

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 20, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.  
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

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

Others Present: Jesse Osmer, County Administrator  
Fire Chief Andy Marceau  
Deputy Mike Lash  
Attorney Bill Pfeifer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

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ROLL CALL

All members present.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CHILD CARE FUND MONTHLY REPORT

Juvenile Officer Janelle Mott was unavailable to present the Child Care Fund report for the month of March 2026.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS UPDATE

Alpena Fire Chief Andy Marceau presented the agency activity summary from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> for review.

Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to receive and file the ambulance operations update as presented. Motion carried.

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Chief Marceau presented a reimbursement request for the annual service of the Stryker Power-Load cot/lift system and Lifepak cardiac monitors per the Ambulance Service Agreement in the amount of \$30,999.20.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to recommend approval of the reimbursement request from the City of Alpena as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Kozlowski, and Bray. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of the reimbursement request from the City of Alpena for the annual service of the Stryker Power-Load cot/lift system and Lifepak cardiac monitors, in the amount of \$30,999.20 per the Ambulance Service Agreement as presented.**

Chief Marceau reported that Chief Edmonds had previously presented to this committee regarding the Emergency Medical Technician, EMT Program. They had 27 students with 26 of them completing the class. Five of those students are from Alpena County and the board had approved a \$1,000.00 reimbursement to the townships for each student that passes. Chief Marceau will bring reimbursement requests on behalf of the townships back to this committee once he receives the information and proof of licensures.

#### STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE GRANT PROGRAM

Sheriff Deputy Mike Lash presented information from the State Justice Institute offering grants that can help the county move forward with court security. They offer a technical grant for up to \$75,000.00 but ask for a 10% match of \$7,500.00 and an in-kind match (Deputy Lash's time working on the grant would be acceptable for the in-kind match). Applying for a grant will give the county the opportunity to have a national company come here and assess the buildings.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to approve applying for a grant through the State Justice Institute as presented. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #2: The Committee recommends approval to for Sheriff's Deputy Mike Lash to work in conjunction with the County Administrator to proceed with applying for a grant through the State Justice Institute to help move forward with court security as presented.**

#### AMBULANCE FUND MONTHLY REPORTS

Chair Bray presented the Ambulance Fund monthly reports to receive and file. Commissioner Kozlowski inquired about the \$5,000.00 transfer and will reach out to the Treasurer for more information. Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the monthly Ambulance Fund reports as presented. Motion carried.

#### MEDICAL EXAMINERS MONTHLY REPORTS

Chair Bray presented the Medical Examiner's monthly reports to receive and file. Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the monthly Medical Examiner's reports as presented. Administrator Osmer noted that we are looking for an agreement between the medical examiner and Bannan Funeral Home on their pricing list. The agreement will be taken up by the Grants and Contracts Committee at a future meeting. Motion carried.

#### VETERANS AFFAIRS REPORT

Chair Bray presented the Veterans' Affairs monthly report to receive and file. Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the Veterans' Affairs monthly report as presented. Motion carried.

#### AMEND AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to amend the agenda to add Attorney Bill Pfeifer to address the committee regarding a lawsuit. Motion carried.

#### BIOREFINERY LAWSUIT DISCUSSION

City of Alpena Attorney Bill Pfeifer reported there is a large outstanding personal property tax bill for the biorefinery. The city is considering suing this company, Grand Bio. When the biorefinery was shutting down, the biorefinery was on the piece of DPI's property. DPI is now closed, and Grand Bio is taking the position that DPI owes the money in the amount of \$844,000.00. Most of the amount is owed to the city at \$426,000.00 and \$232,000.00 is owed to the county. The rest of the amounts are assigned to the college, ESD, and APS. Attorney Pfeifer on behalf of the city is inquiring if the county would consider going in on the lawsuit against Grand Bio, and then ultimately DPI. He is estimating about \$50,000.00 in attorney fees in which the county would owe approximately \$13,500.00. For the city to write off delinquent property taxes, they must show due diligence and do everything they can to collect the money so there is concern the court may not allow these to be written off if they don't sue them. Attorney Pfeifer will submit further information before the April 28<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting for more discussion.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to put on the April Full Board agenda for further discussion. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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Lucille Bray, Chair  
Courts & Public Safety Committee

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