

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 2, 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 (Property Committee attendee), Administrator Ron Barger, EMS Director Rob Lulling, EMS Assistant Director Jordan Powell (virtual), Chief Deputy Scott Johnston, Captain Mike Kowalski, Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph (virtual)

2. Motion to approve agenda by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Ken Borzick. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve November 4, 2025 minutes by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Lance Achterberg. Motion carried.
4. Reports of official meetings held in the prior month- None
5. Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizen Comments- None
6. Review Vouchers- None
7. Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph reported virtually that she had no new updates. DA Cliff Burdon was not in attendance. EM Director Lt. Williams was unable to attend due to being at a regional meeting. EMS Director Rob Lulling reported the 6 people that were recently hired are in field training. The 2025 ambulance is in service and housed at station 83. Old ambulance is on the WI Surplus auction site. Two new positions for 2026 have been posted. Interviews are to take place at end of month. Rob reported that EMT Inc. is donating \$19,000 for handheld ultrasound devices. He noted that since starting in July of 2021 EMT Inc. has donated nearly \$150,000 towards supplies and life-saving devices. Supervisor Achterberg requested info. to be included on future reports how often all areas are tended to, even if by other agencies with agreements in place. Chief Deputy Johnston reported the construction is underway for the Dispatch Center. He noted the glass needed to be reordered due to needing to be tinted darker. Captain Kowalski reported that 6 devices for fire suppression were donated to Sheriff's Office and will be distributed to patrol vehicles. Captain Kowalski shared upcoming events.
8. Administrator Barger reported the Law Enforcement Contract with the City of Montello has been signed. The contract reduced the officer to one and increased administrative fee from 1% to 5%. Supervisor Bornhoeft reported there is a typo on page 9 paragraph 2 that is to be updated. Captain Kowalski reported there would be a meeting next Tuesday with all stakeholders to go over plans moving

forward. He noted the main area of coverage requested is the school, with nights, weekends, and holidays also taking priority.

9. Captain Kowalski reported Enterprise has their quarterly meeting scheduled for December 3rd at 3:30 p.m. He reported 2025 leased back 5 of our initial vehicles, with an additional newly leased vehicle for a detective, making it a total of 6 vehicles for 2025. The vehicles for 2026 are on order. They will include: F150, Chevy Traverse, Chrysler Pacifica, F250, Two Dodge Durango's. Captain Kowalski also reported the resale was not as high as his auction site sales, therefore Marquette County will do their own selling of owned vehicles on WI Surplus auction site moving forward. Discussion followed.
10. Chairperson Nigbor requested information on flock camera security flaws due to lack of multifactor authentication. Chief Deputy Scott Johnston reported Marquette County uses the flock cameras as an investigative tool and noted the Sheriff will report back with information on the software supplier contract on how they prevent safety breaches.
11. The Federal Prisoner Agreement discussion was led by Administrator Barger. Administrator Barger reported the details held within the agreement could be deemed private. Sheriff Konrath has requested approval by Atty. Sam Hall to share the agreement and has not heard back at this time. Administrator Barger shared the front page of the agreement, which listed per diem rates, hourly rates, and noted mileage as being reimbursable.
12. EMS Director Rob Lulling reached out to Richland County to discuss the changes they are making in their EMS program. Richland County will be utilizing their municipalities to pay for their EMS. Rob reported Supervisor Achterberg gave him information out of North Carolina to study, which showed to have a tiered response. Rob reported that the state of Wisconsin deems coverage as levels of service that need to be maintained. If the county wants to change the level of service, public hearings will have to be held with all municipalities approving a decrease in service. This would also affect billing. Marquette County is currently a paramedic level service. Rob also sent his EMS budget to other counties for opinions. Other counties identified OT budget as too high. Other counties have their 56-hr. work week built into their salary line. If Marquette County did that, the OT line would only be \$25,000. Rob reported that beginning in 2027 the OT will only be anything above scheduled work week. Discussion followed.
13. Chairperson Nigbor reported the committee would travel to the Courthouse to begin a tour of the jail/sallyport/dispatch center. The committee will meet at the Welcome Center at 3:15 p.m. The Property Committee was also invited for the tour. Buildings & Grounds Superintendent Paul Van Treeck and Captain Kowalski led the tour.
14. The agenda and tour having been completed Committee Chairperson Judi Nigbor declared the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk