Members Present: Celentino, Crenshaw, Polsdofer, Sebolt, Schafer, Slaughter, Trubac.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Terri Thornberry, Bruce Gaukel, Teri Morton, Elizabeth Noel, Michael Tanis, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Slaughter at 6:00 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room D & E of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the December 5, 2019 Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHAFER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2019 LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. **Sheriff’s Office**
   a. Resolution to Accept the SF Mobile Vision Quote to Purchase 28 Digital In-Car Camera Systems for Updating the Sheriff’s Office In-Car Cameras in all Patrol Vehicles
   b. Resolution to Honor Lieutenant Dennis Hull of the Ingham County Sheriff’s Office
   c. Resolution to Honor Lieutenant Danielle Patrick of the Ingham County Sheriff’s Office

2. **Prosecuting Attorney’s Office** – Resolution to Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding between The Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad and the Ingham County Prosecutor’s Office under the 2020 Byrne JAG Grant

3. **Circuit Court** – Resolution Honoring Judge Laura Baird
4. **Circuit Court/Juvenile Division**
   a. Resolution Authorize a Contract for Delinquency Attorney Services
   b. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with House Arrest Services Inc. for Electronic Monitoring
   c. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Ingham Intermediate School District for Educational Instruction at the Ingham Academy
   d. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Attorney Kaitlin Fish for Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem and Truancy Court Legal Representation
   e. Resolution to Authorize a Contract for Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem Representation
   f. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Peckham Inc. for the Peckham Footprints Group Home

5. **Animal Control – Resolution Honoring Jodi Lebombard**

6. **9-1-1 Dispatch Center**
   a. Resolution to Authorize Acceptance of a Federal Grant (via the State of Michigan) to Provide Funding to Purchase a Nextgen 9-1-1 Phone System
   b. Resolution for the Renewal of the 9-1-1 Telephone Support Agreement with Carousel Industries Inc.
   c. Resolution to Amend Resolution #19-563 to Adjust Cost for Leslie Tower Modification
   d. Resolution to Authorize the Ingham County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Center to Purchase the Tightrope Media Systems Carousel 7 Digital Signage System

7. **Public Defenders Office – Resolution to Authorize a Grant between the State of Michigan, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC), Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and Ingham County to Provide Funding to Assist the County in Complying with the Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis Approved by MIDC and Resolution #17-445**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **9-1-1 Dispatch Center**
   e. Quarterly Update (Informational Item)

Terri Thornberry, 9-1-1 Center Director, stated that she was before the Committee to present the quarterly update from Ingham County 9-1-1. She further stated that Ingham County 9-1-1 had facilitated twenty-six Memorandums of Understanding user agreements related to the Countywide Radio Project, and all of the tower leases had been signed by the owners.
Ms. Thornberry stated that Ingham County 9-1-1 had completed security and developed processes for monitoring the facility with alarms, cameras, and internet. She further stated that the storage facility was filled with their entire radio infrastructure, and it worked out perfectly for their needs.

Ms. Thornberry stated that the Backup 9-1-1 Center project continued to make progress, and that she and her staff had been meeting with the Innovation and Technology Department (IT), Ingham County Facilities Department, and Ingham County Road Department (ICRD) every other week. She further stated that while she was waiting to receive quotes for Fire Suppression for IT and the 9-1-1 Dispatch Council, she estimated that it would cost $125,000 to complete the Backup 9-1-1 Center.

Ms. Thornberry stated that the Federal Grant offered via the State 9-1-1 Office, and was approved by the Law & Courts Committee, was an enormous accomplishment that had helped to replace the outdated 9-1-1 phone system. She further stated the total cost of the 9-1-1 phone replacement was $773,117.63, leaving a balance of $271,392.38 to purchase additional equipment.

Ms. Thornberry stated that her department had four open dispatch positions, the lowest number since the consolidation of the 9-1-1 Center. She further stated that her department continued to encourage specialized trainings for dispatchers and supervisors.

