

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Mott, Droscha and Hansen; Ben Dawson, Claudine Williams, Logan Bailey, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Chief Deputy Al Sidel, Lt. Jody Mann, Lt. Sarah Hollenbeck, Anna Waltersdorf, Alicia Wesolek, Animal Control Officer Kristy Grinold, Dairus Reynnet, Kelley Flynn, Ryan Wilkinson, Chris Anderson, Amy Etzel, and Melanie Achenbach

The April 9, 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 Toomey moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a Resolution of Support for Corrections Officer Week as item 12. b. Commissioner Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the March 5, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Patti Lance, owner of Nana-N-Paws Doggy Day Care and Compassion 4 Paws Veterinary Healing Center in Grand Ledge, spoke in support of reopening Animal Control.

Bailey Case, resident of Charlotte, spoke of a recent incident concerning the mauling and ultimate death of her seizure alert dog by a neighbor's dog who jumped the fence. She stressed the need for the reopening of Animal Control.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights for the month of March 2026. He extended an invitation to the committee to attend the annual BBQ's held in recognition of Corrections and Police Officers Weeks.

JAIL AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL/PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

Discussion held. Commissioner Arndt moved to recommend approval of the Jail Agreement for Medical/Psychiatric Services to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

JAIL AND CMH AGREEMENT RENEWAL FOR JAIL DIVERSION

Discussion held. Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend approval of the Jail and CMH Agreement Renewal for Jail Diversion to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRIAL COURTS

Court Administrator Etzel reported statistics for the month of March 2026. It was announced that public satisfaction surveys are being accepted at this time, and requests for Amnesty are being accepted through April 30, 2026.

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE FOR RENEWAL AND RESTORATION OF THE JUVENILE MILLAGE

Discussion held. It was noted that a resolution is sought at this time so dialogue can begin to inform citizens of the importance of this millage renewal. Commissioner Peek moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to Submit to a Vote of the Electorate for Renewal and Restoration of the Juvenile Millage to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Flynn presented a monthly report.

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE FOR RENEWAL AND RESTORATION OF THE MILLAGE FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES (9-1-1 SERVICES)

Discussion held. It was noted that a resolution is sought at this time so dialogue can begin to inform citizens of the importance of this millage renewal. Commissioner Shaver moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to Submit to a Vote of the Electorate for Renewal and Restoration of the Millage for the Comprehensive Emergency Telephone Services (9-1-1 Services) to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Arndt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESTRUCTURE PROPOSAL FOR CENTRAL DISPATCH AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A restructuring proposal was presented to align Central Dispatch and Emergency Services to improve accountability and responsibility. Discussion held. Commissioner Shaver moved to send the restructuring request to the Ways and Means Committee for approval. Commissioner Arndt seconded. Motion carried with five commissioners in favor and 2 commissioners opposed.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Manager Wilkinson presented a monthly report.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anderson reported case load statistics for the month of March 2026. He also reiterated the importance of the Juvenile Millage and what it means to the Prosecutor's Office.

MISCELLANEOUS

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CORRECTIONS OFFICER WEEK

Commissioner Shaver introduced a Resolution recognizing Corrections Officer Week, May 3-9, 2026. Commissioner Shaver moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Christensen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF POLICE WEEK

Commissioner Shaver introduced a Resolution recognizing National Police Officers Week, May 10-16, 2026. Commissioner Shaver moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Commission Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL 911 RECLASSIFICATION OF TELECOMMUNICATORS AS FIRST RESPONDERS

Commissioner Haskell introduced a Resolution and spoke in support of the reclassification of 911 Operators as First Responders. Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Commission Peek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Controller/Administrator Dawson reported on a Town Hall Meeting that was held on March 30th for village, city and township officials. He stated there was interest in evaluating an Animal Control contractual service model which the Controller's Office will work on.

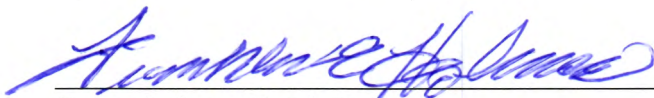
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Holmes adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held May 7, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Frank Holmes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee