

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Jacob Toomey

ALSO PRESENT: Chairpersons Jim Mott, Brian Droscha and Scott Hansen, Claudine Williams, Logan Bailey, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Dairus Reynnet, Kelley Flynn, Francis D'Huyvetter, Ryan Wilkinson, Ella Gardner, Chris Anderson, Amy Etzel, Melanie Achenbach, Peter Klein, and Jon McNett

The March 5, 2026, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Holmes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a Resolution to Approve Youth Facility Physician Contract Item 11. b. Commissioner Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Shaver moved to approve the February 5, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Haskell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson presented a monthly report. It was noted that Severe Weather Awareness Month exercises and activities were scheduled throughout the month of March.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Undersheriff Cook reported the highlights for the month of February 2026. Commissioner Shaver requested a report from the Sheriff at the next meeting of the Department's plan to fill vacancies in an effort to provide services in the northwest section of the county.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Flynn presented a monthly report.

WRECKER POLICY UPDATE

Director Flynn reviewed the new Wrecker Policy with the Committee. Commissioner Shaver moved to recommend approval of the policy to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RAVE EXPANSION UPDATE

Director Flynn reported on the inquiry to have RAVE (a Motorola product) made available to places of worship. Discussion held. It was decided that those interested would have the option of contacting Motorola directly to discuss feasibility and pricing options for their own organizations or communities.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anderson reported case load statistics for the month of February 2026. Three new Homicide cases were received in the office in February.

TRIAL COURTS

TRIAL COURTS RESTRUCTURING

Court Administrator Etzel presented a proposed plan for restructuring in Trial Courts that would include combining Magistrate duties with the Chief Deputy Clerk position, addition of a part-time Deputy Administrator, and Friend of the Court Office Manager position upgrade. Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend approval of the Trial Courts Restructuring request to the Ways and Means Committee for approval. Commissioner Arndt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE YOUTH FACILITY PHYSICIAN CONTRACT

Administrator Etzel reported that the proposed contract has been reviewed by legal counsel. Commissioner Peek moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to Approve the Youth Facility Physician Contract to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion was held in reference to rescheduling the April Public Safety Committee meeting from April 2 to April 9. Commissioner Shaver moved to reschedule the April meeting to April 9, 2026. Commissioner Arndt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

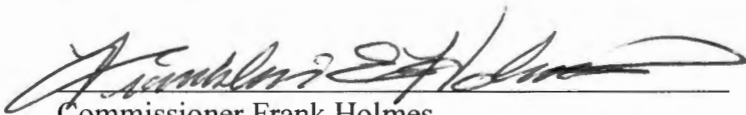
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Pam Colestock, Mayor of Eaton Rapids, addressed the committee, expressing the need to fund and increase staffing at Animal Control.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Holmes adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held April 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Frank Holmes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee