

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, Karol "KZ" Bolton

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers
301 N. Main Street
Adrian, MI 49221

Minutes: Thursday, February 2, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Collins and Krasny

Absent: Commissioner Bolton

Also Present: Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, Craig Tanis, Sheriff Bevier, Dawn VanDusen, Jackie Wyse, Rebecca Borton, Heidi Cannon, and Ciara McGrane

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Krasny, seconded by Collins, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting. Motion carried

II. Finance Reports: Administrator Murphy reviewed the finance report. She noted that the report now reflects year to date project balances instead of life to date balances, and the current cash balance is approximately \$31,000.

Motion by Collins, seconded by Krasny, to accept the finance report. Motion carried.

III. Sheriff's report: The Sheriff's report was available. Sheriff Bevier reviewed some goals for 2023.

- Hiring, recruiting, and retention remain at the top of the goals.
- Collaborating with CMH and Wayne State University to initiate mental health efforts within the jail.
- Updating the Dispatch Center 5-Year Plan was identified is a goal.
- Continuation of employee professional development, leadership, and accountability

Sheriff Bevier announced that S. Beaudin will be retiring after 23 years of service.

He also talked about the school officer positions.

Jail populations were available.

IV. Prosecuting Attorney's report: The Prosecuting Attorney's report was available. Prosecutor Jackie Wyse reviewed personnel changes.

- V. **Public Defender's report:** The Public Defender's report was distributed. Assistant Public Defender Dawn VanDusen provided an update on grant funding opportunities including a 2nd Chance Re-entry grant.
- VI. **Emergency Management report:** The Emergency Management report was available. Craig Tanis reported that there is a group currently looking at the feasibility of forming a Rescue Task Force. The public comment period is still open on the Hazard Mitigation Plan, but a couple of projects have been initiated including dry hydrants and sirens. Grant approval has been received to continue Alice Training efforts. Craig also provided a brief update on the Riverview Terrace project.
- VII. **Medical Examiner report:** The Medical Examiner's report was available; 2022 ended with both investigation and autopsy numbers slightly higher than the previous year.

Kim Murphy reported that discussions have begun between counties and the ME Office regarding the possibilities of creating a regional system. The lack of qualified medical examiners is an issue throughout the state, as well as, a national one and plans should be considered for future service.

- VIII. **Courts:** Circuit Court Administrator Ciara McGrane reported that a judicial building security meeting was recently held and a few security concerns were identified. These issues will be addressed in the near future. She went on to report that Circuit Court continues to work through the trial backlog caused by the pandemic.

Ciara also reviewed the update provided by Probate Court Administrator, Dionne Bowens including the status of petitions, caseloads, and "raise the age". Probate Court will be working with community members to establish a CASA program in Lenawee County.

Shannon Elliott further explained that the CASA program utilizes volunteers to be appointed by the judge to guide the juvenile through the case. CASA volunteers would monitor the progress of the child throughout the case and advocate for the child's current and future needs in court, in school, and in agency meetings.

Ciara also shared that Dionne will become a certified court manager this year, and Ciara anticipates obtaining her certification by the end of next year.

District Court Administrator Heidi Cannon reported that she is working with Probate Court on drug testing options for juveniles. A contract with Parkside has been drafted and will be reviewed prior to being presented to the Criminal Justice Committee.

- IX. **Updates & Other Business:** There was no other business.

X. Public Comment:

Sheriff Bevier reported that the medical WellPath contract expired at the end of 2022. The 2023 contract was substantially higher, approximately \$88,000, and is non-negotiable. This service may need to go out for bid.

There was discussion regarding personnel recruitment and retention within the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Bevier explained that applicants are plentiful, it's just a matter of the applicants being able to pass the vetting process.

Craig Tanis announced that he will be representing Emergency Management in the City of Adrian's polar fundraiser tomorrow. He is collecting funds for the Hope Center.

Kim Murphy stated that both she and Shannon Elliott will be at a conference on March 2nd and will be unable to attend the Criminal Justice Committee meeting.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Collins, seconded by Krasny, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried.