

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 7, 2025

Remote Meeting using WebEx/phone and in-person at Public Safety Room
Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse
67 W. Park St.– Montello, Wisconsin

1. Acting Chairperson Lance Achterberg called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Others present: Supervisor Peggy Krause (virtual), Supervisor Mary Walters, Administrator Ron Barger, EMS Director Rob Lulling, DA's Office Assistant Ciara Boening, Sheriff Joe Konrath, Chief Deputy Scott Johnston, Jail Captain Kari Tomlin, Patrol Captain Mike Kowalski, EM Director Lt. Aaron Williams, Waushara County ME Amanda Thoma, HR Manager Melanie Zuehls (virtual), Stacy Kohn (virtual), Courtney Trimble (virtual)

2. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Gary Sorensen. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve January 7, 2025 minutes by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Judi Nigbor. Motion carried.
4. Reports of official meetings held in the prior month- None

Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizen Comments- Administrator Barger reported that Rep. Alex Dallman will be in Marquette County today discussing the budget in the County Board Room from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Citizen Steve Klump spoke in favor of jail/dispatch separation.

5. Committee Reviewed Vouchers as Presented- No questions.
6. DA's Office Assistant Ciara Boening reported there will be a jury trial on Jan. 21st. EM Director Lt. Aaron Williams reported he and Jail Captain Tomlin recently attended a Master Level Public Information Officer training. EMS Director Rob Lulling reported one termination, hired a PT person to become FT, and one resignation in April. EMS Asst. Director Jordan Powell was asked to speak at National EMS Conference on Quality Assurance. Waushara ME Amanda Thoma introduced herself to the committee. She reported there were 13 calls/ME cases in April- 10 natural deaths, 2 accidents, and 1 pending autopsy. She noted that she attended in-service with Sheriff's Office to discuss procedures. Waushara County has 4 ME deputy positions and an on-call schedule.
7. Sheriff Joe Konrath presented information regarding the proposed jail/dispatch separation. He shared a video detailing jail operations and challenges. Sheriff Konrath reported we have typically have 32 inmates. Meals and healthcare are largest expenses- 2024 expense of \$279,886. 2024 Revenue for Board of Prisoners is \$432,919. 640 inmates were booked in 2024. Sheriff Konrath reported that if jail/dispatch separation is approved he would restructure with management team and hire 4 new deputies instead of 5. Discussion followed.

Committee discussion regarding scheduling requirements, training hours, paid time off, and overtime. Administrator Barger made projections based upon the general fund and shared revenue. Board of Prisoner Revenue can cover a lot of the request, however, that means Sheriff's Office returns less to general fund for overall functions. Committee would like to see numbers for office restructuring/construction. More information to be presented per requests.

8. Next meeting will be March 6th at 2:00 p.m. The agenda having been completed Acting Committee Chairperson Lance Achterberg declared the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk