



PORTAGE COUNTY

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

PORTAGE COUNTY LEC TRAINING
ROOM
1500 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021
7:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 AM)

Members Present: A. ANDAY, D. JANKOWSKI, D. MARTINSON, S. POTOCKI AND S. SOIK

Others Present:

Chief Deputy, Ben Beaudoin, Sheriff's Office

Captain Josh Ostrowski, Sheriff's Office

Captain Ron Leach, Sheriff's Office

Wayne Kropidlowski, Sheriff's Office

Kasia Norgaard, Sheriff's Office

Clair Glisczynski, Sheriff's Office

Robert Weinert, Emergency Management

Scott Rifleman, Medical Examiner

Al Haga, Portage County Board Chair

Chris Holman, County Executive

Brandi Makuski, Point/Plover Metro

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[Approval of December 16, 2020 Public Safety and Emergency Management Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion made by Jankowski/Anday to approve the December 16, 2020 Public Safety/Emergency Management Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. REPORTS

Vendor Invoice List Reports:

- [Sheriff](#)
- [Medical Examiner](#)
- [Emergency Management](#)
- [Emergency Medical Services](#)
 - Jankowski comment: In 2020 there were about 4700 ambulance runs: City of Stevens Point had 3336, Village of Plover had 1117 (about a third of what the city had with one ambulance) and Amherst had 293.

No other questions or comments on the vendor invoice list reports.

Sheriff's Office Activity Reports

- Emergency Management
 - Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator resigned, position has been posted and a few people applied
 - Work continues on EPCRA and offsite HAZMAT Plans
 - EOC continues weekly briefings, PPE requests have decreased
 - LEPC meeting is next Thursday, February 4, 2021
 - Received three reimbursement checks from July 2020 storms for Town of Lanark, Village of Plover and Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)



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- [Jail](#)
 - Staffing:
 - Interviews for promotion for Corporal position on 1/28/2021. Three candidates applied.
 - Second interviews for Corrections Officer position next week
 - Inmate population numbers have been slowly increasing
 - UV equipment purchased through grant has been utilized daily
 - Operations
 - Patrol and Investigation divisions have been fully staffed and very busy with recent fatal crashes
 - Court Services also fully staffed
 - Communication Center: two new employees are in training (Elizabeth Joseph and Dakotah Hartenstein)
 - Administration
 - Sheriff has been coordinating vaccination opportunities with Aspirus (Moderna vaccine) and Trigs Pharmacy (Pfizer vaccine)
 - Precautionary COVID-19 measures and protocols will continue to be in place at the Sheriff's Office
 - UV Chamber has also been purchased utilizing grant funds
 - Presidential inauguration and the week leading to it were peaceful
 - Discussion of possible increased court security
 - Question from A. Anday regarding "drug pandemic". ME Rifleman advised that there has been one death so far this month related to drug overdose.
 - Medical Examiner
 - 2020 had about 100 death cases more than the previous year
 - COVID-19 cases are going down, but other cases are still high

4. CORRESPONDENCE

[Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\) Activity Reports](#)

[Medical Director's Reports](#)

5. PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

6. DISCUSSION ONLY

- [Credit Incentive 2021 - Stacy Morton](#)
 - This is a program where employees can earn college credits and receive incentive pay for successful completion of the course. Participation requires prior approval of the Sheriff. Stacy Morton was already approved for some credits in 2020. She will be taking three more courses in the spring of 2021 and was approved for these as well.

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SPECIAL MEETINGS (PORTAGE COUNTY ORDINANCE 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)



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- [Resolution RE: One Year Renewal of Portage County and Humane Society of Portage County, Inc. Animal Control Services Agreement](#)
 - Chief Deputy summarized the program: municipalities participating in the animal control program all have individual agreements with the county. The County had a three-year agreement with the Humane Society of Portage County, Inc. that expired on December 31, 2020. This resolution is to approve one year extension of the contract with the Humane Society for 2021. Later in the year there will likely be a resolution for a three year agreement with the Humane Society beyond 2021.

Motion made by Jankowski/Anday to approve the resolution for One Year Renewal of Portage County and Humane Society of Portage County, Inc. Animal Control Services Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

- **REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE - None**
- **APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS - None**
- **SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS - None**

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

February 24, 2021 - 7:00AM

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Soik/Jankowski to adjourn the Public Safety/Emergency Management Meeting at 7:31AM. Motion carried unanimously.

10. NOTICES

Notice: Any person who has special needs planning on attending this meeting in-person or remotely should contact Facilities Office at 715-346-1598 as soon as possible to ensure that reasonable accommodations can be made.

Notice: A quorum of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, or any committee thereof, may be present at this meeting.