

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 19, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

Commissioners Present: Lucille Bray, Chair
Dan Ludlow
Bill LaHaie

Others Present: Jesse Osmer, County Administrator
Kim Elkie, EM/911 Director (zoom)
Fire Chief Rob Edmonds
Janelle Mott, Juvenile Officer
Sheriff Erik Smith
Cynthia Muszynski, Prosecutor
City Police Chief Eric Hamp
Michigan State Police F/Lt. Anthony Utt
Michigan State Police Inspector Michael Bush

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 as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

INFORMATION ITEM: Juvenile Officer Janelle Mott presented the Child Care Fund monthly reports for January, February, March, and April 2025 for review. Janelle reported after checking the balance sheet before the meeting an additional \$240,000 was received from the State.

Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the monthly Child Care Fund reports as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Alpena County Prosecutor Cynthia Muszynski presented the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team's Interlocal Agreement and bylaws to discuss Alpena County's obligations and commitments to HUNT. Historically, there has been an \$8,000 financial commitment that is honored by each of the entities that make up the jurisdictions. The Commissioners did not vote to fund HUNT this year and Cynthia is asking the board to allow herself and a request from the Sheriff to each transfer \$4,000 from their budgets to fund HUNT. Without the contribution from the county both the Alpena County Prosecutor and Alpena County Sheriff Smith should, according to the bylaws, lose their ability to vote on the HUNT board.

Sheriff Smith reported they were questioned at the HUNT meeting on why other entities contribute but Alpena County does not and still receive the benefits. Sheriff Smith stated the HUNT teams provides a very good service to northeast Michigan and Alpena County and is very valuable.

County Administrator Jesse Osmer questioned the difference between the advisory board and board of directors. Cynthia reported that the advisory board is to provide input to the command board based on their respective communities and to report HUNT activity back to the municipal entity members to make the best decisions for progression of the team. The advisory board also recommends the annual contribution.

Administrator Osmer inquired why Rogers City only made a \$5,000 contribution when all other entities paid \$8,000 as shown in HUNT's 2024 annual report. Cynthia will look into the reasoning.

Administrator Osmer reminded the committee that \$40,000 of Opioid Remediation funding was provided to the Prosecutor's Office to fulfil that budget and make it whole, and the Sheriff's Office is still \$100,000 shy of fulfilling their budget for 2025.

Administrator Osmer proposed three options for the committee: 1) Leave the budget as is and consider a correction for 2026; 2) Make the correction going forward and pay \$4,000 this year, or; 3) Fund it fully.

Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Bray to allow a one-time transfer from both the Prosecutor's Office and Sheriff's Office each for \$4,000 for HUNT funding as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie and Bray. NAYS: Commissioner Ludlow. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of a one-time transfer of funds from both the Prosecutor's Office (101-296-702.001 Legal Secretary) and the Sheriff's Office (101-351-817.000 Prisoner Board) in the amount of \$4,000 into HUNT line item 101-314-959.000 as presented.

INFORMATION ITEM: Fire Chief Rob Edmonds shared his support for HUNT and how it impacts EMS. He appreciates the commissioners' support for the HUNT team and their efforts.

Chief Edmonds gave an Ambulance Operations Update:

- They will be fully staffed after July 1st.
- The call volume this year is up about 11%. During the ice storm they hit an all-time high of EMS calls at 57.
- They just went through the agency inspection and passed successfully.
- They are still working on getting the ambulance titles for A101 (2012 Chevy) at the Sheriff's Office to be used for community outreach and A102 (2014 Ford) which is still in service.
- 2025 Northern Michigan Ice Storm Disaster Response Updates
- At June's meeting Andy Marceau will present the request for reimbursement of disposable goods/drug box/drug kit restock.

Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the Ambulance Operations Update 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 April there were 4,210 calls with 13 incoming text calls.

- The average time to answer across all call categories was 2.17 seconds.
- The average time to answer 911 calls, taking all the other calls out was 1.18 seconds.
- The average call length for all call types for the month was 1.25 seconds, with the longest call in April at 20 minutes and 11 seconds.
- Last week they hosted the new director of the state 911 office along with three of their members.
- As of Friday, May 16th Governor Whitmer submitted the request for a presidential declaration of emergency for the ice storm damages. The threshold we needed to meet was \$19.1 million across the entirety of the storm and the total damages FEMA ended up with was \$137.2 million.

Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the Emergency Management and E911 update as presented. 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 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.

***Next Meeting: Monday, June 16, 2025, 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 4:41 p.m.

Lucille Bray, Chair
Courts & Public Safety Committee

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