

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, March 2, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Collins, Krasny, Bolton, and Van Doren

Also Present: Commissioner Martis, Craig Tanis, Undersheriff Ewald, Dawn VanDusen, Phebie Mier, Rebecca Borton, Ciara McGrane, and Dr. Cassin

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Krasny, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting. Motion carried

II. Finance Reports: The finance reports were available; the current cash balance is approximately \$31,900.

III. Sheriff's report: The Sheriff's report was available, and Undersheriff Ewald was available to answer any questions.

IV. Prosecuting Attorney's report: The Prosecuting Attorney's report was available; Phebie Mier was available to answer any questions.

V. Public Defender's report: The Public Defender's report was available. Dawn Van Dusen reviewed three grant opportunities for re-entry programs; which are designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by reentry and recidivism reduction. Dawn explained that the request today is to authorize the Public Defender's Office to submit the applications and if they are awarded, the contracts will go to the full board for approval.

Adult Second Chance Re-entry Program (Education): These grant funds will be used for a proposed AJJC (Adult and Juvenile Justice Committee) program for Adults to develop the necessary skills through implementation of a comprehensive reentry plan that promotes a positive and successful transition of Adults as they return to the community following their release from the Lenawee County Jail. This is a \$900,000, over 3 years grant, with no matching fund requirement.

Adult Second Chance Re-entry Program (Workforce): The action request for this application was not included in the packet, but Dawn explained that it is for \$900,000, over 3 years, with no matching fund requirement designated for Workforce.

Juvenile Second Chance Re-entry Program: These grant funds will be used for a proposed AJJC (Adult and Juvenile Justice Committee) program for youth to develop the necessary skills through implementation of a comprehensive reentry plan that promotes a positive and successful transition of youth as they return to the community following their release from the Juvenile Detention Center (MSC). This is a \$750,000, over 3 years grant, with no matching fund requirement.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Krasny, to authorize the Public Defender's Office to apply for the three (3) Department of Justice Community Reentry Program Grants pertaining to Second Chance Re-Entry Program funding (0% match). Motion carried.

Dawn further shared concerns regarding how the Annex Building was to remain open while operating on the generator; the phone system and internet were not working; and then the generator quit.

- VI. Emergency Management report:** The Emergency Management report was available. Craig Tanis provided an update on the recent ice storm; as of this morning, power has been restored throughout the county.
- VII. Medical Examiner report:** The Medical Examiner's report was available. Dr. Cassin stated that January and February numbers were high, but there is typically there is a slight drop in activity during the spring.
- VIII. Courts:** Circuit Court Administrator, Ciara McGrane, noted that work is being done on the building fob system.
- IX. Updates & Other Business:** Dr. Cassin talked about how the numbers of homicides and suicides have increased since the onset of the pandemic, while the number of accidental deaths has decreased.
- X. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- XI. Adjournment**

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Krasny, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. Motion carried.