



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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 Medin, Shaun Przybylski, Barry Jacowski

Attending In-Person: Don Jankowski, David Medin, Shaun Przybylski, Barry Jacowski

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

Captain Ronnie Leach, 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

Cass Cousins, District Attorney

Jessica Cliver, District Attorney's Office

John Pavelski, County Executive

Joe Gemza, Stevens Point Fire Department/EMS

Anthony Luchini, Plover Fire Department/EMS (Remote)

Jennifer Jossie, Portage County Finance Director (Remote)

Jane Iwanski, County Executive Office (Remote)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. EMS Provider Monthly Activity Reports
2. Medical Director's Report

PRESENTATIONS

3. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

None

VENDOR INVOICE LIST REPORTS

No questions on Vendor Invoices

4. Sheriff
5. Emergency Management
6. Emergency Medical Services
7. Medical Examiner
8. District Attorney

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORTS

9. Emergency Management

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Focusing on mitigation planning:
 - Met with several towns and villages
 - Received the results of the public survey regarding mitigation planning - will be working on compiling data
- Working with UWSP and the State on the Family Assistance Center Exercise in November
- Working on the warming and cooling centers, as well as county building evacuation projects
- Participated in the Northeast Regional Emergency Management meeting
- Had a booth at the Stockton Fire Department's Open House
- Have been attending the annual Wisconsin Emergency Management Association (WEMA) conference in Stevens Point
- Reviewing the HAZMAT spill reimbursement process for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Continuing to print WICAMS cards

10. Emergency Medical Services

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- EMS Association Banquet is scheduled for October 3, 2024 at Food + Farm Exploration Center in Plover
- Working on final stages of ordering video laryngoscopes
- Narcan Kits have been requested by the polling places in the city of Stevens Point

11. Jail Activities

Captain Ronnie Leach:

- Staffing levels are continuing to improve
- Two Corrections Officers are in training and are doing well
- One former Corrections Officer returned as On-Call/Casual Corrections Officer
- Working on building the Corrections Officer eligibility list
- Jail population has dipped a little bit

12. Operations Activities

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - Two Deputies completed their field training and are now on solo patrol
 - Conducted interviews for the Deputy positions and are currently conducting a background check on one candidate
- Communication Center:
 - One Communication Technician completed training
 - One Communication Technician will be starting on September 30, 2024
 - One background check is in progress

13. Administrative Activities

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Past and upcoming events:
 - September 5, 2024 - Jack Stand Car Cruise Fundraiser for the K-9 Program brought \$10,000 donation
 - September 18, 2024 - Pink Day at UWSP: participated in the hot dog eating contest against the Stevens Point Mayor
 - September 21, 2024 - Harvest Days at the Trzebiatowski Farms for disabled children
 - September 24, 2024 - Women in Law Enforcement Event at the Midstate Technical College
 - October 12, 2024 - Shriner's Event
 - October 17, 2024 - Career Day at Pacelli High School
- Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) completed investigations into two recent critical incidents: one in Amherst, one in Wisconsin Rapids (originated in Portage County)
- Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's office will be working with the Point-Plover Metro Wire on a story regarding the resources large critical incidents require
- Deputies' collective bargaining is opening up on September 25, 2024
- Applied for a couple of grants:
 - \$10,000 grant for annual in-person wellness checks for staff
 - Department of Justice grant for Medical Alternative Treatment Program for the jail along with the post-release counseling

14. Medical Examiner Activities

Medical Examiner Heather Schultz:

- No updates

15. District Attorney Activities

District Attorney Cass Cousins:

- No staffing changes
- Defendant from the Wisconsin Rapids critical incident will also be charged in Portage County

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 public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes August 28, 2024

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Shaun Przybylski, to approve the August 28, 2024 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

17. Presentation of the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Program Budget for Approval

A motion was made by David Medin, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to approve the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Program Budget. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

18. 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, October 23, 2024 at 8:00AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Shaun Przybylski, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:42am.