

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 10, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

Commissioners Present: Lucille Bray, Chair
Dan Ludlow
Bill LaHaie
John Kozlowski

Others Present: Jesse Osmer, County Administrator
Sheriff Erik Smith
Kim Elkie, EM/911 Director
Deputy Michelle Reid

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Lucille Bray called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to adopt the agenda with removal of the Child Care Fund Monthly Report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

INFORMATION ITEM: Animal Control Officer Michelle Reid presented Animal Control statistics from 2017-2023 to the Committee. Unofficial numbers for 2024 include the shelter taking in 274 dogs and 48 cats. There has been a steady increase in animals each year. Approximately 50% of animals come from the city, 25% from the township, and the other townships make up the other 25%. Deputy Reid explained the adoption process and answered questions from the Committee about restitution.

Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the Animal Control Reports as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Emergency Management and E/911 Services Director Kim Elkie gave the Committee the Emergency Management and E/911 monthly update:

- For the month of January there were 766 calls for 911 with 27 text messages for a total of 1,915 separate incidents processed.
- Training began today for the new call handling equipment that was purchased for dispatch last fall. It is scheduled to be cut over to the new system the first week of March.
- The quarterly meetings (Local Emergency Planning Committee, Central Dispatch Committee, and Local Planning Team) are coming up next week on February 20th.
- They were able to acquire a fourth dispatch station found on a 911 discussion board for only the cost of a U-Haul and the trip downstate to pick it up. They currently have three dispatch stations and ordered equipment for four stations to allow them room to expand, and it was more cost effective to order as a group rather than going back and ordering additional components. A new station would have cost approximately \$30,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to receive and file the Emergency Management and E/911 Services Director's monthly update as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: County Administrator Jesse Osmer presented discussion on PFAS litigation. The same law firm the county worked with on opioid remediation can work with the county again with no risk if the case is not won. If the county does not receive payment the law firm does not receive payment. Unlike the opioid remediation funds these funds have no strings attached.

Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to approve signing onto the litigation and move to the Full Board for consideration. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Bray presented the Ambulance Fund Monthly Reports to receive and file. Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the monthly Ambulance Fund Reports as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Bray presented the Medical Examiners Monthly Reports to receive and file. Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the monthly Medical Examiners Reports as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Bray presented the Veterans Affairs Monthly Report to receive and file. Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the monthly Veterans Affairs Report as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Administrator Osmer reported a meeting was held last week with Montmorency County with discussion on merging the two counties and have one person overseeing Emergency Management full time. Director Elkie would go full time with 911. He is projecting a \$5,000 to \$10,000 savings for the county annually. More discussion will be made during the Full Board meeting tomorrow.

***Next Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at p.m.

Lucille Bray, Chair
Courts & Public Safety Committee

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