

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DRAFT - MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 8, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

Commissioners Present: John Kozlowski, Chair (excused)
Burt Francisco
Brenda Fournier (sitting in for John Kozlowski)
Jesse Osmer, Chair

Others Present: Mary Catherine Hannah, County Administrator
Kim MacArthur, County Board Assistant
Matt Wojda, Bauer, Florip & Wojda, PLC
Sheriff Erik Smith
Kim Elkie, EM/911 Director
Al Rapson, Deputy EM/E911 Director
Judge Alan Curtis
Steve Mousseau, IT Director
Ed Patton, Citizen
Lynn Bunting, County Board Assistant (zoom)
Kim Ludlow, County Treasurer (zoom)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Jesse Osmer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Francisco and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adopt the agenda with the addition of Mr. Ed Patton regarding the Animal Control Shelter as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Citizen Ed Patton addressed the Committee to share his concerns with the Animal Control Shelter. Chair Osmer thanked Mr. Patton for attending the meeting and will relay his concerns to the Animal Control Adhoc Committee. Commissioner Francisco reported the next Animal Control Adhoc Committee meeting will be held February 1st at noon and Mr. Patton is welcome to attend.

INFORMATION ITEM: Juvenile Officer Janelle Mott was unavailable to present the monthly Child Care Fund Report.

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

- Director Elkie reported the State has entered into a contract with one of the 911 alerting vendors and her department now has the ability to get part of that package for free which will save them between \$4,000-\$5,000 a year. The current 911 alerting service is up for renewal at the end of the month, and they will notify them that they will no longer be requiring their services.

- New call taking software for the actual 911 calls that come in and a computer aided dispatch system needs upgrading. They are in the process of researching grant opportunities as they do not want to add any further leases to their budget. The two projects will total approximately \$500,000 to replace. Commissioner Francisco inquired if they have spoken with other counties for regionalization to save everyone money. Director Elkie reported they have spoken with other counties, and everyone seems to have a different path they want to move forward with.
- The annual project with all Fire Departments was completed in the fall of 2023 and the radios have finally arrived. With contributions from the City and Township they were able to purchase almost \$60,000 in radios and pagers for the Fire Departments.
- In 2023 the 911 budget ended the year at 86.6% of expenditures and the Emergency Management budget ended at 89.2% of expenditures.
- Stats for the month of December for 911 are as follows: 23 text messages received, 607 911 calls received, and 1,990 CAD entries were made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Francisco and supported by Commissioner Fournier to receive and file the 911/Emergency Management monthly report as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: County Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah presented the Agreement for Legal Representation and Memorandum of Understanding with Bauer, Florip & Wodja, PLC. The term of the presented agreement is for three years beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$3,100 per month. Currently, the top compensation amount on the attorney contracts is \$3,800 per month. Attorney Matt Wojda reported their firm would like to do a yearly contract with a rate of \$4,000 per month. Their firm would handle mental health cases and they would like to start with a 1 year term as a sample to see the size of the caseloads. Motion was made by Commissioner Francisco and supported by Commissioner Fournier to recommend approval of a one-year contract in the amount of \$3,800 beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$3,800. If the firm continues to contract they would enter into a 2 year contract to align with the other attorney contracts as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Fournier, Francisco, and Osmer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of a one-year Agreement for Legal Representation with Bauer, Florip, & Wodja, PLC in the amount of \$3,800 beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. In the event that Bauer, Florip, & Wodja, PLC continues to contract with the County of Alpena they would enter into a two-year contract beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$3,800 per year to align with the other attorney contract terms as presented.

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

***Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Francisco to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Jesse Osmer, Chair

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