

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 18, 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
Rory Sherwood, Lead 911 Dispatcher
Nic Modrzynski, Emergency Management Director
Sheriff Erik Smith

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

ROLL CALL

All members present.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CHILD CARE FUND MONTHLY REPORT

Juvenile Officer Janelle Mott was unavailable to present the Child Care Fund report for the months of March and April 2026.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

On behalf of Central Dispatch Director Kim Elkie, Lead 911 Dispatcher Rory Sherwood presented the monthly Central Dispatch update:

- Call volume and statistics report were presented. Discussion on what other valuable information could be gathered for the board.
- Central Dispatch has hired a new employee that will be starting at the end of the month.

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

REQUEST TO OFFER RETIRE EQUIPMENT TO ROAD COMMISSION

Lead Dispatcher Sherwood presented a request to offer the Alpena County Road Commission, at no cost, radio equipment that is no longer used by Central Dispatch. County Administrator Jesse Osmer will check with the auditors if there is any paperwork that needs to be completed for the transferring of assets.

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to recommend approval to transfer ownership of the unused Central Dispatch radio equipment to the Road Commission at no charge as presented. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval to transfer ownership of radio equipment no longer in use by Central Dispatch to the Alpena County Road Commission at no charge as presented.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Emergency Management Director Nic Modrzynski presented the monthly Emergency Management update:

- The flood recovery work is continuing. FEMA and the State were here on Friday and Saturday and visited the main areas that were flooded going door to door. They will take the information collected to the governor who will possibly submit to the president for federal money.
- The City of Alpena has borrowed orange barricades for Flower Fest.
- The debris site out at the airport looks clean and now has signage.
- The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Local Planning Team (LPT) meetings will be rescheduled for June due to the flooding.
- On June 9th the Salvation Army, Health Department and Red Cross will be having volunteer training at ACC.

Administrator Osmer requested a photo of the brush debris site sign for our records and asked Director Modrzynski to check with IT Director Logan Kemp about adjusting the debris site camera to catch the license plates of vehicles rather than the front of the vehicle coming through.

Discussion was made on accomplishments as far as policies and procedures in the past six months that EM Director Modrzynski has made.

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

VEHICLE DISCUSSION

EM Director Modrzynski reported there are multiple issues with the EM vehicle and discussed getting a replacement. Lead Dispatcher Sherwood reported that vehicle is half 911s and there will need to be discussion with Director Elkie as well. More information will be brought to a future meeting.

CORRECTION: FY2027-2028 CONTRACTED ATTORNEY SALARY RECOMMENDATION

During the Grants and Contracts Committee meeting on May 14th, a memo was presented with recommendation for the FY27-28 salaries for the contracted attorneys. Attorney Emilee Manning's rates on that memo were incorrect. Emilee's current rate should read \$1,700.00 and the recommended salary should read \$2,100.00.

Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to recommend approval of the corrected memo stating the recommendations for the FY2027-2028 contracted attorney salaries as presented.

Commissioner Kozlowski inquired about the attorneys tracking their hours. Administrator Osmer will look into this and report back.

Discussion was made on how the salary amount differences were calculated. Administrator Osmer reported that it is easier for attorneys to work with adults that can come to their offices for meetings, but for the elderly and children it is not as easy as the attorney will need to travel to them and in some cases build trust and rapport with the individual(s). The county does not reimburse mileage. Commissioner Kozlowski requested the tracking information on mileage as well as hours worked on these cases.

Commissioner Ludlow retracted his previous motion to approve the corrected salary recommendations with support from Commissioner LaHaie and made a new motion to table any action with support from Commissioner LaHaie. Motion carried.

Administrator Osmer stated the consent calendar for Tuesday's Full Board meeting should be noted to pull this previously approved item from the Grants and Contracts Committee and reassign to the Courts & Public Safety Committee.

BUILDING EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Commissioner Kozlowski reported a couple of weeks ago there were some server batteries that overheated and when employees entered the courthouse there was a very strong smell. Discussion was made on the need for a procedure for employees to follow for future emergency evacuations.

Administrator Osmer recommended creating an ad hoc committee consisting of the Emergency Manager, Deputy Mike Lash, a representative from 911, a representative from this committee, HR, and one representative each from the upper and lower Annex building, courthouse, fairgrounds, and Sheriff's Office. EM Director Modrzyński will be assigned to coordinate these meetings.

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.

VETERANS AFFAIRS REPORT

Chair Bray presented the Veterans' Affairs monthly report to receive and file. Moved by Commissioner Ludlow and supported by Commissioner LaHaie to receive and file the Veterans' Affairs monthly report as presented. Motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSION

The June meeting will be moved from Monday, June 15th to Tuesday, June 16th at 4:00 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Lucille Bray, Chair
Courts & Public Safety Committee