

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



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MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Karol "KZ" Bolton, Dustin Krasny

MEETING LOCATION

Chambers
301 N. Main Street
Adrian, MI 49221

Minutes: Thursday, May 5, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Collins, Bolton, Krasny, and Stimpson

Also Present: Sheriff Bevier, Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, Rebecca Borton, Ashley Hanson-Grimes, Heidi Cannon, Craig Tanis, John Glaser, Dr. Bader Cassin, and Burke Castleberry

I. Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Bolton, seconded by Krasny, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting.
Motion carried*

II. Finance Reports

Administrator Murphy reviewed the finance report. The current cash balance is approximately \$57,600.

III. Sheriff's report

Sheriff Bevier shared an update on personnel status.

The Sheriff's Office will be working with the American Legion of Hillsdale to help them with their First Responder Disaster Response Mobile Canteen Unit. The Unit responds and assists Public Safety by feeding the first responders and providing water. They are in desperate need for an SUV to pull their canteen trailer and the Sheriff's Office happens to have one that did not sell at the auction last Fall. The American Legion of Hillsdale recently assisted on a crash incident in western Lenawee County that turned into a prolonged event.

Sheriff Bevier also reported that May 1-7 was Correctional Officers Week and May 15-21 is Police Week; proclamations will be submitted for the Board of Commissioners consideration. A Police Memorial Ceremony will be held on May 16, at 11:00 in Oakwood Cemetery.

Comm. Collins announced that sometime in early June a section of highway will be dedicated to fallen officer, Bobby Williams. He is the last of the highway dedications for local officers.

Comm. Bolton reported that MSU has access to a large animal hauler for emergencies. Jail populations were available. There have been no early releases in 2022.

IV. Prosecuting Attorney's report

Prosecuting Attorney reports for March and April were submitted. Prosecutor Castleberry noted that March always seems to be the highest crime month of the year.

The April report reflects only a couple of weeks due to the OnBase warrant system being down for 3 weeks. He is looking into other systems for warrants.

Trials are being held in all five courts and are nearly booked up until the end of the year. The PA Office is handling approximately 2,700 cases; which is three times higher than the previous record high.

Prosecutor Castleberry went on to provide personnel highlights.

V. Public Defender's report

The Public Defender's report was available for review. PD Glaser reviewed personnel status and noted that trials are set out through November; he added that it may take a year to catch up in Circuit Court.

VI. Emergency Management report

The Emergency Management report was available. Craig Tanis reported that the recent table top exercise for MIS Faster Horses event went well, some new suggestions may be implemented.

The Emergency Debris Management Plan has been submitted and approved at the state level and MOAs are being initiated with local sites and businesses to set up a relationship prior to an emergency.

VII. Medical Examiner report

Dr. Cassin reviewed the Medical Examiner's Report and the record number of investigations performed in April.

He also submitted the Annual Report. In 2021, approximately 25% of all deaths were investigated by the ME Office. The number of investigations and autopsies fall within the national parameter for a county of this size and population.

VIII. Courts

Court Administrator, Heidi Cannon, submitted an update on District Court. The Governor appointed Todd Morgan as District Court Judge until the upcoming election.

A new Specialty Court (Sobriety/ET) Coordinator has been hired and a Sobriety Court Ceremony was recently held to celebrate the completion of 5 participants from the program.

Warrant sweeps were conducted to arrest individuals with outstanding warrants. This led to an increase in the apprehension and adjudication of many open cases; as well as, the collection of outstanding fines and costs being paid.

District Court has been setting jury trials (3-4 day) in a staggering manner; this way business continues and are

Ashley Hanes-Grimes, provided an update on Juvenile Court personnel issues and current activities.

Sheriff Bevier and Shannon Elliott both commented on the lack of juvenile detention space. It was noted that Maurice Spear Campus has been turning detainees away.

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

X. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Krasny, to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Motion carried.