



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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, Barry Jacowski

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

Attending Online:

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Stan Potocki

Others Attending:

Chief Deputy Ben Beaudoin, Sheriff's Office

Captain Josh Ostrowski, Sheriff's Office

Rocky Bolder, Sheriff's Office

Katarzyna Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Kate Snow, Sheriff's Office

Lt. Jacob Wills, Sheriff's Office

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Cass Cousins, District Attorney

John Pavelski, County Executive

Anthony Luchini, Stevens Point Fire Department

Scott Soik, Public

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department (Remote)

Trevor Howard, Plover Fire Department/EMS (Remote)

Dr. Whitney Sinclair, Medical Director (Remote)

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Dr. Whitney Sinclair:

- Working on countywide EMS mass casualty training

PRESENTATIONS

3. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

ACTIVITY REPORTS

4. Emergency Management Activities

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

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Plan Updates
 - Working on updating the 2026 County Disaster Plan
- Operations and Exercises
 - Participated in a preliminary State Exercise planning discussion set for 2027
- Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
 - Met with the new management of the Red Cross
 - Participated in the Northeast Regional Disaster Managers Meeting
 - Participated in the Portage County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting
 - There will be a Damage Assessment Training on February 19, 2026 in the Annex
- Office Activities
 - The EPCRA Grant is nearing final completion prior to closing out

5. Emergency Medical Services Activities

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

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- 2025 Portage County EMR Grant close out info is due January 31, 2026
- Attended the EMS Association Meeting
- Anticipating the new ambulances to be delivered mid-February 2026

6. Jail Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Superintendent Rocky Bolder:

- Staffing:
 - Had a retirement recently
 - One Corrections Officer is nearing completion of his field training
 - One new Corrections Officer started this week
 - Couple more Corrections Officers will be starting in the upcoming weeks

7. Operations Activities

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

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - Fully staffed and trained
- Communication Center:
 - Conducted interviews on January 13, 2026 — one candidate moved to testing and second interview
 - One new Communication Technician will be starting on February 16, 2026
 - Aurelian AI Dispatch will kick off on February 2, 2026

8. Administrative Activities

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

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Will be participating in SPASH Career Fair on February 11, 2026

9. Medical Examiner Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Conferences and Trainings

10. District Attorney Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

District Attorney Cass Cousins:

- No update

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

Chair Don Jankowski mentioned that a Special Meeting regarding single point access for the courthouse will be on February 9, 2026.

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 December 17, 2025

A motion was made by David Medin, seconded by Shaun Przybylski, to approve the December 17, 2025 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, February 25, 2026 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 8:12am