



## **MINUTES**

### **St. Clair County Board of Commissioners Judiciary/Public Safety Committee**

**Board of Commissioners' Room  
County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor  
200 Grand River Avenue  
Port Huron, MI 48060**

**March 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

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#### **1. Roll Call/Opening**

Commissioner Vandebossche called the meeting to order at 06:32 PM.

Present: Kerry Ange, Lisa Beedon, Joi Torello, Robert Fielitz, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandebossche and Steve Simasko

Absent: None

#### **2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda**

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

#### **3. Citizens to be Heard**

None

#### **4. Updates**

None

#### **5. Conceptual Initiatives**

None

#### **6. Old Business**

None

## **7. New Business**

### **A. Professional Liability Insurance for Public Defender's Office - FINAL ACTION**

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Fielitz, to move as a Committee of the Whole (for final action) to approve the insurance renewal with Core Pointe Insurance for \$32,548 for the period 3/1/25-2/28/26 for the Public Defender's office attorneys. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

### **B. Resolution 25-05 Revising Indigent Defense Counsel Rate of Pay - Public Defender**

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve resolution 25-05 setting the FY26 MIDC attorney rates. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

### **C. FY 2026 Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel (MIDC) Grant Application Approval**

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the FY26 Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel grant application in the amount of \$4,278,485 for the Public Defender's Office. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

### **D. Michigan Learning Collaborative to Support Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in County Jails - Grant Application**

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Ange, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the grant application for Medications for Opioid Use Disorder within the County Jail in the amount of \$25,000. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Vandenbossche, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

## **8. Other Judiciary/Public Safety Matters**

None

## **9. Information Only**

None

## **10. Receive and File Packets**

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to receive

and file packets and all information received. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None

## **11. Adjournment**

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Torello, to adjourn at 06:35 PM. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Aye: Commissioner Vandebossche, Commissioner Simasko, Commissioner Beedon, Commissioner Torello, Commissioner Rushing, Commissioner Fielitz, Commissioner Ange Nay: None