

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 18, 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
Andy Marceau, Deputy Fire Chief
Sheriff Erik Smith
Bill Pfeifer, MAC Administrator
Nick Harrison, NE MI Medical Control Authority

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ROLL CALL

All Committee 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 not present to provide the monthly Child Care Fund report. Commissioner Kozlowski will follow up with her.

HUNT PRESENTATION

Lt. Ray Rollett with HUNT presented before the Committee to express the value of Alpena County's annual contractual agreement contribution of \$8,000. Approximately 73% of HUNT's resources are spent in Alpena County. Over the past 10 years there have been just shy of 1,000 felony arrests in the county. The Sheriff is a huge supporter, and HUNT works with the Sheriff's Office often. HUNT is a force multiplier for investigations. Not only do they deal with drugs but for example they have been targeting and taking off money couriers who are using phone scams on the elderly in the community. They are the only team in the area that has the capability to do undercover operations.

HUNT is primarily funded by the Byrne Jag Grant. The goal of the team is to maintain a 3 years' operating budget, in case something was to happen to the federal funding. The county's contribution helps them maintain that operational account in the bank.

County Administrator Jesse Osmer reported that HUNT usually comes and requests funds before the Board. This didn't happen previously and when cuts were made, still no one from HUNT came before the board. Lt. Rollett will make sure going forward that is corrected and is happy to attend meetings to keep the board updated on what they are doing and to answer any questions.

MIDC QUARTERLY REPORT AND UPDATE

MAC Administrator Bill Pfeifer presented the MIDC quarterly report. Currently, they are at approximately 62% of the projected budget which is consistent with the last few years. Any unspent monies do not roll over into the county's coffer, they roll into the next year's grant.

The FY26 grant has not yet been approved. The grant was submitted at the end of April with anticipation it would be approved in June at the MIDC State Board meeting. The grant has been resubmitted with the additional action steps that were required. The next Courts & Public Safety Committee meeting is September 15, which is the day before the next MIDC meeting, and hopefully the contracts can be tentatively approved at that time.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the MIDC quarterly report as presented. Motion carried.

MONTHLY AMBULANCE OPERATIONS UPDATE

Fire Chief Rob Edmonds provided an update on EMS operations along with information on an upcoming EMT program being offered. Response data from January 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025, totaled 2,956 requests for service per day (13.9 calls/day) with 71.8% being patients requiring treatment and transport to the emergency department. Of those, 659 responses (22.3%) were treat-no transport, refusal of care, cancelled, or patient assists. Almost 25% of calls are non-billable or with limited billing.

AMBULANCE TITLE UPDATE

They are still working to obtain the title for the A101 unit that was returned to the county earlier this year. There is a scheduled court date on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, to move forward with a court issued title for the unit.

STRYKER POWER COT/LOADER & LIFEPAK CARDIA MONITOR SERVICE

Chief Edmonds reported the Stryker power cot/loader and Lifepak cardiac monitor are scheduled for service on September 27, 2025. Annual maintenance on all power loaders, power cots, and cardiac monitors is contracted through February 2029.

EMT COURSE TRAINING

Chief Edmonds reported the Alpena City Fire Department is offering an EMT-Basic initial education course beginning October 2, 2025, through April 13, 2026. Tuition is \$1,650.00 to include textbook, digital supportive products, and Platinum Planner to help schedule and track clinical times. There is a minimum of ten students with a maximum of twenty. The class will be open to Alpena County responders first.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the Ambulance Service Update as presented. Motion carried.

EMT COURSE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT

Chief Edmonds reported that he will provide a list of Alpena County responders attending the class for reimbursement considerations to the responder agencies. As responder agencies struggle to recruit qualified personnel, tuition reimbursement is critical to their operational needs. On behalf of the Alpena

County Fire Chiefs, Chief Edmonds is requesting that the Alpena County fire agencies be reimbursed the full tuition of \$1,650.00 for each Alpena County responder student that successfully passes the EMT course and becomes a certified Michigan EMT. This is not part of the ambulance agreement between the city and county.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to approve reimbursement of \$1,650.00 for each Alpena County responder student that successfully passes the EMT course as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, and Bray. NAYS: Commissioner Kozlowski. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of the tuition reimbursement request up to \$1,650.00/per student to any Alpena County First Responder agency upon successful completion of the course and licensure as a certified Michigan EMT as presented.

ECHO/TANGO AGREEMENT

Chief Edmonds reported there is discussion with Maple Ridge, Long Rapids, Wilson, and Green Townships on an exit plan of the ECHO/TANGO agreement that has been in effect for 10 years. Each of those departments pay a little over \$8,000 apiece per year and costs the city about \$100,000 per year to put the program together. This is not part of the ambulance agreement and was never intended to be long-term. It impacts the City's staffing as they staff it from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The township supervisors and fire chiefs have a meeting Wednesday evening to discuss what they want to do with the plan going forward. Alpena City Fire would like to be out of the agreement July 1, 2026, if possible.

CAD INTEGRATION FOR REPORTING SOFTWARE

Chief Edmonds and Deputy Chief Andy Marceau approached Emergency Management/E911 Director Kim Elkie on the possibility of integrating CAD reporting software for fire and EMS. All the information from dispatch would be brought over to the CAD and help them with reporting. Director Elkie received a quote in the amount of \$5,340.00. The ambulance millage has, half a mil for communications-type upgrades, which could be a good use of that money to help with this upgrade of fire and EMS reporting.

Director Elkie reported the annual subscription is \$3,000 for as many agencies as sign up. If other townships would like to engage it is recommended to do so together rather than spending \$3,000 each time one wants to sign up. All can be under one umbrella or \$3,000 per year, and one implementation charge.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to make Director Elkie the point person and approve the final packaging for recommendation to bring to the Full Board. Motion carried.

911/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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

- For the month of June there were 4,663 total calls with 7 incoming texts and 29 outgoing.
- The average time to answer all calls was 2.1 seconds.
- The average call length for all call types for the month was 1 minutes and 32 seconds, with the longest call in June at 37 minutes and 16 seconds.
- For the month of July there were 5,081 total calls with 16 incoming texts and 42 outgoing.

- The average time to answer all calls was 2.1 seconds.
- The average call length for all call types for the month was 1 minutes and 29 seconds, with the longest call in July at 27 minutes and 54 seconds.
- Representative Cavitt visited and toured Central Dispatch. Director Elkie reminded him we are waiting on the aid from Lansing from the storm.
- She will be hosting the Michigan Communications Director's Association in December.
- The state reached out about doing a training next July and will be using our EOC.
- Tuesday morning, they have an exercise with the city, EPA, and EGLE.
- If any hazmat issues come up, there are new partners that we can now call.
- There are over 300 people that have signed up so far for the Code Red mobile alert notifications.
- The siren on Woodview Avenue is not currently working. The maintenance company has been made aware of the issue.
- Thursday is the deadline to request public assistance from FEMA for reimbursement.

Moved by Commissioner Bray receive and file the Emergency Management and E911 update as presented. Motion carried.

REGION 7 SUPPLY TRAILER

Director Elkie was contacted by the Region 7 Healthcare Coalition regarding a supply trailer that is stored at the airport. Due to cuts the state no longer wants to own all the trailers they have strategically placed throughout the state. An 11-page list of supplies are inside the trailer which was used during the ice storm. Many of the supplies are now outdated. The County could discard anything in there that's outdated and make it an equipment-based trailer versus supplies. Nick Harrison with Northeast Michigan Medical Control Authority reported the beds in the trailer would be kept and anything else the county feels would be beneficial to have in a disaster-type situation. The state is willing to transfer the title to the county who be responsible for storing and maintaining. The county would lose the \$750 lease fee but gain a trailer with some assets. There would be no fee for the trailer to be stored at the airport.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to accept ownership of the Region 7 trailer as presented. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2: The Committee recommends approval to accept the transfer of ownership of the trailer from the Region 7 Healthcare Coalition to Alpena County as presented.

AMBULANCE FUND MONTHLY REPORTS

Chair Bray presented the Ambulance Fund monthly reports to receive and file. Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie 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 Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to receive and file the monthly Medical Examiner's reports as presented. Motion carried.

VETERANS AFFAIRS MONTHLY REPORT

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

***Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Lucille Bray, Chair
Courts & Public Safety Committee

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