COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, JUDICIARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

October 21, 2026

C – Minutes from the October 7, 2026 meeting

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, JUDICIARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Wednesday, October 7, 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)	- Excused
Melissa Daub (VC)	- Present
Hassan M. Ahmad	- Present
Cara A. Clemente	- Present
Angelique Peterson-Mayberry	- Present

Also present: Commissioner Wilson

Vice-Chair Daub chaired the meeting.

B. Chair's remarks

C. Clemente/Ahmad — **Approved.** September 23, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Daub, Ahmad, Clemente, Peterson-Mayberry -- 4

Absent -- Commissioner Garza -- 1

D. Unfinished business

E. New business

1. Clemente/Peterson-Mayberry — **Approved.** Amendment No. 2 to a subaward agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School (of Lansing), with no change in the dollar amount, extending the term to continue its Innocence Project to screen and bring to conclusion up to 250 cold cases involving claims of innocence where biological materials may be available for testing or retesting; the term is extended through September 30, 2027; the term of the original agreement and previous amendment was from October 5, 2023 through

September 30, 2026; the total not-to-exceed amount remains $528,800; the cost will continue to be charged to Account No. 10110 228030 8170010 (Postconviction Testing DNA). (2023-93-009M2) Motion Carried.

There was discussion about determining how many individuals have been impacted since the agreement took effect in 2023. Commission staff will follow up to obtain this information.

Yeas -- Commissioners Daub, Ahmad, Clemente, Peterson-Mayberry -- 4

Absent – Commissioner Garza -- 1

2. Ahmad/Peterson-Mayberry

Approved. A comparable-source professional services contract with a one-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and 98Forward, LLC (of Detroit) not to exceed $180,000 for strategic communication and media-related services for the Sheriff's Office; the term will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2027; the cost will be charged to Account No. 10110 351010 8170010 (WCSO County Jail). (2026-71-031) Motion Carried.

Venita Terry and Kevin Tolbert provided an overview.

There was discussion regarding the reason for bringing in an outside firm, the need for social media and internal communications support, and the need for a budget adjustment of approximately $24,000.

Yeas -- Commissioners Daub, Ahmad, Clemente, Peterson-Mayberry -- 4

Absent – Commissioner Garza -- 1

F. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Committee

Venita Terry said that there will be an immediate consideration item from the Sheriff's Office about the 2025 federal Justice Assistance Grant, due to the submission deadline. The overall amount is about $1.4 million, which will be divided among several police departments, including the Sheriff's Office.

G. Public comments

H. Adjournment

Peterson-Mayberry/Ahmad
Adjournment at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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