



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, December 17, 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 8:00AM

Members Present: Don Jankowski, David Medin, Shaun Przybylski, Stan Potocki

Attending In-Person: Don Jankowski, David Medin, Shaun Przybylski, Stan Potocki

Attending Online:

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Barry Jacowski

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

Lt. Jason Meidl, Sheriff's Office

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Heather Schultz, Medical Examiner

Joe Gemza, Stevens Point Fire Department

Anthony Luchini, Stevens Point Fire Department

Vinnie Miresse, County Board/State Assembly Representative

Christopher Schultz, Purchasing Director

Brandi Makuski, Point-Plover Metro Wire

Jennifer Jossie, Finance Director (Remote)

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department (Remote)

CORRESPONDENCE

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

PRESENTATIONS

3. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

Sheriff Mike Lukas presented a Life Saving Award to Deputy Brad Mathwich from Portage County Sheriff's Office. Mathwich also received a Citation of Commendation from the Wisconsin State Assembly presented by the State Representative Vinnie Miresse.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

4. Emergency Management Activities

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

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Plan Updates
 - Started updating the 2026 County Disaster Plan
- Operations and Exercises
 - Tabletop Exercise with Lineage Logistics
- Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
 - Met with Villages of Plover and Whiting to discuss evacuation routes
- Office Activities
 - Participated in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 6, 2025

5. Emergency Medical Services Activities

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

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Amherst Ambulance was in an accident and is being repaired by the Highway Department
- Adam Meshak from Amherst Fire Department/EMS received the Paramedic of the Year Award from the Wisconsin EMS Association
- Assistant Chief Joe Gemza from Stevens Point Fire Department will be retiring on January 8, 2026 and Anthony Luchini from Plover Fire Department will be taking over his position

6. Jail Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Captain Ronnie Leach:

- Backgrounds on three candidates are almost completed, moving two additional candidates to background checks
- One new Corrections Officer started at the beginning of December
- Corrections Officer Joe Ries is retiring on January 2, 2026 with 25 years of service

7. Operations Activities

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

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - Very busy with the end of the year activities
- Communication Center:
 - One Communication Technician finished field training
 - One Communication Technician is midway through training and is doing well
 - One candidate moved to the background stage of the hiring process

8. Administrative Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

- Past and Upcoming Events

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Past and Upcoming Events:
 - December 6, 2025 - participated in Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Metro Market in Stevens Point
 - December 13, 2025 - participated in Shop with a Cop in Plover
 - December 30, 2025 - Communication Technician Gina Fenoglio retiring with 34 years of service
- Sheriff's Office will be again participating in the Drug Treatment Court program
- Listening Session regarding the new Law Enforcement Center building project is scheduled for January 13, 2026, 4-5:30pm

9. Medical Examiner Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Conferences and Trainings

Medical Examiner Heather Schultz:

- No updates

10. District Attorney Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

11. 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

12. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes November 26, 2025

A motion was made by Shaun Przybylski, seconded by David Medin, to approve the November 26, 2025 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION ONLY

13. Court Security Screening / Hours of Operation and Procedures

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

14. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Acceptance of Department of Health Services – EMS Funding Assistance Program (FAP) Award.

A motion was made by Stan Potocki, seconded by Shaun Przybylski, to Accept the Department of Health Services - EMS Funding Assistance Program (FAP) Award. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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

Finance Director Jennifer Jossie stated that the Budget Adjustment should be for 2026 not for 2025.

A motion was made by David Medin, seconded by Shaun Przybylski, to approve the 2026 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, January 28, 2026 at 8:00AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Stan Potocki, seconded by Shaun Przybylski, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am