



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

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

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

8:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

Members Present: Don Jankowski, Stan Potocki, David Peterson, David Medin, Scott Soik

Attending In-Person: Don Jankowski, David Peterson, David Medin, Scott Soik

Attending Online: Stan Potocki

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Others Attending:

Sheriff Mike Lukas, Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Ben Beaudoin, Sheriff's Office

Captain Josh Ostrowski, Sheriff's Office

Superintendent Rocky Bolder, Sheriff's Office

Tammy Shoemaker, Sheriff's Office

Stephanie Laug, Sheriff's Office

Katarzyna Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Heather Schultz, Medical Examiner

Al Haga, County Board Chair

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department

Cass Cousins, District Attorney

Jennifer Jossie, Portage County Finance Director (Remote)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes July 26, 2023

Supervisor Potocki requested a correction to be made to the July 26, 2023 Minutes: add Supervisor Scott Soik as Attending In-Person. A motion was made by David Medin, seconded by Scott Soik, to approve the corrected July 26, 2023 Public Safety Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

VENDOR INVOICE LIST REPORTS

No questions on Vendor Invoices

3. Sheriff
4. Emergency Medical Services

5. Medical Examiner

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORTS

6. Emergency Management

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Working on the Integrated Preparedness Planning (IPP) Program between the County and the Towns, Villages, and the City
- Assisted the University with their Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) meeting
- Conducted a Train Derailment Tabletop Exercise on August 9, 2023
- The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) by-laws are being reviewed and recommendations will be presented to the LEPC
- The LEPC membership list is also being reviewed to ensure required representation

7. Emergency Medical Services

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Received power stair chairs that will be put in the front line ambulances
- Attended Portage County Fire Chiefs Meeting
- Skills Labs for EMR Groups are scheduled for September
- Meetings are in progress regarding ambulance contracts with providers

8. Jail Activities

Superintendent Rocky Bolder:

- One female Corrections Officer is in training
- One male candidate for Corrections Officer position is being backgrounded
- One male Corrections Officer will be starting the Jail Academy in September
- Anticipating one female Corrections Officer opening

9. Operations Activities

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - One new Deputy started on August 7, 2023 and is doing well
- Communication Center:
 - Two Communication Technicians are in training and are doing well
- Police Lights of Christmas fundraiser will be taking place on September 16, 2023

10. Administrative Activities

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Denise Nash retired as Communication Manager on 8/16/2023 and Stephanie Laug took over that position
- Promotional Ceremony for the new Communication Supervisor scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 3:30pm
- Working on wage adjustments and shift differential for Corrections Officers
- Implemented new Recruit Deputy Program
- On Tuesday, August 29, 2023 there will be a check presentation at PuroClean from their K-9 Fundraiser
- Received K-9 donations from Tomorrow River Valley Conservation Club and Thomas P. Orsund Memorial Foundation
- On September 11, 2023 there will be swearing in of the new Law Enforcement Records Specialist
- We are in the midst of the budget process
- One of the Deputies completed his probationary period
- On September 10, 2023 there will be a Guns & Hoses charity softball game to support veterans in the Portage County
- Citizens Academy will be starting in September, encouraging county board members to participate

11. Medical Examiner Activities

Medical Examiner Heather Schultz:

- One of the Deputy Medical Examiners resigned and the vacant position has been posted

Chair Al Haga provided an update on the regional morgue.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

12. EMS Provider Monthly Activity Reports

13. Medical Director's Report

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

- 14. Resolution RE: Revision of Portage County Code of Ordinances Sections 3.1.24 and 3.1.16 Resulting in the Transfer of Legislative Oversight for the District Attorney Office from the Judicial/General Government Committee to the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee**

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by David Medin, to approve the Revision of Portage County Code of Ordinances Sections 3.1.24 and 3.1.16 Resulting in the Transfer of Legislative Oversight of the District Attorney Office from the Judicial/General Government Committee to the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

- 15. Resolution RE: Revision of Portage County Code of Ordinances Section 4.9.4, Resulting in an Increase to the Dog License Taxes**

A motion was made by David Peterson, seconded by David Medin, to approve Revision of Portage County Code of Ordinances Section 4.9.4, Resulting in an Increase to the Dog License Taxes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

- 16. Discussion/Possible Action Re: New Position Request - Drug Investigator Position**

A motion was made by Stan Potocki, seconded by Scott Soik, to approve the New Position Request for Drug Investigator Position. The motion had the following vote:

4 Yes: Stan Potocki, Don Jankowski, David Peterson, David Medin

0 No: None

1 Abstain: Scott Soik

- 17. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)**

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 8:00AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by David Peterson, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:43 am.