

MINUTES
COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

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Present: Jack Tany - Chair, Sheldon Matthews – Vice-Chair, Rich Spitzer, Mark Piotrowski, Christopher Boyd
Others: Mary Catherine Hannah, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Jaime Ceja, Darcie Totten, Jennifer Broadfoot, Lisa Coney, Mary Mclaughlin, Christopher Manriquez, Lieutenant Kerns, Todd Borders, Judge McGraw, Eric Snidersich, Michael Yelsik, Judi Lincoln, Suzy Koepplinger, Renee Sharkey and Catherine Hicks

- I. Call to order
- II. Welcome/Roll-call ---**Tany @ 4:00 p.m.**
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (**September 3, 2024**)
---**Moved by Boyd, seconded by Piotrowski, to approve. Motion carried.**
- IV. Public comment ---**Boyd announced that today is the birthday of the oldest living president of the United States - Jimmy Carter is 100 years old!**
- V. Agenda
 1. **Eric Snidersich, Vice President of Operations, and Christopher Manriquez, Operations Manager, Mobile Medical Response, re:**
 - **10-15-1** Submitted MMR’s Tri-Annual Report on response times and other related information pursuant to the Ambulance Service Agreement. They discussed the success of ongoing training, preparing additional paramedics for service, response times, and starting a community paramedic group the beginning of next year in hopes of reducing the number of emergency calls. Commissioner Tany extended an invitation to use the County Newsletter to report MMR news. (*Receive & File*)
 2. **Todd Borders, Family Court Administrator, re:**
 - **10-15-2** Spoke to the committee about Juvenile Justice Reform and the financial implications of FY 2025 mandates for the court. He expressed the frustration resulting from poor communication from the state and the financial burden this new legislation puts on Juvenile Courts and the County. Violent crime has increased, and he expects the State’s objective to reduce the incarceration rate will make it harder to keep dangerous offenders off the streets. Commissioner Spitzer stated he will get on the MAC Judicial and Public Safety Committee’s agenda to speak with them about these concerns.
---**Informational, no action**
 3. **Lieutenant Kerns, Saginaw County Sheriff’s Office, re:**
 - **10-15-3** (1) Requested to speak with the committee to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise to update tasers. \$33,795 will be paid each year for 5 years Beginning this fiscal year with the total cost being \$164,115
(2) Discussion about purchasing body worn cameras for deputies in security positions at a cost of \$33,959.25 using funds (\$60,000.00) set aside to pay for the Zencity survey and the remaining to be moved to the promotional items account
---**Informational, no action**

4. **INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION (Received & Filed in Committee)**

- **10-15-4** Holly L. Force, Division Director, Juvenile Justice Children's Services Administration provided the State Ward Chargeback Rate for calendar year 2025, effective January 1st

5. **Mary Catherine Hannah, County Administrator, re:**

- Discussion was held about Animal Care & Control concerns that were mentioned at the September 17, 2024 Board Session. The County Administrator confirmed that all laws and regulations are being followed. Allegations of wrongdoing are not substantiated. In Saginaw County, animals are not euthanized to free up space, this procedure is only done for the reasons of behavior or health issues. The Animal Care and Control director is looking into training a volunteer Coordinator to help process adoptions and possibly extend hours one day a week to make the center more accessible. Due to problems with communication at the facility, it was discussed that purchasing radios might be necessary.

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

VI. Miscellaneous ---**None**

VII. Adjournment ---**Moved by Spitzer, seconded by Boyd, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:17 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Tany, Committee Chair

Suzy Koeplinger, Committee Clerk