’CONNOR

Court Administrator, Amy Etzel, presented a Resolution to appoint Attorney Joseph O’Connor as a contractual attorney Magistrate for the District Court. Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL FOR GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT 1988, P.A. 511

Specialty Court Coordinator Melanie Achenbach explained the grant approval request. Commissioner Ardnt moved to recommend approval of the grant submission to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE

Prosecuting Attorney Lloyd reported case load statistics for the month of May 2025.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS SERVICES GRANT

Prosecutor Lloyd explained this is a continuation grant that provides funding for Victim Advocates who work with victims of crime through the court system. Commissioner Christensen moved to recommend approval of the grant application submission to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR STOP VIOLENCE GRANT

Prosecutor Lloyd explained this grant opportunity is only available every 3-5 years and funds an attorney specializing in Domestic Violence, criminal sexual, and strangulation cases. Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend approval of the grant application submission to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Christensen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Controller/Administrator Sobie reported on a tentative financial agreement with Delta Charter Township to continue providing them with county police services. Ms. Sobie also explained how grants affect not only the offices requesting them but also other Departments within the County and any work they may need to do to meet grant requirements.

Commissioner Peek asked about the status of Animal Control. Controller/Administrator Sobie and Communications Director, Logan Bailey, reported that State Representative Witwer has

submitted a request for a state appropriation of \$2.5 million for Animal Control. This has now been moved to the Senate for consideration. It was noted Representative Barrett, Senator Slotkin, and Senator Peters have all sponsored a measure requesting \$500,000 for security system improvements throughout the County complex. Status updates will be forthcoming.

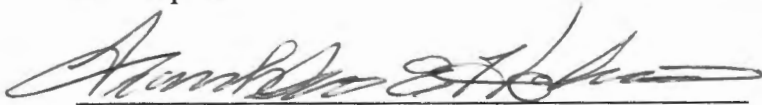
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Holmes adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held July 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

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Commissioner Frank Holmes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee