

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, November 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  
Sheriff Erik Smith  
Sheriff Deputy Mike Lash  
Kim Elkie, Central Dispatch Director  
Nic Modrzynski, Emergency Management Director  
Janelle Mott, Juvenile Officer  
Donna Hardies, Catholic Human Services/UP North Prevention  
Chet Spencer, Catholic Human Services/UP North Prevention  
Larry Lacross, Catholic Human Services/UP North Prevention  
Attorney Dan Florip

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 with removal of the Ambulance Operations Update. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Attorney Dan Florip is the author of court security letter that is on today's agenda for discussion. The letter was also signed by his law partners, and they are appreciative for any attention that can be given to the courthouse security problem we have in this county. The law partners are happy to participate in any way to reach a solution that at least gets the bare minimum of courthouse security.

CHILD CARE FUND MONTHLY REPORT

Juvenile Officer Janelle Mott presented the Child Care Fund report for the month of October. The end-of-month balance is \$215,389.10, however \$150,000 is owed to the Sheriff's Office from their blended funding agreement. Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to receive and file the Child Care Fund report as presented. Motion carried.

UP NORTH PREVENTION

Donna Hardies with Up North Prevention had originally reached out to discuss the Marijuana Operations and Oversight grant. After speaking with the administrator in Montmorency, she reported the monies they get from this grant are a pass-through to the health department and it is the same process for Alpena County. If Alpena County is obtaining that money, they will not compete as long as there is an entity

within the county utilizing that money. This money comes from revenue generated by medical marijuana card holders.

Donna reported that one of the incentives they are working on is providing locked bags to the provisioning centers to give out to individuals, at no charge, that purchase marijuana with the emphasis to make sure it is kept away from youth.

Larry Lacross with Catholic Human Services highlighted a few of the programs they have in collaboration with the county and the city.

- PIVOT Program – Work directly with the courts to have a peer recovery coach on site.
- County Jail – They supply counseling staff, case management, and peer recovery coaching. The funding comes from the state opioid response dollars, but this funding is uncertain for fiscal year 26. Until the time gets closer, they are starting to plan for some alternative funding strategies for that program.
- Recovery Care Services Program – There is a collaboration with the county EMS and city police where peer recovery coaches are based in the Public Safety Building. They go out with law enforcement and EMS to assist people with substance use and mental health disorders in the field.

#### MDOT PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION

Sheriff Erik Smith presented on behalf of Undersheriff Cash Kroll a Michigan Department of Transportation performance resolution for review and approval. The Sheriff's Office is in partnership with Flock Safety for the implementation of LPR technology cameras. The cameras would be strategically placed throughout the community, like intersections and major highways, to monitor traffic and more importantly assist with crimes. The funding is through the Department of Homeland Security. To move forward with the permitting process through MDOT for the installation of the equipment, the resolution must be adopted. If the funding comes through the camera discussion will be brought back for approval.

Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to recommend approval of the Michigan Department of Transportation performance resolution as presented. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of the Michigan Department of Transportation performance resolution as presented.**

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Emergency Management Director Nic Modzrynski provided the monthly Emergency Management update:

- There are 10 barricades coming from Region 7 that are 6 feet long by 4 feet for controlling traffic and they will be stored at the fairgrounds until a more permanent location is found.
- A new 800 radio from Region 7 will be coming in.
- Nic will be heading down to Roscommon tomorrow for training.
- Reviewing plans, policies and reorganizing the EOC. Nic has been meeting face-to-face with local law enforcement, fire chiefs and will be meeting with city officials this Friday.

#### CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Kim Elkie monthly Central Dispatch update:

- For the month of October there were 4,288 total calls with 13 incoming texts and 25 outgoing.
- The average time to answer all calls was 2.7 seconds.
- The average call length for all call types for the month was 1 minutes and 29 seconds, with the longest call in October at 41 minutes and 25 seconds.
- Last month they participated in Trunk or Treat. Alpena Buick sponsored the candy along with another family that reached out to sponsor candy as well.
- Met with the Sheriff, Post Commander, Chief Hamp from the city, and Grand Traverse Communications to work on the new radio template when the Sheriff gets his radios and start looking at encrypting their law enforcement channel.
- This Friday Motorola and MPSCS will be onsite at dispatch updating software, switches, and routers on the radio system.
- The bulk of the reimbursements that had been submitted to FEMA have been approved. FEMA will reimburse the county the \$5,000 deductible for the compressor for the walk-in freezer at the Sheriff's Office. The insurance company will pay part and hopefully FEMA will cover the balance. The only things remaining are the donation reimbursements that Director Elkie and County Administrator Jesse Osmer are working on.
- The CAD integration for fire and EMS software to receive their run reports from the dispatch system is in progress. Fire and EMS now must have their vendor access the finds and do the technology needed on their end.
- Director Elkie is working on bringing dispatch training to Alpena.

#### ALPENA COUNTY COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Administrator Osmer thanked the law firm for their letter and presented two options to the committee for moving forward. The committee could either appoint an ad hoc committee or do a special focus utilizing the Courts & Public Safety Committee and invite attorneys, judges, and/or their administration to specifically discuss this topic at the next meeting. Administrator Osmer will invite the appropriate people to attend the meeting(s) for further conversation.

Administrator Osmer recommends the committee adopt the Interim Firearm Policy that was presented at October's Courts & Public Safety by Judge Black with the understanding that HR also receives a copy of any individual who completes the form.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to recommend approval to adopt the Interim Firearm Policy presented by Judge Black as presented. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #2: The Committee recommends approval to adopt Judge Black's Interim Firearm Policy pending full board approval as presented.**

#### AMBULANCE FUND MONTHLY REPORTS

Chair Bray presented the Ambulance Fund monthly reports to receive and file. 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. Commissioner Kozlowski noted the addition was not correct again this month on the spreadsheet. Motion carried.

#### OTHER DISCUSSION

Commissioner Kozlowski reported the inmate transfer reimbursement due from the city has been received. Alpena County will send Montmorency County their portion of the reimbursement.

**\*Next Meeting: Monday, December 15, 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 4:45 p.m.

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Lucille Bray, Chair  
Courts & Public Safety Committee

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