Ms. Thornberry stated that the 2020 Department Goals for Ingham County 9-1-1 was to implement the new countywide radio system, to implement the new 9-1-1 phone system, to implement an upgraded recording system at both the current 9-1-1 Center and the Backup Center, to write an RFP in order to hire a 9-1-1 training consultant, to setup “active shooter” exercises, to maintain existing certifications, and to implement the new 9-1-1 Backup Center.

Commissioner Crenshaw stated that he was pleased to hear that the 9-1-1 Center had four open dispatch positions as the staff had previously experienced morale problems. He further stated that he wondered how the staff morale was as a result of the low number of vacancies.

Ms. Thornberry stated that her department had experienced some issues related to dispatchers due to their long shifts, and their differed experiences between the morning and night shift. She further stated that Teri Morton, Deputy Controller, had spent time in the 9-1-1 Center at both shifts, which her staff appreciated to see her support.

Ms. Thornberry stated that the Cardinal Group had completed an assessment of the department prior to her employment. She further stated that the Cardinal Group would be returning to conduct focus groups at the end of the month.

Ms. Morton stated that the Cardinal Group had previously provided the 9-1-1 Center with an acceptable plan. She further stated that she would ask the Cardinal Group to conduct a follow-up assessment.
Commissioner Crenshaw stated that while he was surprised when Barb Davidson, former 9-1-1 Center Staff Services Manager, had resigned, he had also noticed positive changes at the 9-1-1 Center since her departure. He further stated that he wondered how the staff was responding to those changes.

Ms. Thornberry stated that she was shocked to hear of her departure, and that her responsibilities were separated and assigned to multiple supervisors to positive results. She further stated that she was conducting a full assessment center to fill her position on January 30, 2020.

Discussion.

Commissioner Schafer stated that he wondered if there was a training program for dispatchers.

Ms. Morton stated that the current training program had been in place for a while.

Discussion.

Ms. Morton stated that it was critically important for the 9-1-1 Backup Center to be completed and operational as a backup, in case a problem arose with the implementation of the new 9-1-1 system.

Discussion.

Chairperson Slaughter stated that he had enjoyed the time he spent at the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center on New Years Eve. He further stated that Ingham County was fortunate to have such great dispatchers.

Discussion.

8. Law & Courts Committee – Timing of Special Millage for Continuing Comprehensive Emergency Telephone Services (Discussion)

Chairperson Slaughter stated that he wondered when the Law & Courts Committee wanted to put the Special Millage for Continuing Comprehensive Emergency Telephone Services on the ballot.

Commissioner Schafer stated that he would like to have a Resolution for the next Committee meeting to specify putting the special millage on the August 2020 ballot.

Commissioner Trubac stated that he was in agreement with putting the special millage on the August ballot. He further stated that he thought it would be appropriate to change the language of the special millage to be renewed every ten years, instead of every four years.

Commissioner Schafer stated that he was in agreement with Commissioner Trubac.

Chairperson Slaughter stated he would like Ms. Morton to draft a Resolution with the August 2020 election date.
Teri Morton stated that she would run the draft Resolution by legal counsel.

Discussion.

9. **Board Referral** – Letter from the Lansing City Council Committee on Public Safety Regarding the Appointment of a Media Representative to the Ingham County/City of Lansing Community Corrections Advisory Board

Commissioner Crenshaw stated that he had talked to Director Bennett about this letter, and that she would put a notice on the Board of Commissioners’ website in regards to the appointment of a media representative. He further stated that if any of the Commissioners knew of someone from the media who was interested, to encourage them to fill out the application.

Announcements

Commissioner Schafer stated that the Emergency Operation Facility was having an Activation Drill with their partners at 1:00 p.m. on January 28, 2020.

Chairperson Slaughter stated that he had recommended that the Commissioners read the Michigan Joint Task Force report on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration as some of the recommendations could be implemented to lower the Jail population in Ingham County.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD