

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 9, 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 10:00 a.m.

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

Others present: Kris Bergh, Dave Kappel, Scott Kempley, EM Director Lt. Aaron Williams, EMS Director Rob Lulling, Sheriff Konrath, Administrator Ron Barger, Stacy Kohn, Melanie Zuehls (virtual), DA Cliff Burdon, Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph, Treasurer Jody Myers (virtual)

2. Motion to approve agenda by Peggy Krause and seconded by Chuck Bornhoeft. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve August 5, 2026 minutes by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Peggy Krause. Motion carried.
4. Reports of official meetings held in the prior month- None
5. Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizen Comments- Bryan Claesges addressed the committee regarding potential consolidation, revenue sources, and neighboring county comparisons.
6. Review Vouchers- Flock camera question regarding funding. Sheriff Konrath reported the voucher was for the Montello camera. The donations came from Fortifi and Holliday Shopping Center. Flock cameras will be added to an upcoming agenda.
7. Judge Hendee presented the proposed 2027 Judicial budget. Questions regarding the MAT grant. Stacy Kohn reported the Substance Abuse Counselor is paid 75% TAD grant and 25% MAT grant. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Chuck Bornhoeft to approve the 2027 Judicial budget and forward to E&F. Motion carried.
8. DA Cliff Burdon presented the proposed 2027 DA budget. Discussion regarding revenue trends. Administrator Barger reported the Budget Team made the recommendation of reducing the legal assistant to 50%, which is reflected in the presented budget. Moved by Peggy Krause and seconded by Chuck Bornhoeft to approve the 2027 DA budget and forward to E&F. Motion carried. Cliff reported the DA Team will be at the K9 golf outing. They will also be attending the Treatment Court picnic.
9. Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph presented the proposed 2027 Clerk of Court budget. Shari reported the Budget Team made a recommendation for slightly increased revenue, which is reflected within the budget. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Peggy Krause to approve the 2027 Clerk of Court budget and forward to E&F. Motion carried. Shari reported there will be two jury trials in October.

10. Administrator Barger presented the proposed 2027 Medical Examiner budget. Ron reported the Waushara County contract fees for 2027 have increased by \$6,000. Discussion regarding the vehicle outlay line item. Stacy Kohn reported if the \$300 is kept in the vehicle outlay line item in the 2027 budget, the total balance for 2027 would be at \$5,000. Moved by Peggy Krause and seconded by Mary Walters to approve the 2027 Medical Examiner budget and forward to E&F. Motion carried. Discussion regarding response times. Committee would like a detailed report monthly.
11. EMS Director Rob Lulling presented the proposed 2027 EMS budget. Rob reported 30% of dispatch budget and 30% of tower communications were added to his budget. Prior to those additions the EMS budget was at a decrease. Rob reported his budget had decreased by \$22,000 compared to previous years. Ron reported the budget does have a 1% COLA built in. Discussion regarding taking on additional townships and revenue sources. Discussion regarding the innovation grant and what qualifies. Salaries and overtime discussed. The budget will be readdressed after the Sheriff's Office budget is viewed. Rob reported there was a resignation. There are 6 applications for the open position. Looking to have it filled by November. Rob was recently awarded approximately \$58,000-\$60,000 in grant funds. Rob shared the consultant calendar date/time slots. Dates are Sept. 22nd-24th. Ron reported the consultant contract has been shared with the committee and he plans to sign after the meeting. Interviews with the consultant will be held at each EMS station. Cost of the consultant is \$30,000 with Marquette paying half (\$15,000) and Waushara paying half.
12. EM Director Lt. Williams presented the proposed 2027 Emergency Management budget. Lt. Williams reported the Hazmat contract has increased. It is a three-year contract, which will have slight increases each year. His budget has decreased overall due to insurance changes. Moved by Peggy Krause and seconded by Chuck Bornhoeft to approve the 2027 Emergency Management budget and forward to E&F. Motion carried. Lt. Williams shared there will be a tabletop exercise with Brakebush later this month. Lt. Williams shared a wind damage PowerPoint presentation.
13. Chairperson Nigbor called for a 5-minute recess at 12:00 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:05 p.m.
14. Sheriff Konrath shared a monthly CAD report. Sheriff Konrath will post jail numbers next month. Sheriff Konrath presented the proposed 2027 Sheriff's Office budget. He reported he was instructed to reduce the budget by \$110,000 and increase the Board of Prisoners revenue, which is reflected in the presented budget. It was reported \$204,700 was applied to salaries though shared revenue. Sheriff Konrath reported he decreased equipment by \$66,000. Overtime in both corrections and law enforcement budgets decreased by \$7,500 each. Care of prisoners and food costs also decreased. Discussion on vehicle cost. Sheriff Konrath reported phasing out the Tahoe's is assisting with cost savings. Lengthy discussion regarding cost per prisoner. Moved by Mary Walters and seconded by Peggy Krause to approve the 2027 Sheriff's Office budget and forward to E&F. Motion failed (2:3). (Noes: Achterberg, Bornhoeft, Nigbor)
15. The committee readdressed the proposed 2027 EMS budget. Stack Kohn will make a new section under EMS budget showing the breakdown for dispatch, similar to what they do with the custodial position. Stacy Kohn will also split out regular overtime from additional overtime in the EMS budget. Moved by Mary Walters and

- seconded by Lance Achterberg to approve the proposed 2027 EMS budget and forward to E&F. Motion failed (1:4). (Noes: Achterberg, Bornhoeft, Krause, Nigbor)
16. The next meeting will be Sept. 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Safety Room to review the EMS and Sheriff budgets.
 17. Sheriff Konrath reported approximately \$165,000 was kept out of FY25 PSAP grant and was communicated to put in FY27 PSAP grant because they can reimburse service contracts. The FY27 PSAP grant submission will cover radio service, nomad maintenance support, and various computers/computer equipment. The total FY27 PSAP grant submission totaled \$333,737.20. The 10% match the county would need to meet is \$33,378.72. This is built into the Sheriff's Office 2027 budget. Danny reported he has spoken to several other vendors and Baycom is still the best option for services. Sheriff Konrath shared that Sgt. Noll will be traveling out of state to Minneapolis for less lethal instructor training. Sheriff Konrath reported the Vape Training Awareness went well. Four County Board Supervisors attended the training. Discussion followed. Sheriff Konrath reported the First Amendment Auditor training is available through a recording.
 18. Waushara EMS consolidation was further discussed. The consultant will wrap things up by mid to late November.
 19. No strategic plan items were discussed.
 20. The agenda having been completed Committee Chairperson Judi Nigbor declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk