



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Public Safety/Judicial Committee

MINUTES

June 10, 2026

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order by Commissioner Paul Mellema, Chair, at 10:43 a.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Bryan Kolk, Mike Kruithoff, Paul Mellema
AGENDA - MOTION NO.	26-219
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Bryan Kolk, to approve the agenda of June 10, 2026. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MINUTES – MOTION NO.	26-220
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Public Safety/Judicial Committee meeting minutes of May 13, 2026. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Adam Chiles, Central Dispatch
The following updates were reported:	
• Staffing Updates – Sydney successfully completed her shadow phase last week and has transitioned to the regular shift rotation. • Training Initiatives – Ashley and Adam attended the 2026 National Active Assailant Conference last week. • Statistics – In May, dispatchers handled 4,541 Calls for Service and processed 5,759 total phone interactions, including 1,585 incoming 911 calls.	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Prosecuting Attorney's Office
• Not in attendance	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Assigned Counsel Administrator
• Not in attendance	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Abby Watkins, Emergency Services Director
• Nora Deater has been offered the Emergency Services intern position. Nora is a Junior at Lake Superior State University studying Emergency Management. • The largest outstanding issue from the Flood Response and Recovery is the high bank collapse taking place on Croton Drive.	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Robert Mendham, Sheriff
The following updates were reported by Undersheriff Palmiter:	
• During the month of May the Road Patrol handled 1,512 calls for service. There were 188 lodged in the jail and 305 traffic stops. • Attended the American Jail Association Conference that went well.	

MOTION NUMBER	26-221
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Bryan Kolk, to recommend to the Finance Committee to approve the FY 2027 Newaygo County Drug Court (NCDCP) Application and authorize the Trial Court Director/FOC to electronically submit the application by July 3, 2026. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk, Paul Mellema. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Wendy Jarvis, Trial Courts Administrator, FOC
- Looking forward to the start of the Courthouse renovation project. Currently working on the technology that will be needed in the Courtroom - District Court is in the process of converting to the WebDCS program.	
ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Deputy Administrator Sandi Christoffersen
Nothing to report	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MISCELLANEOUS	None
ADJOURNMENT	26-222
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Mike Kruithoff, to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 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	July 8, 2026