JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 4, 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 9:03 a.m.

   Members present: Judi Nigbor, Chuck Bornhoeft, Mary Walters, Lance Achterberg, and Peggy Krause
   Others present EM Director Lt. Aaron Williams, EMS Director Rob Lulling, Sheriff Konrath, Administrator Ron Barger, Melanie Zuehls (virtual), DA Cliff Burdon, Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph (virtual), ME Amanda Thoma (virtual), Stacy Kohn (virtual), Kris Bergh (virtual), John Larkin (virtual), Assistant EMS Director Jordan Powell (virtual), Melanie Zuehls (virtual)

2. Motion to approve agenda by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Peggy Krause. Motion carried.

3. Motion to approve September 28, 2026 minutes by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Peggy Krause. Motion carried.

4. Reports of official meetings held in the prior month- None

5. Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizen Comments- None

6. Review Vouchers- Chairperson Nigbor requested documentation regarding flock camera receipts and donations. Sheriff Konrath reported that flock camera donation checks are submitted and then deposited into the grant line item in the budget. Administrator Barger and Sheriff Konrath reported that information with receipts can be obtained through Stacy Kohn in Accounting/Administration.

7. Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph reported that the Clerk of Court's Office began their new fee structure on Monday. DA Cliff Burdon reported there is a trial scheduled for next month. He noted they are having interviews for the Administrative Assistant position. EM Director Lt. Williams reported that he held a tabletop exercise at Brakebush with the county contracted hazmat team and the Portage hazmat team. Lt. Williams and EMS Assistant Director Jordan Powell presented at the South-Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council conference regarding mass casualty event. Completed evacuation drills at Westfield and Montello schools. Lt. Williams discussed the reunification process. Lt. Williams reported that the LEPC committee toured the asphalt plan. He also noted that the chair of the Judicial & Public Safety Committee will be the County Board representative on LEPC committee. EMS Director Rob Lulling reported that the EMS stats are posted on SharePoint. Rob noted that Med 1 is in service, which was purchased through grant funds. A narcotic audit requested EMS purchase a new biometric safe for narcotics, which has been ordered for $3,000 and will be purchased with operational surplus funds. Recently completed hiring process for Paramedic. Rob hired a current part-time Paramedic and will start 11/5/2026. EMS Assistant Director Jordan will work one 24 hr. shift on ambulance and 2 8-hour shifts. Will save approximately $20,000-40,000 annually. Medical Examiner Amanda Thoma shared that her July-October statistics are available on SharePoint. Amanda's report included tri-county area statistics. For Marquette County there were 16 deaths in total. Amanda discussed increase in

suicide rates for all 3 counties, as well as the need for support and education. ME Office hired an Administrative Assistant and is currently hiring for part-time Medical Examiner assistant. Offered a tour of the Waushara County building and morgue. Amanda noted that there is a slight delay at times when a death occurs in an area across Marquette county due to distance from her location.

8. Strategic Management & Consulting, LLC representatives Dana Sechler and Dan Williams presented a PowerPoint regarding the Marquette/Waushara County Regionalization EMS Consultant Report. The goals of the study were to identify if a viable and sustainable EMS system exists through consolidation, develop a pros and cons list, include innovation grant information, and include grants and other funding information. The consultants reported that both counties provided the information and statistics very quickly. Dan did individual interviews for three days in Marquette County and three days in Waushara County. Final recommendation is: do not combine/merge services. It was reported that the average annual cost per ambulance station is $1 million. Call numbers discussed. Efficiencies discussed, such as system status management, administration responding to calls when necessary, Med 1 response, etc. Geography advantages and disadvantages discussed. It was reported Marquette County staffing is appropriate for its size and geographical layout. Moved by and seconded by to recommend the Executive & Finance Committee. Administrator Barger suggested to take the data already obtained through the consulting services, contract with them to get additional data, and provide a recommendation on how to move forward with options. Referendum discussion. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Mary Walters to recommend not moving forward with Waushara/Marquette consolidation and to obtain the services of Strategic Management & Consulting to develop alternate plans for EMS and to forward said recommendation to Executive & Finance Committee. Motion carried.

9. County vehicle use was discussed. EMS Director Rob Lulling reported the new Med 1 is now in service and the old Med 1 is being used by the EMS Director at this time. Administrator Barger recommended the EMS Director continue to utilize the vehicle. The committee has previously twice approved the vehicle use by the EMS Director. Administrator Barger reported the vehicle use will be charged on W-2's as an earned benefit/income per a found adopted policy. This will begin Jan. 1st and totals $60 per vehicle/month. Emergency Response vehicles are exempt. Administrator Barger requested this be on the January agenda.

10. Sheriff Konrath reported that Marquette County was awarded the FY2027 PSAP grant of $309,737.20. The security door system was not approved within the grant, which is a value of approximately $24,000. After further discussion, Stacy Kohn noted that the $24,000 is already included in the Sheriff's Office budget in the total. Moved by Mary Walters and seconded by Lance Achterberg to approve the acceptance of the FY2027 PSAP grant. Motion carried.

11. Sheriff Konrath presented the monthly reports. Discussion followed regarding the lease truck payments. Stacy reported that one payment is lower this month due to a DMV tag refund. The Durango's have different rates due to different CAP reduction rates. It was noted that a jail tour will be scheduled for the December meeting. Possibility of scheduling a courtroom tour as well. Sheriff Konrath reported that the DOC jail inspection took place on Aug 18th, and no jail violations were found. Flock cameras discussed. DA Cliff Burdon reported a recent court case found that flock camera use is a search without a warrant. Discussion followed. Sheriff Konrath

reported safeguards have been put in place to prevent violations. Sheriff Konrath detailed what a flock camera does and how it works. Software has been enabled, which allows management staff to monitor flock camera use. A report must be documented when the system is accessed. Sheriff Konrath reported on several cases that have been solved with Marquette County's flock cameras. Chairperson Nigbor requested the DA bring any additional legal updates as they occur. Sheriff Konrath reported that annual contracts have been reviewed and the commissary vendor went to a third-party vendor for accounting, which was causing several issues, so Marquette County changed the commissary vendor. The new vendor, Stellar, requires a separate account for commissary. Moved by Peggy Krause and seconded by Mary Walters to approve the new checking account for jail commissary vendor. Motion carried. Sheriff Konrath reported stakeholders met last Tuesday for the upcoming jail/dispatch switchover. Hired 4 new deputies for dispatch/jail. Will fill 2 more positions in 2027. 5 to go for certification in January. Jail/Dispatch switchover will take place the week of March 1st.

12. No strategic plan items were discussed.

13. The next meeting will be December 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Safety Room. Property Committee will join for the jail tour around 10:30 a.m.

14. The agenda having been completed Committee Chairperson Judi Nigbor declared the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk