

MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, August 11, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Conference Rm #302

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Zurfluh, Dennis Polach, William Voight, Brad Hamilton

MEMBER EXCUSED: Jeff Penzkover

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Zurfluh called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 9:00 AM.
5. A review of the history of the Central Records Committee and its lack of any bylaws was reviewed. County Clerk Miner stated that former County Board Chair Koran started the county portion of this committee in 1992 by appointing members but none of those members were ever ratified by the entire county board. No bylaws exist in the county board record. Krokstrom reviewed the history going back even farther with Dispatch Manager Bastien explaining how the committee functions now. Consensus of the committee was to leave this advisory committee as it is now.
6. The Communications Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
7. The Emergency Management Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
8. The Dispatch Department presented their report and bill listing for review. Long term siren upgrades were discussed.
9. Coroner Patton reviewed the monthly report and bill listing.
10. Sheriff Becker reviewed various reports and activities of the Sheriff's Department. He highlighted the following:
 - Currently working on 2026 budget where two corrections officer position additions will be requested.
 - Work continues on the Weeks case which involved a trip to Arizona to interview a person.
 - Auburndale School District is looking to have the Sheriff's Dept. provide a School Resource Officer and are willing to fund a portion of the cost. A resolution will be forthcoming on the hiring of this position.

11. Becker presented a resolution to amend the 2025 budget for the Sheriff's Dept. to accept a WI Dept of Justice grant and create an FTE for a social worker position. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Motion by Voight/Hamilton to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Agenda item for next meeting:
 - 2026 Budget proposals from departments the committee oversees.
14. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 10:02 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

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