



# PORTAGE COUNTY

## MEETING MINUTES

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

### PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, January 24, 2024

8:00 AM

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#### REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

To attend this meeting by telephone : dial 1-872-242-7813, after dialing the number you will then be asked to enter in a meeting number. Use the following meeting number: 103 548 495, then press #

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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, David Peterson, David Medin, Scott Soik

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

Attending Online:

Members Excused: Stan Potocki

Members Absent:

Others Attending:

Sheriff Mike Lukas, Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Ben Beaudoin, Sheriff's Office

Captain Josh Ostrowski, Sheriff's Office

Captain Ronnie Leach, Sheriff's Office

Stephanie Laug, Sheriff's Office

Katarzyna Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

John Pavelski, Portage County Executive

Joe Gemza, Stevens Point Fire Department/EMS

Anthony Luchini, Plover Fire Department/EMS (Remote)

Bob Pahmeier, Public

#### PRESENTATIONS

1. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes November 22, 2023

A motion was made by David Medin, seconded by David Peterson, to approve November 22, 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 Management
5. Emergency Medical Services
6. Medical Examiner
7. District Attorney

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORTS**

8. Emergency Management

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Completed all the requirements for 2023 grants
- Reporting is due by Friday, January 26, 2024 to the state
- Submitted application for a grant that will facilitate updating of the mitigation plan for the county
- Working on updating local disaster plans for towns and villages - received 18 completed plans, working on getting the remaining 9 plans completed this year
- Looking to replace the current WICAM printer
- The Strategic Hazmat Plan was completed in December
- Next Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting will be on Thursday, February 2, 2024

9. Emergency Medical Services

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Working on the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Grant for 2024
- Working on closing 2023 grants
- Working on billing company changeover
- Signed two contracts:
  - Patient Care Survey - One Year Contract
  - Heart Monitors Maintenance - One Year Contract

10. Jail Activities

Captain Ronnie Leach:

- One resignation in jail
- Two Corrections Officers completed their field training
- Three Corrections Officers are currently in training and are doing well
- Two new Corrections Officers are starting on January 29, 2024
- Jail inmate population continues to be high

11. Operations Activities

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
  - One Deputy is in training and is doing well
  - The Recruit Deputy started the Law Enforcement Academy
  - Continuing interviews and background checks for the open positions
- Communication Center:
  - One Communication Technician resigned and accepted jail position
  - One new Communication Technician started on January 15, 2024
  - Hiring process is ongoing with interviews, testing and background checks

12. Administrative Activities

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Thank you to the Portage County Deputy Sheriff's Association for working on the Recruit Deputy program
- One Deputy resigned to go to Wood County
- The open Drug Investigator position has been filled
- Working on filling the second Drug Investigator position
- Lieutenant Wayne Kropidlowski is retiring on February 16, 2024 - his position has been posted
- Library Safety Concerns:
  - Supervisor Jankowski will work on inviting the Library Board to the Space & Properties Meeting on February 6, 2024 at 3:30pm

Supervisor David Peterson:

- Wrong Way Drivers issue - how can it be resolved?
  - Per Sheriff Mike Lukas: DOT is looking into doing a Wrong Way Driver Campaign in the summer
  - Supervisor Jankowski will mention this issue during the next Traffic Safety Commission meeting

13. Medical Examiner Activities

14. District Attorney Activities

## **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**

15. EMS Provider Monthly Activity Reports

16. Medical Director's Report

## **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

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, February 28, 2024 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 8:23am.