

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS
Terry Collins, John Lapham, Karol "KZ" Bolton

MEETING LOCATION
Committee Room, 2nd Floor
Old Courthouse, 301 N. Main Street, Adrian, MI

MINUTES: Thursday, November 1, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Collins, Bolton, Lapham, and Stimpson

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Bales and Wittenbach, Sheriff Jack Welsh, Kim Murphy, Craig Tanis, Dr. Bader Cassin, Burke Castleberry, John Koehn (WLEN), Rebecca Borton, Marilyn Woods, Erin VanDyke, Stan Sherman, Bill McNett, Ryan Thompson, and Dmitriy Shapiro (The Daily Telegram)

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Lapham, seconded by Bolton, to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

II. Finance Reports

Deputy Administrator Kim Murphy reviewed the finance report.

The Jail Building Debt negative fund balance continues to decrease and is expected to be zeroed out by the end of the year.

III. Sheriff's report

The Sheriff's report was available for review. There was also a public notice for the Beards for Bread fundraiser.

The annual police protection service contracts for the Villages of Britton and Deerfield, and Macon Township were reviewed. Minor changes have been including current personnel costs.

Motion by Lapham, seconded by Bolton, to recommend approval of the Sheriff service contracts and designate Dave Stimpson, Chair, to sign on the County's behalf. Motion carried.

The jail population report for October was available; there have been no early releases in 2018.

IV. Prosecuting Attorney's report

Prosecuting Attorney Castleberry advised that there would be two reports presented next month.

V. Public Defender's report

There was nothing to report from the Public Defender's Office.

VI. Emergency Management report

The Emergency Management Report was available. Craig Tanis highlighted a recent exercise.

VII. Medical Examiner report

The Medical Examiner's report was available; Dr. Cassin noted that cases continue to be on the rise.

VIII. Courts

There was nothing to report from the courts.

IX. Animal Control Ordinance

License fees: The full Board of Commissioners voted to reset the fee schedule back to the original schedule for the 2019 year and the subcommittee was requested to review the fee schedule.

Motion by Lapham, seconded by Bolton, to recommend the dog license fee schedule be set December 1st – February: \$10 per spayed/neutered dog and \$15 per intact dog and from March 1st – November 30th: \$20 per spayed/neutered dog and \$30 per intact dog. Motion carried.

Recuperation fees: Commissioner Bolton requested that the Board consider incorporating recuperation fees for tranquilizers and euthanasia when Animal Control uses them.

Sheriff Welsh would like an opportunity to further review this request.

Commissioner Bolton will provide additional information prior to next month's meeting.

This should remain on the agenda for next month.

Public Comment: Commissioner Collins opened the discussion up to public comment.

Ryan Thompson expressed frustration over the governmental process in general and lack of opportunity to speak. He believes the commissioners in general have not received enough information to make an educated decision on dog license fees and if they would just look at every county's dog license fee; including our surrounding counties, they would make the right decision to lower the dog fee to \$6.

Stan Sherman shared that he had to pay \$90 this year for his three dogs when by his calculations it should have been \$30; he believes he is due three more licenses. He also pointed out that meetings held during the day cannot be attended by people that have jobs during those hours and suggested that the fee schedule be put on the ballot.

Bill McNett expressed similar concerns.

It was noted that evening meetings have been called and alternative methods of communication with the Board of Commissioners was also discussed; including email, telephone, and US mail.

X. Other Business

Kim reviewed the status of the sheriff's building.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Lapham, seconded by Bolton, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m. Motion carried.

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