



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Public Safety/Judicial Committee

MINUTES

March 11, 2026

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order by Commissioner Paul Mellema, Chair, at 10:36 a.m.
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MEMBERS PRESENT	Bryan Kolk, Mike Kruithoff, Paul Mellema
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AGENDA - MOTION NO.	26-095
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the agenda of March 11, 2026. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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MINUTES – MOTION NO.	26-096
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Public Safety/Judicial Committee meeting minutes of February 11, 2026. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Hannah Sabo, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not in attendance. 	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Robert Mendham, Sheriff
The following updates were reported by Lieutenant Tim Bailey:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be more Officers on the road with the improving weather. The Sheriff’s app has been approved and are currently working on implementation. 	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Assigned Counsel Administrator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not in attendance. 	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Wendy Jarvis, Trial Courts Administrator, FOC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performed interviews for the Court Renovations project. District Court will be moving to WEB/TCS soon and the conversion process will be lengthy. Public satisfaction survey of the Courts is available in the next few weeks. 	

MOTION NUMBER	26-097
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Mike Kruithoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the quote from Chrouch Communications to replace VHF radio system infrastructure in the amount of \$59,527.00 and authorize the Dispatch Director to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Adam Chiles, Central Dispatch
The following updates were reported:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing Updates – Sydney is currently progressing through Phase I of her training and continues to perform very well. 	

- **Training Initiatives** – Jake and Joel attended the DeWolf Communications Training Officer Program last month in Kalamazoo and have successfully completed the course.
- **Statistics** – In February, dispatchers handled 3,379 Calls for Service. The center processed 4,751 total phone interactions, including 1,153 incoming 911 calls.

MOTION NUMBER	26-098
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Mike Kruihoff, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the quote from Huron Manufacturing in the amount not to exceed \$47,874.25 and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documentation. Ayes – Mike Kruihoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Abby Watkins, Emergency Services Director
The following updates were reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week – As a part of Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week, Newaygo County Emergency Services will be conducting a Nixle and IPAWS WEA Live Test. • ICS 300 and 400 training– On February 28-March 1, 2026, and March 2-3, 2026, two ICS 400 courses were held. These courses were full to capacity, and 46 students completed the ICS 300 and 400 curriculums. 	

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Administrator Christopher Wren
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the Departments with motions for being in attendance and prepared to answer questions. 	

ADJOURNMENT	26-099
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Mike Kruihoff, to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Ayes – Mike Kruihoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason VanderStelt, County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	Paul Mellema, Committee Chair
DATE	April 8, 2026