JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 28, 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 9:00 a.m.

   Members present: Judi Nigbor, Chuck Bornhoeft, Mary Walters, Lance Achterberg, and Peggy Krause
   Others present: Dave Kappel, Dennis Fenner (virtual), EMS Director Rob Lulling, Sheriff Konrath, Administrator Ron Barger, Stacy Kohn, EMS Assistant Director Jordan Powell (virtual), HR Manager Melanie Zuehls (virtual), ME Amanda Thoma (virtual)

2. Motion to approve agenda by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Lance Achterberg. Motion carried.

3. Peggy Krause noted Stacy Kohn's name is misspelled on item #15 within the September 9, 2026 minutes. County Clerk Kiley Lloyd noted it would get corrected.

4. Motion to approve the corrected September 9, 2026 minutes by Mary Walters and seconded by Peggy Krause. Motion carried.

5. Chairperson Nigbor reported vehicle use needs to be discussed due to significant impact on the budget. Discussion followed. It was suggested the county adopt a policy for vehicle use. Administrator Barger requested a delay on a vehicle use conversation to see what the consultant brings forward for EMS and potential reorganization in the Sheriff's Office. Administrator Barger reported he doesn't see having a blanket vehicle use policy as a solution and would rather address it on a case-by-case basis. The committee will discuss vehicle use further for future budgeting purposes.

6. EMS Director Rob Lulling presented the proposed 2027 EMS budget. Administrator Barger reported a 3% COLA was added to the budget. Additional breakdowns were shown throughout to account for the changes with the 30% tower communications share and the 30% EMS dispatch share. Overtime, EMS operations surplus, and staffing model were discussed. The committee discussed the possibility of going to referendum in 2027. Administrator Barger reported the consultant will bring his findings in early November. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Mary Walters to approve the proposed 2027 EMS budget and forward to E&F. Motion carried 4:1 (Noes: Krause).

7. Sheriff Konrath presented the proposed 2027 Sheriff's Office budget. Sheriff Konrath reported he would start jail dispatch separation early 2027. Discussion followed regarding personnel, insurance benefits, etc. Shared revenue of $204,700 has been applied to the 2027 Sheriff's Office budget. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Mary Walters to approve the proposed 2027 Sheriff's Office budget and forward to E&F. Motion carried.

8. The agenda having been completed Committee Chairperson Judi Nigbor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk