

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Brandon Haskell

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Brian Droscha, Andy Shaver, and Scott Hansen; Connie Sobie, Ben Dawson, Logan Bailey, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Chief Deputy Al Sidel, Nathan Nighbert, Animal Control Officer Kristy Grinold, Jeremy Mulvanny, Kelly Flynn, Francis D'Huyvetter, Ryan Wilkinson, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Chris Anderson, Amy Etzel, Melanie Achenbach, Peter Klein, and Jon McNett

The December 4, 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 two additions: the Axon Contract Review to the Sheriff's Report and a Resolution to Approve the Interim Agreement for the Operation of the Youth Facility to the Trial Courts report. Commissioner Arndt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Toomey moved to approve the November 6, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

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

POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE

Deputy Administrator Dawson reported on continued feasibility model discussions with Windsor and Oneida Townships while remaining in line with the Delta Contract. Discussion held. It was added that discussions continue with the Maple Valley Schools Superintendent about funding for a School Resource Officer.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE

Animal Control Officer Grinold reported complaints are being addressed, and local law enforcement agencies are doing the best they can at handling aggressive or sick animals. She confirmed there is no 24/7 on-call currently. She said the community has stepped up and are using social media to return stray animals to their owners. Discussion was held on the continuation of the Animal Control Ordinance.

AXON CONTRACT RENEWAL

Information Technology Deputy Director Nighbert reported on a revision of the Axon contract, with fixed costs and pricing for the next five years. Commissioner Arndt moved to recommend the contract to the Ways and Means Committee for review. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Kelly Flynn, Central Dispatch Director, presented the monthly department report.

TRIAL COURTS - RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INTERIM AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE YOUTH FACILITY

Youth Facility Director, Jeremy Mulvanny, gave an update on the Youth Facility. He noted that hiring staff has been a challenge. Commissioner Toomey moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager, Ryan Wilkinson, reported on media winter weather hazards and Olivet University mock interview activities conducted. He noted the Multi-Year Plan public comment period review process has begun and stated there are changes in Federal disaster assistance.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anderson reported case load statistics for the month of November 2025. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Brown started working and is a welcome addition.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

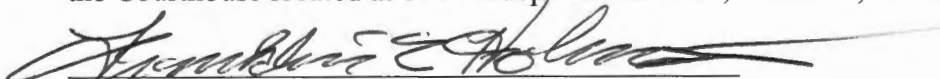
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Holmes adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held in January 2026 on a date and time to be determined at the Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on January 5, 2026, in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.


Frank Holmes, Vice-Chairperson