

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DRAFT - MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 17, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

Commissioners Present: John Kozlowski, Chair
Dan Ludlow
Bill LaHaie
Robin Lalonde, excused

Others Present: Jesse Osmer, County Administrator
Lynn Bunting, County Board Assistant
Janelle Mott, Juvenile Officer
Kim Elkie, EM/911 Director
Erik Smith, Sheriff
Rob Edmonds, Fire Chief

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair John Kozlowski called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

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MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to adopt the agenda with removal of the MIDC Appointment Recommendation. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Juvenile Officer Janelle Mott presented the Child Care Fund Monthly Report for April and May of 2024.

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

- During May's Courts & Public Safety Committee meeting there was only discussion made on the new call handling equipment and Director Elkie provided updates today for both April and May. Stats for 911 are as follows: 708 calls for 911 were received in April and 773 calls for 911 were received in May; 26 text messages received in April and 34 texts in May; and 2,322 CAD entries were made in April and 2,448 CAD entries in May.
- The signed contract for the new call handling equipment with Central Square has been submitted.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Kozlowski presented the Ambulance Fund Monthly Report to receive and file. Fire Chief Rob Edmonds gave a brief ambulance update reporting they are receiving on average 20 plus calls a day and are currently in the process of finding a vendor to purchase a new ambulance. Motion was made by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to receive and file the monthly Ambulance Fund Report as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Kozlowski 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: Sheriff Erik Smith provided an informational item to the Committee on what the Sheriff's Office is providing to the community in regard to arrest numbers. Between the dates of January 1, 2023, through June 2, 2024, Sheriff Smith reported the following arrest data: Alpena City Police 369; Michigan State Police 307; Montmorency County Sheriff 184; and Alpena County Sheriff 465. Sheriff Smith reported the deputies are on the road doing what they are supposed to be doing and although he is not happy about the arrests, he is happy to report the high numbers his staff have brought in.

Commissioner Kozlowski reported he was frustrated with the weekend newspaper article about eliminating road patrol. There was one Commissioner that mentioned an option of eliminating road patrol and the whole article made it sound like the rest of the Commissioners were agreeing as a potential way forward. Sheriff Smith told the Committee that he reminds his staff that they are supported by the community and the Commissioners and they will continue to work together.

***Next Meeting: Monday, July 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Kozlowski, Chair
Courts & Public Safety Committee

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