

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 15, 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

Undersheriff Cash Kroll

Sheriff Deputy Mike Lash

Rory Sherwood, Central Dispatch

Fire Chief Andy Marceau

Nic Modrzynski, Emergency Management Director

Janelle Mott, Juvenile Officer

Attorney Dan Florip

Attorney Cristie VanMassenhove (zoom)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

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ROLL CALL

All committee members are 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 presented the Child Care Fund report for the month of November. Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the Child Care Fund report as presented. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS UPDATE

Alpena Fire Chief Andy Marceau reported he will be bringing quarterly updates to the committee beginning in January and the ambulance restocking fees, supplies, and drug box reimbursement requests will be brought to the committee twice per year, once in January and again in August.

2026 AMBULANCE FEE SCHEDULE

Chief Marceau presented the 2026 Ambulance Fee Schedule for review. There was very little increase last year, and according to billing provider Mobile Health Resources, it was recommended that the fees be increased by 5% to ensure they remain aligned with current allowable and approved reimbursement rates.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the 2026 Ambulance Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried.

MIDC BOARD MEMBERS

Board Chairman Kozlowski reported that it had been suggested to him to appoint a commissioner to the Michigan Indigent Defense Council board and he will be following up with Bill Pfeifer for further information.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Lead Central Dispatcher Rory Sherwood presented the monthly Central Dispatch update:

- Their new employee is about 3 quarters of the way through their training and should be finished by the middle of February.
- A CodeRed training was held at the Senior Center with just under 20 people getting signed up.
- ProCom out of Gaylord toured Central Dispatch and will be providing a quote for the radio installation which may save money by switching to them from TeleRad.
- During the month of December, they are tracking the number of scam calls received on their backup phone line.

Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to receive and file the Central Dispatch update as presented. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

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

- Director Modrzynski went to area emergency partners to introduce himself as the new director.
- 15 orange barricades were received from Region 7 and are located at the fairgrounds. All entities are aware they can use them whenever necessary for traffic control.
- 3 breaching kits were received from Region 7. One was taken to the Sheriff's Office and one to the Alpena City Police.
- The Thunder Bay Dams Emergency Action Plan was received changing the former Director's name to Director Modrzynski's name and is available for the commissioners to review.
- A presentation will be given at the Rotary meeting on March 9th.
- Director Modrzynski has registered to become a certified professional emergency manager and already has most of the qualifications on their checklist. He will need to complete the in-person training next year.
- Montmorency County will be receiving \$200,000 to distribute to other counties for food banks. Further information will be brought back to the commissioners for approval on how the funds will be distributed.
- A memo will be presented at a future meeting regarding use of the emergency management vehicle.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the Emergency Management update as presented. Motion carried.

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. Motion carried.

VETERANS AFFAIRS REPORT

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

ALPENA COUNTY COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Chair Bray presented discussion on security issues at both the courthouse and annex buildings. Attorney Dan Florip stated Alpena County has a unique problem with three different courthouse buildings. Sheriff Deputy Mike Lash discussed the option of creating a side entrance at the annex building which would become the main entrance and security checkpoint. The elevator can be accessed, and a ramp could be added by the stairwell that connects the two buildings together to make it ADA compliant. Another option discussed was metal detectors. Deputy Lash reported the county currently has a metal detector, but it is only 30 inches on the inside and is not ADA compliant. There was also discussion on possibly having a feasibility study done. Attorney Cristie VanMassenhove stated she fully supports Attorney Florip's concerns regarding court safety and security. Chair Bray will travel to other area courthouses for more research and meet with Administrator Osmer before the next meeting to discuss findings.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.



Lucille Bray, Chair
Courts & Public Safety Committee

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