

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, JUDICIARY AND HOMELAND
SECURITY**

April 22, 2026

C – Minutes from the April 8, 2026 meeting

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, JUDICIARY AND HOMELAND
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Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – 11:00 a.m.
Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226 and on
Zoom.us

A. Roll Call 11:04 a.m.

Alex Garza (Chair)	- Present
Melissa Daub (VC)	- Present
Cara A. Clemente	- Present
Angelique Peterson-Mayberry	- Present
Allen R. Wilson	- Present

B. Chair's remarks

Committee Chair Garza said that because of technical difficulties, the microphones cannot be heard in the room, but can be heard on Zoom. He also welcomed Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

C. Peterson-Mayberry/Clemente **Approved.** March 25, 2026 meeting minutes.
Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Garza, Daub,
Clemente, Peterson-Mayberry, Wilson – 5

D. Unfinished business

E. New business

The Committee moved items E.1 and 2 together.

1. Daub/Wilson **Approved.** Amendment No. 1 to a grant agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant, with no change in the dollar amount, extending the term, to continue to fund projects and initiatives that improve law enforcement efforts in the region, which will be distributed to the Sheriff's Office and 16 municipal police departments, and to delegate authority to the

County Executive to execute intergovernmental agreements with each of the 16 municipalities to allow for the immediate release of funds; the Sheriff's Office advises that its allocation will be used for training, support, equipment, outreach and grant administration; the term is extended through September 30, 2026; the term of the original agreement was from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025; the total amount remains \$1,428,183, with no County match; the revenue will continue to be deposited into Account No. 26601 316979 9590020 (JAG 2022). (2023-71-003M1) Motion Carried.

Venita Terry provided an overview.

There was a discussion about outstanding balances and the need to spend the balances by September 30 or sending the unspent money back to the U.S. Department of Justice.

2. Daub/Wilson

Approved. A professional services contract between the Charter County of Wayne and the Detroit Employment Solutions Corporation (DESC) (of Detroit) not to exceed \$344,316 for the Pathways Home 4 Program, designed to forge pathways for approximately 400 adults incarcerated in the Criminal Justice Complex who will be returning to Wayne County communities by addressing significant barriers to reentry and providing high-quality training and employment opportunities in high-demand sectors; the term is from May 7, 2024 through December 31, 2026, and may be renewed for a combined term of up to three years if mutually agreed in writing and if DESC gets approval from the U.S. Department of Labor; the revenue will be deposited into Account No. 10110 351010 5290000 (WCSO County Jail). (2026-71-006) Motion Carried.

Venita Terry provided an overview.

There was a discussion about the program's six-week length and providing readiness and recidivism data.

Yeas -- Commissioners Garza, Daub, Clemente, Peterson-Mayberry, Wilson – 5

3. A domestic violence update from Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy introduced her team and provided a presentation. Ms. Worthy, Trisha Gerard, Suzy Taweel and Kellie Gleason spoke about an intimate partner domestic violence overview. An estimated 12 assistant prosecutors were assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. They discussed vertical prosecution of capital cases, the amount of domestic violence warrant requests in 2025, which was 9,253, and using federal grant money to eliminate warrant backlogs. They discussed community outreach, providing victim protection, a new firearms technical assistance program and wellness programs for staff.

There was a discussion among Commissioners about the goal of breaking the cycle of domestic violence and partnering with organizations that support the mission, such as First Step, Avalon Healing Center, Haven and Lakeshore Legal Aid.

- F. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Committee.
- G. Public comments
- H. Adjournment

Wilson/Daub
Adjournment at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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