

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 4, 2025

Remote Meeting using WebEx/phone and in-person at County Board Room
Services Center
480 Underwood Ave.– Montello, Wisconsin

1. Chairperson Judi Nigbor called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Judi Nigbor, Ken Borzick, Chuck Bornhoeft, Gary Sorensen, and Lance Achterberg

Others present: Supervisor Mary Walters, Supervisor Peggy Krause, Administrator Ron Barger, EMS Director Rob Lulling, Sheriff Joe Konrath, EM Director Lt. Aaron Williams, Medical Examiner Amanda Thoma (virtual), HR Manager Melanie Zuehls (virtual), Lead Accountant Stacy Kohn (virtual), DA Cliff Burdon, Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph (virtual)

2. Motion to approve agenda by Ken Borzick and seconded by Chuck Bornhoeft. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve October 7, 2025 minutes by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Gary Sorensen. Motion carried.
4. Reports of official meetings held in the prior month- None
5. Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizen Comments- John Krause addressed the committee in opposition to the discussion of closing the jail.
6. Review Vouchers- Question by Supervisor Bornhoeft regarding Sheriff's Office vouchers regarding reconciliation overage. Sheriff Konrath noted the overage is budgeted for.
7. Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph reported jury trials have all been resolved through 2025. DA Cliff Burdon reported a jury trial has been scheduled for end of Jan./early Feb. EM Director Lt. Williams reported Fire/EMS/Law Enforcement exercise being planned for May 2026. Lt. Williams was just notified the complete Hazard Mitigation Plan is ready for viewing. It is to be submitted to the state ASAP. Consensus is for Lt. Williams to upload to SharePoint and the committee will let him know within one week if there are any additional changes. He will then submit to the state. ME Amanda Thoma reported Marquette County had a total of 7 cased, which were all ME cases, all natural deaths with no autopsies.
8. Sheriff Konrath reported they are full staff. 911 dispatch center started construction this week. Chairperson Nigbor reported she would like a Jail inspection tour in December 2025.
9. EMS Director Rob Lulling reported the need to increase CPR fees due to American Heart Association fee increases, as well as now offering an online class option and other supplies increases. Chairperson Nigbor reported this was passed at the Executive & Finance Committee meeting held November 3rd pending Judicial & Public Safety Committee approval. Moved by Ken Borzick and

- seconded by Chuck Bornhoeft to approve the presented EMS CPR fee schedule for 2026 and forward to County Board. Motion carried. Rob reported he hired 6 people last week, with 3 people starting orientation today. Rob noted the ambulance was delivered last Thursday. Hoping to get it ready for service Dec. 1. Old ambulance to be sold on WI Surplus auction site. Ventilators are in service and functional on each ambulance. Rob noted that Act 36 passed which allows for an increased Medicaid reimbursement of providing service with no transport, moving from \$69 to \$175 starting 1/1/2027. Ron reported new Medical Direction is going well. The 2023 payment of \$70,000 for Medicaid has been received. \$50,000 for 2024 to arrive next month. Discussion regarding cost of new ambulance- total cost for ambulance around \$240,000 chassis and box all brand new.
10. Chairperson Nigbor led a discussion regarding an advisory group/ad hoc committee for the continuing discussion on how to handle EMS. Consensus was to keep the topic within the Judicial & Public Safety Committee. Explore what other counties and agencies are doing for options with scheduling, staffing, etc. Rob noted the scheduling is in the union contract and cannot be changed. Overtime discussion. Report attempted initiatives and their results in order to narrow down options. Rob noted he has been dealing with 4 open positions since March, which leads to overtime. The employee out on FMLA returns soon, new hires are onboarding, which will help with overtime come December. Supervisor Nigbor verified there was a response to a call in Neshkoro/Crystal Lake area where an ambulance responded from Plainfield while our ambulance was on standby in another county. Rob confirmed.
 11. Supervisor Bornhoeft presented an analysis on what it costs to run the jail based on information compiled through open record requests. Adding salaries, maintenance, meals, healthcare, mileage, transporting, reporting 2024 jail costs would be approximately \$1.322 million or \$41,000+ per prisoner/year. Supervisor Bornhoeft noted he did not factor in cost of vehicles or revenues. Supervisor Bornhoeft wanted options to be discussed in a similar fashion to EMS. Sheriff Konrath shared his own statistics, factoring revenue and a different amount for salaries and transports, coming up with the cost being \$692,494.24 and \$59.28 per inmate cost per day. Sheriff Konrath reported the additional deputies in 2026 is due to separation, not having federal inmates. Discussion regarding transport number that was included in Supervisor Bornhoeft's data due to the inclusion of patrol and required court transports, which are different than jail transports. Sheriff Konrath reported he intends on having a higher inmate population without increasing staff in the jail. Discussion followed.
 12. Administrator Barger reported the Law Enforcement Contract has been discussed with the City Mayor; however, the amended contract has not been signed yet. Details of negotiations to be discussed in closed session.
 13. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Lance Achterberg to move into closed session under 19.85(1)(e). Motion carried on a roll call vote. Closed session began at 3:18 p.m.

14. Moved by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Ken Borzick to convene in open session under section 19.85 (2). Motion carried on a roll call vote. Open session began at 3:30 p.m.
15. Next meeting to be December 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will have a jail tour in conjunction with Property Committee per Chairperson Nigbor and Property Committee Chairperson Achterberg.
16. The agenda having been completed Committee Chairperson Judi Nigbor declared the meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk