

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DRAFT - MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 15, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

Commissioners Present: Robin Lalonde, Chair
Bill LaHaie
John Kozlowski
Jesse Osmer, (Excused)

Others Present: Jennifer Mathis, Interim County Administrator
Kim MacArthur, County Board Assistant
Kim Elkie, EM/911 Director
Fire Chief Rob Edmonds
Rachel Smolinski, City Manager
Bill Pfeifer, MAC Administrator
Al Rapson, Deputy EM/E911 Director (zoom)
Keri Bertrand, County Clerk
Cindy Johnson, Mayor (zoom)
Steve Smigelski, Airport Manager (zoom)
Trinity Episcopal Church (zoom)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Robin Lalonde called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

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MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Juvenile Officer Janelle Mott presented the Child Care Fund Monthly Report for March (attachment #1). Motion was made by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to receive and file March's Child Care Fund Report as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Fire Chief Rob Edmonds presented a request (under the provisions of the Ambulance Service Agreement) to secure a new ambulance purchase in 2024 with a Stryker Power Load/Cot Lift System, and 800MHz dual head radio system not to exceed a total cost of \$400,000.00. The anticipated delivery would be late 2024 to middle 2025. Commissioner Kozlowski requested additional time before the Committee makes final recommendation to gather further information. Motion was made by Commissioner Lalonde and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to approve the Fire Chief to move forward with beginning the process of pursuing a new ambulance and bring back more information for Committee review. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Fire Chief Edmonds presented a reimbursement request for a Medical First Responder course that was offered in January 2024 by the Alpena City Fire Department. Twenty students successfully completed the course, ten of which are members of Alpena County responder agencies. The Ambulance Fund Policy limits up to \$750.00 per student for reimbursement for Medical First Responder training. The City will provide the County with a reimbursement invoice. Motion was made by Commissioner Kozlowski and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to recommend approval of

the request for reimbursement for the Medical First Responder Course in the amount of \$750.00 per student as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Kozlowski, and Lalonde. NAYS: None. Commissioner Osmer, excused. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of the Medical First Responder Tuition Reimbursement request in the amount of \$750.00 per student from line item 210-651-955.002 EMS Training for the following responder agencies:

Alpena City Fire Department:	Michael Stauffer
Green Twp Fire Department:	Amy Bedford
	Mya Klimczak
	Christopher Massey
Long Rapids Twp Fire Department:	Cade MacArthur
	Will MacArthur
	Jesse Mischloney
Maple Ridge Twp Fire Department:	Marshall Suszek
Sanborn Twp Fire Department:	Mitchell Aube
Wilson Twp Fire Department:	Samantha Garrow

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

- Stats for the month of March for 911 are as follows: 748 Calls for 911 were received; 38 text messages received, and 2,122 CAD entries were made.
- Discussion on multiple trainings, events, and conferences.
- This week the department is celebrating Dispatch Week with different activities each day.

INFORMATION ITEM: MAC Administrator Bill Pfeifer presented the first quarter Financial Services Report from 10/1/23 to 12/31/23 for Committee review.

INFORMATION ITEM: MAC Administrator Pfeifer gave an update on the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) FY23 grant. Unexpended state grant funds as of September 30, 2023, were \$21,309.78. The amount will carry over to this fiscal year and be subtracted from one of the quarterly payments.

INFORMATION ITEM: MAC Administrator Pfeifer reported the MIDC Grant Application for FY25 is due April 22, 2024. The MIDC will accept draft applications due to two new standards that were approved. There have been unanswered questions on how the standards will be implemented.

Administrator Pfeifer reported the Public Defender's Office will have two summer interns this year.

The State of Michigan has approved a part time Investigator position. The Public Defender's Office is hoping they will approve it for full time. There is enough work for a full time investigator as the budget for the Public Defender includes Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda.

INFORMATION ITEM: Administrator Pfeifer reported Regional Grant Director Barb Klimaszewski has retired and Matt Lozen will be the new Director.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Lalonde presented a recommendation from the Animal Control Adhoc Committee to approve the County to continue to run the Animal Control Shelter, hire a Shelter Manager, and keep supervisory responsibilities with the Sheriff. Commissioner Kozlowski reported the Sheriff is working on a job description for a Shelter Manager. This will let the Animal Control Officer be out on the road handling animal cases.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lalonde and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to recommend the request from the Animal Control Adhoc Committee as presented. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2: The Committee recommends approval of the Animal Control Adhoc Committee's request regarding Management Operations at the Alpena County Animal Control Shelter to continue staffing county employees including a Shelter Manager with supervisory responsibilities maintaining under the Alpena County Sheriff as presented.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Lalonde presented a memorandum from the State Court Administrative Office regarding court funding. Currently, courts are allowed to impose costs that are reasonably related to the actual costs incurred by the court. Clerk Keri Bertrand reported those costs are approximately \$700 per case. As of May 1, 2024, the County will no longer be able to charge courts costs for each criminal case and the County will be losing this revenue. House Bill 5392 seeks to extend the date to December 31, 2026, but it is not anticipated that this bill will pass before May 1, 2024.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Lalonde presented the Ambulance Fund Monthly Report to receive and file. Motion was made by Commissioner Lalonde and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to receive and file the monthly Ambulance Fund Report as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Lalonde presented the Veterans Affairs Monthly Report to receive and file. Motion was made by Commissioner Lalonde and supported by Commissioner Kozlowski to receive and file the monthly Veterans Affairs Report as presented. Motion carried.

***Next Meeting: Monday, May 20, 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 Kozlowski to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Robin Lalonde, Chair

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