

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, March 17, 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  
Kim Elkie, EM/911 Director  
Fire Chief Rob Edmonds

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: Fire Chief Rob Edmonds presented a reimbursement request in the amount of \$372,690.24 per the 2024 Ambulance Service Agreement – Amendment 1, for the purchase of a 2024 Horton ambulance with a Stryker power cot/load system, 800MHz portable communication radio, and an 800MHz mobile vehicle communication radio. The reimbursement amount was not to exceed \$400,000. Board Chairman John Kozlowski noted a budget adjustment will need to be made as the entire amount was not budgeted for. A budget adjustment request will be sent to the Full Board for approval on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Chief Edmonds reported the old ambulance will be turned over to the county once the radios are pulled. The City of Alpena is currently working to get the title, as paperwork was never originally filed. The new ambulance will be available for the Board of Commissioners to view before the Full Board meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

**ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of the reimbursement request from the City of Alpena in the amount of \$372,690.24 for the purchase of the 2024 Horton ambulance with Stryker power cot/load system, 800 MHz portable communication radio, and an 800 MHz mobile vehicle communication radio per the 2024 Ambulance Service Agreement – Amendment 1 as presented.**

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 February there were 673 calls for 911 with 21 text messages and 1,871 entries made into the dispatch system.
- The installation of the new phone system is complete, and everyone is liking the new system.
- Today, the Hazard Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant through Homeland Security was received and is due back April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The grant application will be included in the Full Board packet for review and approval at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The grant is through the Local Emergency Planning Committee with reimbursement for various things accomplished by the Committee.
- Judge Curtis had inquired about radiation coming from the new tower. After doing some research Kim reported the 800MHz radio tower has substantially less radiation than an AM/FM tower and the radiation comes from the antennas at the top which is an extra 200 feet away. She will relay the information back to Judge Curtis.

INFORMATION ITEM: County Administrator Jesse Osmer gave an update on the joint Emergency Management position with Montmorency County. The job posting was approved and both Alpena and Montmorency Counties have posted the position on the websites, social media pages, and on Indeed. The contract is being drafted but still needs work and should be ready for approval at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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.

Commissioner Kozlowski inquired on the increase of unclaimed bodies. Chief Edmonds suggested reaching out to Medical Control Supervisor Nick Harrison for more information.

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, April 21, 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 4:27 p.m.

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Lucille Bray, Chair  
Courts & Public Safety Committee

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