

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 1, 2026

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

1. Chairperson Nigbor called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Members present: Judi Nigbor, Chuck Bornhoeft, Mary Walters, and Peggy Krause

Others present: Kris Bergh, Dave Kappel, Gary Sorensen, Mike Raddatz, Dennis Fenner (virtual), EMS Director Rob Lulling, EMS Assistant Director Jordan Powell (virtual), Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph (virtual), Lt. Williams, Sheriff Konrath, DA Cliff Burdon, Atty. Andrew Adams, Melanie Zuehls (virtual), Amanda Thoma (virtual), Stacy Kohn (virtual), Westfield Fire Chief (virtual), Steve Klump (virtual), Jody Myers (virtual)

2. Motion to approve agenda by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Peggy Krause. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve June 5, 2026 minutes by Mary Walters and seconded by Chuck Bornhoeft. Motion carried.
4. Reports of official meetings held in the prior month- None
5. Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizen Comments- EM Director Lt. Williams reported we are under a severe thunderstorm warning at this time.
6. Review Vouchers- No questions.
7. Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph reported there are multiple trials set for August. DA Cliff Burdon reported that Marquette County has an upcoming trial on August 12th -14th. The August 6th trial has been canceled.
EM Director Lt. Williams reported the incident command trailer has been upgraded through Baycom. Lt. Williams reported EM received an additional \$1,282 due to redistribution of grant funds provided by the state. ME Amanda Thoma reported there were 6 deaths in June for Marquette County.
8. Representatives addressed the committee regarding the Waushara EMS Contract. Debra Schrank spoke on behalf of Crytal Lake, while Larry Henke and Kris Bergh spoke on behalf of the Town and Village of Neshkoro in support of continuing the Waushara EMS contract. Administrator Barger reported new developments have occurred since the prior meeting. He reported Waushara County approached Marquette to consolidate Waushara and Marquette County EMS services. Waushara County Administrator Megan Kapp would like to apply for a DOR innovation grant to assist with consolidation. Administrator Barger would like to work with Waushara over the next few months to continue consolidation discussions. Due to the current conversation, he reported that Waushara agreed to give Marquette additional time and not be held to the August 1st deadline of notice for cancelation. Waushara County needs to take the

- topic to their committee/board as well. Ron reported that Waushara uses the same software and model as Marquette. The municipal representatives requested Marquette County guarantee the contract coverage be held through 2027 due to referendum timelines. Multiple times throughout the discussion it was noted the three municipalities contribute to EMS service through apportionment, which is at a much greater amount than the cost of the Waushara contract. Corp Counsel noted contracts can be amended by either/both parties. The consensus was to continue to explore the consolidation process with Waushara. The item will be put on the County Board agenda.
9. Rob Lulling presented information regarding Med 1 replacement. Chairperson Nigbor reported there is a plan in place for current and future use of grant funds. Moved by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Mary Walters to purchase and replace Med 1 with grant funds, the current Med 1 will then become Car 1, and the current Car 1 will be sold at auction. Motion carried 3:1 (Noes: Krause) Rob Lulling gave a monthly report, noting the Medical Director has requested Marquette County begin carrying blood products. Rob has submitted a grant for the program. If approved, Rob would put the cooler in Med 1 and blood products would need to be replaced every 30 days. Annual narcotics audit was completed. EMS passed audit; however, they will be making some changes for security purposes due to auditor suggestions. EMT Inc. donated funds to expand training program. All Marquette County EMS locations will now have proper training equipment.
 10. The committee opted to forego closed session.
 11. Sheriff Konrath shared a monthly CAD report. Sheriff Konrath reported he has applied for a FY27 PSAP grant. He noted that in 2018 NG911 was updated to Emergency Callworks. Emergency Callworks will soon no longer be serviced. Baycom and Motorola have encouraged counties to go with Vesta. Sheriff has applied for grant which will supply the upgrade to Vesta and the 5-year maintenance. If the grant is awarded there will be a 10% match, which would be put in the 2027 budget. Sheriff Konrath shared the monthly Enterprise Fleet management report. He reported that when the law enforcement outfitting (Belco) charges are under \$10,000 we pay 25% and when over \$10,000 we pay 50%. Sheriff's Office will be hiring two correctional officers in 2026 and two in 2027. The staffing model will include a total of 10 dispatchers and 16 correctional officers. Sheriff Konrath reported jail certification takes 5 weeks and there will be another 4 weeks of onsite training. Staffing model discussed. Sheriff Konrath reported they had some recent resignations and hires.
 12. Strategic Plan implementation was discussed. Administrator Barger is focused on innovation, regionalization, and consolidation as discussed in the Waushara EMS agenda item.
 13. The agenda having been completed Committee Chairperson Judi Nigbor declared the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk