

**MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, September 11, 2023

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Courthouse – Room 114

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

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

1. Chairman Zurfluh called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. A moment of silence was observed commemorating the loss of life on September 11, 2001.
3. The minutes of the August 14, 2023 meetings were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in Room 114.
5. There was no public comment.
6. The Communications Dept. presented their report and bill listing.
7. Communications Director Engel presented the 2024 Communications budget, reviewed variances, and answered questions. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the Communications budget as presented and forward to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
8. The Emergency Management Dept. presented their report and bill listing.
9. Christensen informed the committee that she would be changing a position description within her department from Emergency Preparedness Coordinator to Deputy Director, as has been done in the past. There will be no monetary implications nor any job duty changes.
10. Emergency Management Director Christensen presented the 2024 Emergency Management budgets, reviewed variances, and answered questions. . Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the Emergency Management budgets as presented and forward to the Operations Committee. Motion carried 4-1. Winch voted no.
11. The Dispatch Dept. presented their report and bill listing.

12. Dispatch Manager Bastien presented the 2024 Dispatch budget, reviewed variances, and answered questions. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the Dispatch budget as presented and forward to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
13. The Coroner presented their report and bill listing.
14. Coroner Patton presented the 2024 Coroner budget, reviewed variances, and answered questions. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to approve the Coroner budget as presented and forward to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Sheriff Becker reviewed, and highlighted, the following within his report.
  - a. Recent Investigation Division successes in cases.
  - b. A successful appearance of the Sheriff's Department during the Central Wisconsin State Fair.
  - c. Recent Badger State Sheriff's Association district meeting held in Wood County.
16. Sheriff Becker and Chief Deputy Ellis presented the 2024 Humane Officer budget, reviewed variances, and answered questions. Motion by Hamilton/Winch to approve the Humane Officer budget as presented and forward to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Sheriff Becker and Chief Deputy Ellis presented the 2024 Sheriff's Dept. budgets, reviewed variances, and answered questions. Motion by Voight/Polach to approve the Sheriff's Dept. budgets as presented and forward to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
18. A resolution to amend the Sheriff's Dept. budget for unanticipated revenue from the state for additional seat belt enforcement was presented. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 10:10 AM.

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

**Public Safety Committee  
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NAME	REPRESENTING
David Patton	Coroner
Jeff Farzkon	WEB #11
Ed Newton	Finance
Eric Engel	WC Com
Sarah Christensen	WEEM
Quintie Ellis	WOSO
Shawn Becker	WOSO
Charles Haggerty	WOSO
Ted Ashbeck	Jail
Tony Bastien	Dispatch
Nick Plugaar	Safety - HR