

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026
4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Droscha, Hansen, Ben Dawson, Claudine Williams, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Judge Amanda Pollard, Kelley Flynn, Francis D'Huyvetter, Ella Gardner, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, Chris Anderson, Eric Daly, Jeremy Mulvany, Amy Etzel, Melanie Achenbach, and Peter Klein

The July 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 Christensen moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 11 a. under Miscellaneous – Animal Control Ordinance. Commissioner Shaver seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Shaver moved to approve the June 4, 2026, 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 June 2026.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Flynn presented a monthly report. Updates were given on technology upgrades, training exercises, and community outreach events attended.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Emergency Services Manager Gardner presented a monthly report. Ms. Gardner also informed the Committee of her resignation. She thanked Eaton County for her time here and the experience she gained during her tenure.

RESOLUTION AMENDING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM POLICY

A Resolution to amend the current Emergency Services Program Policy is requested to redirect organizational responsibilities to the Central Dispatch Director. Commissioner Haskell moved to

recommend approval of the Resolution to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Holmes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Prosecuting Attorney Lloyd reported on case load statistics for the month of June 2026.

AXON SOFTWARE

Prosecutor Lloyd explained that recent Axon software upgrades by the Sheriff's Office have prompted the need to upgrade the software in the Prosecutor's Office. He noted funding for the purchase is included in the upcoming fiscal year, but he is requesting to make the purchase sooner. Discussion held. Commissioner Shaver moved the request to the Ways and Means Committee for their consideration. Commissioner Peek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TRIAL COURTS

Court Administrator Etzel presented a monthly report. Court statistics for 2025 and 2026 to date were given, and it was noted that Natallie Simpson has started her duties as Magistrate.

YOUTH FACILITY REPORT

Youth Facility Director Mulvany presented a monthly report. Statistics for May and June were given as well as an update on community services and events the youth participated in.

MISCELLANEOUS

ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Commissioner Christensen moved to repeal the current Animal Control Ordinance since the ordinance cannot be fulfilled within the existing budget. Discussion held. Commissioner Christensen moved to amend her motion to repeal and replace with proper wording about what our ordinance does mean.

Commissioner Droscha suggested a Workgroup be formed to evaluate the Animal Control Ordinance. Controller Dawson noted that the Ordinance has previously been reviewed by legal, and there is no liability to the County for having it in place today. The County can continue to do everything in it we can, and it does not prevent us from operating if we have staff, but it does not require us to do so if we do not have the budgeted capacity. Commissioner Droscha suggested that if a Workgroup is formed, they should get formal correspondence from the Courts, the Prosecuting Attorney, and the Sheriff's Department regarding what the County's requirements are to provide Animal Control services.

Hearing no support for Commissioner Christensen's original motion or for the amendment to it, Commissioner Peek moved to table the original motion to the next Public Safety meeting. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Shaver moved to request the Board of Commissioners approve the formation of a Workgroup to discuss this item. Commissioner Arndt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

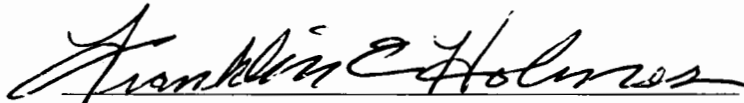
Connie Kapugia spoke in support of amending the current Animal Control Ordinance and not repealing it.

City Councilman Jeff Christensen spoke in support of coming to an agreement on the Animal Control Ordinance, stating that what we have now isn't working and creates a "vicious circle."

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Holmes adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held August 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Franklin E. Holmes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Commissioner Frank Holmes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee