

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



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## MEMBERS

Terry Collins, John Lapham, Karol "KZ" Bolton

## MEETING LOCATION

Via ZOOM

**Minutes:** Thursday, January 7, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

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**Present:** Commissioners Collins, Lapham, Bolton, and Stimpson

**Also Present:** Sheriff Bevier, Captain J. Pifer, Craig Tanis, Burke Castleberry, Martin Marshall, Rebecca Borton, Scott Holtz, Dr. Cassin, Shannon Elliott, Kim Murphy, Heidi Cannon, and Dmitriy Shapiro (The Daily Telegram)

### I. Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Lapham, seconded by Bolton, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.*

### II. Finance Reports

Administrator Marshall reviewed the finance report. The current cash balance is approximately \$84,400; the primary balance falls within the Cameras & Equipment project.

### III. Sheriff's report

Sheriff Bevier provided a report of activities from the Sheriff's Office.

The Road Patrol is now wearing the new black uniforms. New 9mm handguns have arrived and will be issued once the transition plan is completed.

The State of Michigan will no longer fund the SMART911 program. The \$8,000 to continue the program will be funded from the E911 budget.

There was over \$8,500 given back to the community through the 2020 Shop with a Cop program.

Jail populations were available. There were 3 early releases in December and a total of 4 in 2020.

### IV. Prosecuting Attorney's report

The Prosecuting Attorney's report was available; Prosecutor Castleberry reported that the percentage of victims signing up for services continues to grow.

### V. Public Defender's report

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

**VI. Emergency Management report**

Craig Tanis was available to answer questions regarding the Emergency Management report and he reported that they are working on tri-county mass fatality plan.

**VII. Medical Examiner report**

The Medical Examiner's report was available. Dr. Cassin reported that the ME Offices had a record high of 304 investigations in Lenawee County and 125 autopsies. These are un-natural deaths that require an investigation; mostly relating to suicide or drug-related deaths.

**VIII. Courts**

Heidi Cannon introduced herself as the new District Court Administrator.

There was discussion regarding the Michigan Supreme Court phases for returning to full operation and preparations by Lenawee County in preparation to opening the judicial building.

The Courts, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office are working together to prepare for the return of jury trials.

There was also discussion regarding the implementation of e-filing within the courts.

**IX. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**X. Adjournment**

*Motion by Lapham, seconded by Bolton, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m. Motion carried.*