

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, October 19, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.  
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

Commissioners Present: Lucille Bray, Chair  
Bill LaHaie  
Dan Ludlow  
John Kozlowski

Others Present: Jesse Osmer, County Administrator  
Kim Elkie, Central Dispatch Director  
Sgt. J.P. Ritter, Emergency Manager  
Andy Marceau, Fire Chief  
Tyler Suszek, Deputy Fire Chief  
Bill Pfeifer, MAC Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Lucille Bray called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to adopt the agenda with removal of the Air Med Care Network presentation. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EMT TUITION REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Fire Chief Andy Marceau presented reimbursement requests for Sanborn Township, Alpena Township, and Green Township totaling \$4,000 for four individuals who successfully completed the EMT course and obtained EMT licensure with the State of Michigan. The \$1,000 was approved by the board back in August 2025. There is one more person from Alpena Township and once they obtain licensure Chief Marceau will submit for reimbursement.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to recommend approval of the EMT reimbursement requests as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Kozlowski, and Bray. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of the EMT reimbursement requests of \$1,000 to Sanborn Township, \$1,000 to Alpena Township, and \$2,000 to Green Township totaling \$4,000, for four members who successfully completed the EMT course and obtained EMT licensure with the State of Michigan, consistent with the agreement reached at the August 18, 2025, Courts and Public Safety Committee meeting, as presented. Each amount is to be paid directly to the corresponding township.**

AMBULANCE PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Chief Marceau presented an ambulance purchase authorization request for a new 2027 Ford E450 Road Rescue Ultra Medic Type III ambulance from Emergency Vehicles Plus at a total cost not to exceed

\$405,467.10. This request is made in connection with provisions of the Ambulance Service Agreement with anticipated delivery in June of 2027. The vendor is requesting 10% which will be paid by the City of Alpena and brought back to this committee for reimbursement. Chief Marceau clarified that in the second paragraph of the Emergency Vehicle Plus quote it states, "Among the items to not," and should read "Among the items to note,". He will make sure Emergency Vehicles Plus is aware and correct this for any future presentations.

Discussion was made on the power cots. Chief Marceau reported once the old ambulance is returned to the County, the cots can be removed and sold to another company. They are well maintained but are over 12 years old.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to recommend approval of the ambulance purchase as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Kozlowski, and Bray. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #2: The Committee recommends approval for the Alpena City Fire Chief to purchase a 2027 Ford E450 Road Rescue Ultra Medic Type III ambulance from Emergency Vehicles Plus, including the Stryker Power Load system, Power-Pro II cot, and radio installation, at a total cost not to exceed \$405,467.10, and to authorize the 10% deposit of \$40,546.71 with the order, with the remaining balance payable upon acceptance at delivery, and to proceed with the final work order and drawing review for anticipated delivery in June 2027, as presented.**

#### CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Kim Elkie presented the monthly Central Dispatch update:

- Earlier this year, from the flooding emergency there were 78 registrations from individuals in Alpena County seeking assistance from FMEA to help them repair damages to their homes totaling \$264,913. There were a couple of municipalities that applied for the ice storm, but she has not seen any updates.
- Central Dispatch remains fully staffed.
- Director Elkie and Lead Dispatcher Rory Sherwood were invited to the Chamber of Commerce's Good Mid-Day Alpena for a presentation on 911. They were able to speak to businesses about the importance of contact information. There is a form on the website that local businesses can fill out to notify 911 directly where the key holders are kept and contact information.
- The call volume was down in September, but they are still steady and busy.
- Director Elkie discussed the process for 911 texting. If someone sends a text message to 911, they can send a link back through text and once the link is clicked they are able to come within 10 feet of your location. Chief Marceau reported texting 911 can be helpful in the event of a stroke and not being able to speak, choking, or in a dangerous situation getting held against your will.
- Alpena County is involved in a statewide project for Michigan and has accomplished everything for our agency that they need to work on Alpena County's part of the project.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the Central Dispatch update as presented. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC DEFENDER & MAC AGREEMENTS

On behalf of MIDC, Attorney Bill Pfeifer is asking for the committee's consideration of two contracts. This year the public defender contract is about \$67,000 less than last year. Alpena County's caseloads are down from last year resulting in an adjustment to Alpena County's share. This is the same contract that has been approved in the past.

The MAC Administrator contract increased \$780 over last year due to a statewide MIDC increase in fees for services. This also is the same contract that has been approved in the past and nothing has changed from the duties being performed.

Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to recommend approval of the MIDC Public Defender Agreement as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Kozlowski, and Bray. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #3: The Committee recommends approval of the Public Defender's Agreement with the Northeast Michigan Regional Public Defender's Office in the amount of \$801,712.61 with monthly installments of \$66,809.38 per month beginning October 1, 2026, and continuing through September 30, 2027, as presented.**

Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to recommend approval of the MAC Administrator Agreement as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Kozlowski, and Bray. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #4: The Committee recommends approval of the MAC Administrator's Agreement with Bill Pfeifer in the amount of \$21,060 with monthly installments of \$1,755 per month beginning October 1, 2026, and continuing through September 30, 2027, as presented.**

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

- Emergency Manager Sgt. J.P. Ritter reported he is currently working to get emergency shelters established and getting the generators out. The E-Free Church and the APlex are potential emergency shelter within the city.
- Sgt. Ritter is working to update the Alpena County Emergency Plan as well as the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He has been in contact with NEMCOG on pricing to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan and received a proposal of \$28,000 to complete the plan paid quarterly. NEMCOG would begin in November, and the plan would be completed by February of 2028.
- Sgt. Ritter has been attending many township meetings to help with planning and see what their expectations are from himself and the county.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the Emergency Manager update as presented. Motion carried.

#### ELECTION DAY OPERATIONS AND EOC

Sgt. Ritter reported that a lot of counties are opening up their EOCs to the public during election day for monitoring and Alpena County's EOC will also be partially opened for monitoring.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file. Motion carried.

#### AMBULANCE FUND MONTHLY REPORTS

Chair Bray presented the Ambulance Fund monthly reports to receive and file. Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the monthly Ambulance Fund reports as presented. Motion carried.

#### MEDICAL EXAMINERS MONTHLY REPORTS

Chair Bray presented the Medical Examiner monthly report to receive and file. Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to receive and file the monthly Medical Examiner reports as presented. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

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Lucille Bray, Chair  
Courts & Public Safety Committee

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