

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 27, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Trousdale County Courthouse

Present: Chris Gregory, Judy Kerr, David Nollner, Shane Burton, Steve Whittaker, Linda Bruce, Brian Crook, Amber Russell.

Others Present: Sheriff Ray Russell, Fire Chief Ken Buckmaster, Greg & Peg Clements, Alexis Woodard

Vice Chairman Judy Kerr called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. (chairman Amber Russell arrived a few minutes later and assumed chair)

Minutes of March 23, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve by Burton, second by Gregory.

Motion approved.

Sheriff Ray Russell presented department report. Past 30 days, worked 10 crashes, 106 citations, 78 intake at jail, release 69, entered 147 warrants, completed 172, 1,733 total complaints through dispatch, 363 traffic stops, 111 adult incidents, 10 juvenile incidents.

Sheriff asked for committee to support putting contracted prisoner board, phone & commissary strictly in sheriff's budget instead of 101. Gregory stated this would put a \$200,000 to \$300,000 hole in the 101 budget if passed. 15 current state inmates at jail as of meeting date. State expected to go up from \$41 to \$44 per day on inmate reimbursement.

Motion by Burton to put support resolution together on prisoner board/phone/commissary, second by Nollner. Motion approved (Gregory voted no).

Chairman Russell asked what county was paying to house inmates in other counties. Sheriff said currently nothing but could be \$100,000 annually if they begin charging Trousdale.

Chairman Russell asked about Morrison Street radio tower discussed previously and if that would help radio situation instead of building new tower. Sheriff estimated it would not help.

Greg Clements spoke to committee representing Hartsville Hope & Healing Alliance. Greg introduced Alexis Woodard, part of Davidson County Alliance which covers Trousdale too. Hartsville Alliance cannot offer recovery services, but Davidson can, along with detox, short-term residential treatment and Narcan training/availability. Woodard's group can also train first responders on Narcan use.

Next meeting TBD.

Motion to adjourn by Gregory, second by Bruce. Motion approved.

Minutes presented by Chris Gregory