

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 3, 2026

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

1. Acting Chairperson Chuck Bornhoeft called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Supervisor Mary Walters, 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, Alice Schlotte, Judge Hendee, DA Cliff Burdon, ME Amanda Thoma (virtual)

2. Motion to approve agenda by Ken Borzick and seconded by Gary Sorensen. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve December 2, 2025 minutes by Judi Nigbor 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- Supervisor Bornhoeft requested information on Emergency Management truck bed liner budget coverage. Question on additional coverage for prisoners in December. Nursing overages and pool reconciliation questions.
7. EM Director Lt. Williams reported that on April 13, 2026, Marquette County EM will host a weather spotting training 6pm-8pm. EM is also working in collaboration with Fire Association, EMS, Sheriff's Office for an upcoming disaster training. EMS Director Rob Lulling reported 1,924 calls in 2025, with 7% increase. Rob noted that Neshkoro is now included in monthly report. Old ambulance sold for \$7,075. New full-time positions have been filled with current part-time workers. Bedside ultrasounds were donated by EMT Inc. Rob reported EMS was awarded a \$56,582 grant. Rob would like to use the grant funds for new Med1. This grant has now been awarded and unused for 3 years. Rob will come next month with a full estimate for a new Med1. Judi requested an options list for all capital needs. ME Amanda Thoma reported there were 11 deaths in December and 18 deaths in January. Amanda reported who has jurisdiction when a death occurs. Chief Deputy Scott Johnston provided Sheriff's Office updates noting the dispatch center is almost complete, with Baycom continuing their installations throughout the week. There are currently 45 inmates in jail. Chief Deputy Johnston reported there was a water line break last night, with 1,000 gallons of water being spilled into drains in the jail. Captain Kowalski reported that Sheriff's Office was highly involved in the Fire Association the last 4 years with Lt. Williams being Secretary/Treasurer and Captain Kowalski being the President. DA Cliff Burdon gave a brief update before heading to court for sentencing. Clerk of Court Shari

Rudolph reported her new counter has been very beneficial and thanked B&G for completing the installation. There is a weeklong jury trial scheduled for March 2nd.

8. Judge Hendee shared a Treatment Court update. Program is funded through a TAD grant. The program is 18-24 months, in which the person with criminal charges undergoes testing, treatment, daily check-ins, etc. It is a 5-phase system in which if they are successful, they graduate from the program. Judge Hendee noted the program with law enforcement is unmatched. Supervisor Nigbor requested new County Board Supervisors be educated about Treatment Court. Alice Schlotte shared a court calendar and three-year recidivism rates.
9. Captain Mike Kowalski and Administrator Ron Barger gave an Enterprise Fleet Management update. Captain Kowalski reported that in Dec. the zoning vehicle was sold for \$11,625. He also reported other vehicles sold: Dec 30th for \$18,850, Jan 6th for \$14,100, Jan 20th for \$24,101. In October Enterprise sold a vehicle, which only sold for \$9,000, which they got to keep a portion of. 5 vehicles to be sold in 2026. Sheriff's Office fleet size is 25 total vehicles with 12 of them being leased.
10. Supervisor Bornhoeft requested information on warming centers. EM Director Lt. Aaron Williams reported the Health Dept. keeps a list of warming/cooling centers, which are often public places like libraries and town halls. It was noted that there were no calls with the most recent cold weather snap. Lt. Williams provided information on neighboring area processes. He reported that the Public Safety Room has been used in the past for brief storm sheltering until weather passes. Discussion regarding how the information is shared with the public. Captain Kowalski reported that the Salvation Army also provides vouchers for a hotel stay depending on the circumstance.
11. Chief Deputy Scott Johnston reported the evidence from City of Montello has been received by the county. Captain Kowalski reported that the City of Montello has parking ordinances that require a lengthy follow-up process with a percentage being returned to the state, which had not been followed through by the City of Montello. Discussion on what "administration" covers within the contract and what aspect the county will absorb.
12. The agenda having been completed Acting Committee Chairperson Chuck Bornhoeft declared the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk