



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

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

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:00 AM

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: 601 758 554, 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, Stan Potocki, David Peterson, David Medin, Scott Soik

Attending In-Person: Stan Potocki, David Peterson, David Medin, Scott Soik

Attending Online: Don Jankowski

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

Captain Ronnie Leach, Sheriff's Office

Katarzyna Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Nicholas Quade, Sheriff's Office

Lillian Kontos, Sheriff's Office

Calden Wojt, Sheriff's Office

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Al Haga, County Board Chair

John Pavelski, County Executive

Joe Gemza, Stevens Point Fire Department/EMS

Anthony Luchini, Plover Fire Department/EMS (Remote)

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department (Remote)

Jennifer Jossie, Finance Director (Remote)

Jane Iwanski, County Executive Secretary (Remote)

Brandi Makuski, Point Plover Metro Wire

Benjamin Gaboda, Public

PRESENTATIONS

1. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

Sheriff's introduced three newest Sheriff's Office employees:

- Deputy Nicholas Quade
- Corrections Officer Lillian Kontos
- Corrections Officer Calden Wojt

Sheriff recognized member of the public Benjamin Gaboda with a Meritorious Conduct Award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes February 28, 2024

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by David Peterson, to approve February, 2024 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
6. District Attorney

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORTS

7. Emergency Management

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Started work on the Portage County All Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - The Steering Committee has been established
 - Conducted a Kick-Off Meeting in conjunction with the Towns Association Meeting
- Attended the State Emergency Management Conference
- The county Emergency Management Division offered a new course that focused on individuals, families and communities and how to train them to be better prepared and work with local emergency management and responders
- New WICAM cards printer should be arriving on March 28, 2024
- Attended Wisconsin Association of Hazardous Materials Responders (WAHMR) Conference
- Will be starting work on updating emergency plans for facilities with hazardous chemicals

8. Emergency Medical Services

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Narcan Kits will be distributed to first responders to be left behind wherever they may be needed
- Working on ground ambulance collections data

9. Jail Activities

Captain Ronnie Leach:

- One resignation in the jail
- One new Corrections Officer started on March 25, 2024
- Two Corrections Officers are in training
- Still recruiting for one open female position
- Jail population remains high

10. Operations Activities

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol
 - One new Deputy started on March 18, 2024
 - One Deputy is in final stages of training and is doing well
 - Have three ongoing background investigations for the Deputy positions

- Interviews for the Detective Sergeant position are scheduled for March 28, 2024
 - Additional interviews for the Deputy positions will be conducted on April 3, 2024
- Communication Center:
 - Finalizing one background investigation for a Communication Technician candidate
- In-service training took place in March
- Attended several career fairs:
 - SPASH - March 13
 - UWSP - February 28
 - Central Wisconsin Career Fair - March 26

11. Administrative Activities

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Coffee with a Cop on March 26, 2024 went well
- Amherst EMS Contract - need additional information regarding an overage

12. Medical Examiner Activities

13. 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.

Comment by Chairman Al Haga:

- Wisconsin Counties Association will be working with the State regarding costs that the County is incurring for court activities (security, translation, etc.).

CORRESPONDENCE

14. EMS Provider Monthly Activity Reports

15. Medical Director's Report

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

16. Budget Amendment/Transfer Request to Utilize Inmate Welfare Funds for Tamper-proof Television Enclosures in the Jail

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by David Medin, to approve the Budget Amendment/Transfer Request to Utilize Inmate Welfare Funds for Tamper-proof Television Enclosures in the Jail. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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, April 24, 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 8:17am.

