

**MINUTES**  
**COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Christopher Boyd - Chair, Sheldon Matthews – Vice-Chair, Mark Piotrowski, Rich Spitzer, Jack Tany

Others: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Rachel Horten, Jaime Ceja, Randy Pfau, Steven Fenner, Undersheriff Gomez, Ivie McCloud, Thomas Latty, Michael King, Andrew Klaczkiewicz, Renee Sharkey and Catherine Hicks

- I. Call to order --- **at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome/Roll-call
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (**December 3, 2024**)  
---**Moved by Matthews, seconded by Tany, to approve. Motion carried.**
- IV. Public comment (*Speakers limited to 3 minutes*)---**None**
- V. Agenda

1. **Mike Gomez, Undersheriff, Saginaw County Sheriff's Office**, re:

- Gave update on Sheriff's Office and introduction of most recent academy graduate Ivie McCloud.

***--Undersheriff Gomez announced that Ivie McCloud will be driving patrol after tomorrow and doing traffic stops. She has worked for the Sheriff's Office for 3 years and is the first to graduate from the Mott Community College Police Academy. He also introduced POAM 312 President Michael King, and Secretary Thomas Latty. Undersheriff Gomez reported 76 children were selected to Shop with a Cop in December. He thanked Meijer for having extra cashiers on staff that day. He announced that the cost of juvenile bed space has been raised from \$250 to \$300 with a new one-year contract. There are 6 lodged now and 3 are from outside Saginaw County. He notified the Board that he will be requesting a new Command Center as the present one is 25 years old and becoming too costly to repair. It is estimated that a new Command Center will cost \$1.33 million. All departments in Saginaw County use it. The Board asked when the marksmanship competition for county employees will take place; the earliest will be the last week of January.***

***---Informational - No Action***

2. **Randy Pfau, Office Manager/Operations, Medical Examiner's Office**, re:

- Provided statistical data, "A Year in Review"

***---Randy Pfau presented the 2024 End of Year Review to the Board. He explained that the Manner of Death is reported on the Death Certificate and all Death Certificates with a manner of death besides "natural" must be investigated by a Medical Examiner or Medical Examiner Investigator. Autopsy Criteria includes (1) Public Safety; looking for criminal activity, toxic exposures, bioterrorism, and circumstances involving drugs; (2) Public Health; to uncover novel infections, communicable disease, environmental exposures and mitigation failures; and Public Interest including newsworthy events, VIP/Celebrity/Public Official in a public venue and questionable/bizarre/novel occurrences. Mr. Pfau reported a 69% increase in the number of autopsies over the last 3 years.***

***Discussion was held about the number of child deaths in 2024. Randy Pfau advised they are improving internal efficiencies, and their goal is to relieve the deputy at the scene within 30-40 minutes and have the decedent to the funeral home within 24 hours. He ended by expressing appreciation to the Board for the vehicle they were allowed to purchase.***  
***---Moved by Matthews, seconded by Piotrowski, to receive and file. Motion carried. (Receive and File)***

**3. Rachel Horton, Director, SCACCRC, re:**

- Gave update on Animal Care & Control operations  
***---Director Horton spoke of the volunteers and various agencies they are partnering with as well as training opportunities they have. She told the Board how impressed she is with Dr. Mielke. She reported adoption rates are the lowest they have ever been, and they are working toward getting dogs adopted within 100 days or less and cats within 30 days to curb behavior issues that can result from long term sheltering. Discussion was held about the current software being used and future options. She gave updates on the surgical center and statistics regarding Live Intakes, Live Outcomes, and Other Outcomes.***  
***---Informational - No Action***

Any other matters to come before the committee ***---None***

VI. Miscellaneous ***---None***

VII. Adjournment ***--- Moved by Tany, seconded by Piotrowski, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:07 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christopher Boyd, Committee Chair  
Vanessa Guerra, Committee Clerk