



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Public Safety/Judicial Committee

MINUTES

December 8, 2021

10:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order by Commissioner Burt Cooper, Chair, at 10:40 a.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Burt Cooper
AGENDA - MOTION NO.	21-467
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the Agenda of December 8, 2021. Ayes – Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Burt Cooper. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MINUTES – MOTION NO.	21-468
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the Public Safety/Judicial Committee Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2021. Ayes – Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Burt Cooper. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
LIFE EMS AMBULANCE REPORT	Jeff Stockhill, Life EMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the 3rd quarter Life EMS completed 1,374 ambulance transports in Newaygo County. • Staffing in Newaygo County has been challenging. There are several openings for EMT's and Paramedics. • No longer using 24 hour crews for non-emergent transfers between the hours of 11 P.M. and 7 A.M. 	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Worth Stay, Prosecuting Attorney
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in Attendance. 	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Robert Mendham, Sheriff
<p>The following updates were reported by Robert Mendham, Sheriff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life EMS Ambulance services is a difficult job and appreciates them. • Two new employees have started in the Sheriff's Office and they are doing well. • There are currently 161 local and 157 federal inmates in the jail. • There have been many threats on schools following the Oxford School shooting. 	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Phil Smalligan, Central Dispatch
<p>The following updates were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing – Recently have hired 3 new dispatchers and also offered a 4th position that is awaiting a background check and drug testing. • State Audit – The State 9-1-1 office conducted its report on the discrepancy of wages reported for training over the past five years. The final that was over reported was \$1,090.97. • 9-1-1 Funding – House Bill 5026 passed in the Senate on November 30, 2021 by a vote of 36-0. The bill now awaits signature from the Governor. 	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Abby Watkins, Emergency Services Director

The following updates were reported:

- **COVID 19 Update** – According to the Regional Healthcare Coalition, with COVID-19 numbers on the rise in our area, staffing challenges, and more patients with other serious health issues cannot be further delayed, the individual and collective healthcare resources are being overwhelmed.
- **Tactical Emergency Casualty Care** – The Newaygo County Public Safety Team has identified that they want to bring in a Tactical Emergency Casualty Care training into Newaygo County for Law, Fire, and EMS personnel to attend.

MOTION NUMBER 21-469

Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Charles Trapp, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the 2022 County Guardian Contract between Newaygo County Probate Court and Dianne Longoria, Attorney at Law PLC, effective January 1, 2022, and authorize Chief Judge Robert D. Springstead and Judge Melissa K. Dykman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Burt Cooper. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER 21-470

Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Charles Trapp, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the 2022 Public Defender Agreements for the 27th Judicial Circuit Court, Family/Juvenile Division with Attorney's Lindsey Barkow, Ryan Good, David Jaunese, Mark Schropp, Valerie Smulders, and authorize Chief Judge Robert D. Springstead and Judge Melissa K. Dykman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Burt Cooper. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER 21-471

Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Bryan Kolk, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the 2022 Circuit Court Reporter Independent Contractor Agreement between the Newaygo County Circuit Court and Barbara Lynn Wiles, and authorize Chief Judge Robert D. Springstead to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Burt Cooper. Nays – none. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE Wendy Jarvis, Trial Courts Administrator

- Last week the Newaygo Circuit Court changed from CCS to Web TCS.
- Awaiting more information in regards to realignment.
- Would like to thank the Sheriff's Department for assistance with a COVID test that needed administered.

MOTION NUMBER 21-472

Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Charles Trapp, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the 2022 Public Defender Agreements for the 78th District Court with Smulders Law Office, John Greer, Rick Prysock and David Jaunese, Barkow & Barkow effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Burt Cooper. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER 21-473

Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Bryan Kolk, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the 2022 Public Defender Agreement for the 27th Circuit Court – Criminal Division with John Greer, Rick Prysock and Christine Frisbie from January 1, 2022 through December 21, 2022, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Burt Cooper. Nays – none. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Administrator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIDC is going well. State discussing moving forward with standards 6 and 7 which will change the amount of work attorneys can do as well as additional qualifications for attorneys.
ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Christopher Wren, Newaygo County Administrator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report.
MISCELLANEOUS	Charles Trapp, Commissioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questioned ability to approve Public Defender contracts for more than one year.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
ADJOURNMENT	21-474
	Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Charles Trapp, to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Ayes – Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Burt Cooper. Nays – none. Motion carried.
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
DATE	January 12, 2022