



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Public Safety/Judicial Committee

MINUTES

May 13, 2026

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order by Commissioner Paul Mellema, Chair, at 10:17 a.m.
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MEMBERS PRESENT	Bryan Kolk, Mike Kruithoff, Paul Mellema
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AGENDA - MOTION NO.	26-180
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Bryan Kolk, to approve the agenda of May 13, 2026. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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MINUTES – MOTION NO.	26-181
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Public Safety/Judicial Committee meeting minutes of April 8, 2026. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

LIFE EMS	Jeff Stockhill, Life EMS Ambulance Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplied the Board with the Life EMS of Newaygo County Ambulance Response Summary from January 1 through March 31, 2026. The Newaygo County operation has one full-time opening for a paramedic. Currently have 3 EMTs completing the paramedic course held at the Life EMS Education Centre. 	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Wendy Jarvis, Trial Courts Administrator, FOC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking forward to the start of the Courthouse renovation project. District Court is currently working on the transition to WEB DCS. The supervised parenting program through FOC has started and still awaiting the appropriate participant for Drug Court. 	

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

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Adam Chiles, Central Dispatch
The following updates were reported:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing Updates – Sydney began Phase III of her training with Alyssa last week and continues to make strong progress. Training Initiatives – Amanda is scheduled to attend Advanced 40-hour training course virtually in June. Statistics – In April, dispatchers handled 4,054 Calls for Service. The center processed 5,633 total phone interactions, including 1,419 incoming 911 calls. 	

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Robert Mendham, Sheriff
The following updates were reported by Undersheriff Palmiter:	

- During the second quarter, Secondary Road Patrol deputies traveled a total of 11,947 miles while conducting patrol operations on secondary roads throughout the county. Overall, Road Patrol units traveled 308,964 miles during the same reporting period.
- For the month of April, the Road Patrol handled 1,299 CAD calls and Corrections lodged 207 individuals into the facility.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Abby Watkins, Emergency Services Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in attendance
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Assigned Counsel Administrator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in attendance
ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Administrator Christopher Wren
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MISCELLANEOUS	None
ADJOURNMENT	26-182
	Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Bryan Kolk, to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason VanderStelt, County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	Paul Mellema, Committee Chair
DATE	June 10, 2026