

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



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## MEMBERS

Terry Collins, Dustin Krasny, Karol "KZ" Bolton

## MEETING LOCATION

301 N. Main Street - Adrian, MI

**Minutes:** Thursday, June 1, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Bolton

**Also Present:** Dr. Sonja Howell (Tranquil Parenting), Jackie Wyse, Craig Tanis, Sarah Palmani, Sheriff Bevier, Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliot, Francine Zysk, Capt. R. Casey, Heidi Cannon, Jennifer Ambrose, and Rebecca Borton

### I. Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Krasny, seconded by Van Doren, to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 meeting. Motion carried*

**II. Tranquil Parenting:** Dr. Sonja Howell, Executive Director of the Tranquil Parenting program, introduce the Transformative Mindset Instructional Design—an innovative parenting approach built on empirical evidence and feedback from local parents who completed the program.

The Transformative Mindset Instructional Design is a culmination of meticulous research, rigorous data analysis, and the invaluable perspectives shared by parents who actively engaged in the transformative Tranquil Parenting program. By incorporating empirical evidence and drawing on the lived experiences of these parents, we have developed an innovative and holistic approach to parenting instruction.

In sharing the findings from this localized study, the Tranquil Parenting program aims to foster a broader understanding to assist parents using an inclusive approach that all stakeholders have a voice in shaping an optimal plan that caters to the specific needs of the family. It is rooted in empirical evidence, tailored to the distinctive requirements of families facing high-conflict court cases, and promotes collaboration, trust, and empowerment as fundamental pillars of their endeavor.

She encouraged members to visit [tranquilparenting.com](http://tranquilparenting.com).

**III. Finance Reports:** The finance reports were available. The report now reflects year-to-date activities, and the current cash balance is approximately \$15,545.

*Motion by Van Doren, seconded by Krasny, to accept the finance report. Motion carried.*

- IV. Sheriff's report:** The Sheriff's report was available. Sheriff Bevier reviewed the status of personnel, training efforts, and a request to approve an RFP for inmate healthcare services.

*Motion by Krasny, seconded by Van Doren, to recommend authorizing the solicitation of RFPs for inmate healthcare services. Motion carried.*

- V. Prosecuting Attorney's report:** The Prosecuting Attorney's report was available and Jackie Wyse answered questions.

- VI. Public Defender's report:** The Public Defender's report was unavailable.

**Emergency Management report:** The Emergency Management report was available. A drone detection system has been set up at MIS. He went on to talk about the recent exercise and upcoming events.

Comm. Van Doren commented on how impressed he was with the exercise.

Craig Tanis reminded the Committee that the County Hazard Mitigation Plan was recommended to be approved at the June Board of Commissioners meeting.

- VII. Medical Examiner report:** The Medical Examiner's report was available, and Sarah Palmani reviewed the statistics.

- VIII. Courts:** District Court Administrator Heidi Cannon reported Set Aside legislation went into effect on April 11, 2023. She also invited the Committee to the upcoming Sobriety Court graduation.

Probate Court Administrator Dionne Bowens submitted an update. Administrator Murphy noted that there is information in the update regarding a program that will be presented to them in the near future.

- IX. Maurice Spear Campus:** There were no updates.

**Updates & Other Business:** Jennifer Ambrose reviewed a best practice report on Public Safety Workforce Recruitment Messaging.

- X. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

- XI. Adjournment**

*Motion by Krasny, seconded by Van Doren, to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Motion carried.*