

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



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MEMBERS

Terry Collins, John Lapham, Karol "KZ" Bolton

MEETING LOCATION

Via ZOOM

Minutes: Thursday, February 4, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Collins, Lapham, and Stimpson

Absent: Commissioner Bolton

Also Present: Sheriff Bevier, Captain J. Pifer, Burke Castleberry, Rebecca Borton, Scott Holtz, Dr. Cassin, Shannon Elliott, Kim Murphy, Dmitriy Shapiro (The Daily Telegram), and Sarah Palmani

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Lapham, seconded by Stimpson, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

II. Finance Reports

Deputy Administrator Murphy reviewed the finance report. The current cash balance is approximately \$85,500; the majority of the funds is within the Cameras & Equipment project.

III. Sheriff's report

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

Two Sergeants recently graduated from MSU School of Police Staff and Command.

The Sheriff's Office will be refocusing on accreditation, opens grant opportunities, and aligns agency policies and training to those policies.

There is a patrol rifle buy-back program that provides deputies the opportunity to own their work rifle; more information will be coming in the near future.

Jail populations were available. There were 0 early releases in January.

IV. Prosecuting Attorney's report

The Prosecuting Attorney's report was unavailable; Prosecutor Castleberry was available to answer any questions. There was discussion regarding circuit court processes and an upcoming bar association meeting.

V. Public Defender's report

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

VI. Emergency Management report

The Emergency Management report was available for review.

Deputy Administrator Murphy added that Craig continues to work on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan, he has been delivering PPEs to first responders, and taking a stronger role in Covid meetings and vaccination clinic implementation.

Comm. Stimpson added that Craig has been instrumental clinic operations and that Lenawee County is one of three areas that has a plan and is ready for large scale vaccinations. He also expressed gratitude to the Fair Board, Deputy Administrator Murphy, and Health Department for their efforts as well.

There is a clinic taking place today and a Townhall meeting tomorrow at noon.

VII. Medical Examiner report

The Medical Examiner's report was available. Dr. Cassin reported that there were 40 deaths in January and 15 autopsies; which is a 37.5% autopsy rate. He noted that there were 20 deaths in January of 2020.

Homicides and drug-related deaths continue to be on the rise.

Sarah Palmani continues to work on consolidating systems within the three counties (Lenawee, Hillsdale, and Jackson).

VIII. Courts

Shannon Elliot reported that the courts are close to moving into Phase II of the State Court Administrative Office requirements for returning to full capacity.

IX. Other Business

Medical Examiner Investigator: Sarah expressed concern regarding the Medical Examiner Investigator compensation and noted that the office has been having issues keeping qualified Investigators.

X. Adjournment

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