



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

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

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

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: Stan Potocki, David Medin, Barry Jacowski

Attending In-Person: Stan Potocki, David Medin, Barry Jacowski

Attending Online:

Members Excused: Don Jankowski, Shaun Przybylski

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

Stephanie Laug, Sheriff's Office

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Heather Schultz, Medical Examiner

Cass Cousins, District Attorney

Rachel Lemke, District Attorney's Office

Joe Gemza, Stevens Point Fire Department/EMS

Anthony Luchini, Plover Fire Department/EMS (Remote)

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

3. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

None

4. Portage County Victim Witness Program

Victim Witness Coordinator Rachel Lemke presented on the Portage County Victim Witness Program

VENDOR INVOICE LIST REPORTS

No questions on Vendor Invoices

5. Sheriff
6. Emergency Management

7. Emergency Medical Services

8. Medical Examiner

9. District Attorney

ACTIVITY REPORTS

10. Emergency Management Activities

- Plan Updates
- Operations and Exercises
- Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
- Office Activities

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Plan Updates - Mitigation Plan
 - The Countywide Mitigation Plan was adopted by the County Board. The final draft will be sent to the State for review
 - Chemical Facility Off-Site Plans have been completed and will be on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) agenda for approval
- Operations and Exercises
 - Will be assisting the Village of Plover with Celebrate Plover event on July 25 and 26, 2025
- Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
 - Participated in the regional emergency management conference
- Office Activities
 - Monitoring weather for any issues

11. Emergency Medical Services Activities

- Grant Applications and Reporting
- Meetings, Trainings, Operations, and Activities

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Attended the North Central Trauma Advisory Council Meeting
- Working on 2026 budget for EMS

12. Jail Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Captain Ronnie Leach:

- The annual jail inspection report should be coming July 24, 2025
- Staffing has been steady; three employees on light duty and two on FMLA

13. Operations Activities

- Patrol - Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Communication Center - Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - One deputy completed field training and is now on solo patrol

- Provided Contracted Police Services for the Amherst Fair
- Communication Center:
 - Two new Communication Technicians will be starting soon
 - Scheduling the next round of interviews

14. Administrative Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Past and Upcoming Events

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Upcoming Events:
 - New employees that will be sworn-in in the next few weeks:
 - July 29, 2025 - Communication Technician Ricky Gilpatrick
 - August 5, 2025 - Deputy Landen Nesbitt and Law Enforcement Records Specialist Zoe Ziaya
 - August 11, 2025 - Communication Technician Kasey Webb
 - July 29, 2025 - Check presentation from the PuroClean K-9 fundraiser
 - July 29, 2025 - Police Lights of Christmas at Culvers
- The Use of Force during recent incident has been reviewed by the District Attorney and justified
- 1729 Church Street is no longer being considered by the Department of Corrections as a rehabilitation house
- Building meetings and jail visits have been going well

15. Medical Examiner Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Conferences and Trainings

Medical Examiner Heather Schultz:

- Marathon County Regional Forensic Science Center moved in last week - Portage County will utilize their services as a customer. It is more expensive than UW-Madison, but it is closer and more convenient.

16. District Attorney Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

District Attorney Cass Cousins:

- No update

17. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

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

18. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes June 25, 2025

A motion was made by David Medin, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to approve the June 25, 2025 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

19. Discussion/Possible Action Re: 2025 Budget Adjustment for Stop the Bleed Kits for the Sheriff's Office Emergency Medical Services Division

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by David Medin, to approve the 2025 Budget Adjustment for Stop the Bleed Kits for the Sheriff's Office Emergency Medical Services Division. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

20. Discussion/Possible Action Re: 2025 Budget Adjustment for Funding Assistance Program (FAP) award for the Sheriff's Office Emergency Medical Services Division

A motion was made by Stan Potocki, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to approve the 2025 Budget Adjustment for Funding Assistance Program (FAP) award for the Sheriff's Office Emergency Medical Services Division. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 8.00AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:43am.