



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, February 25, 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, Stan Potocki, David Medin, Shaun Przybylski, Barry Jacowski

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

Attending Online:

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

Kate Snow, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Heather Schultz, Medical Examiner

Anthony Luchini, Stevens Point Fire Department (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

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
 - Working on updating the documents for the Emergency Operations Center
- Operations and Exercises
 - Developing a new course for the State Emergency Management Office based on the operations of our Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
 - The State Emergency Management Office will be arriving this afternoon to be taught how our turnkey EOC works
- Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
 - Participated in the State's Incident Support Model Committee
 - Conducted a quarterly Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting
 - Hosted the Northeast Regional Disaster Managers Meeting in the Annex
- Office Activities
 - The EMPG Grant (FEMA Grant) was submitted after lengthy delays at the Federal level

5. Emergency Medical Services Activities

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

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- The two new ambulances that were ordered in 2023 were delivered on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, and are in service
- Participated in a webinar: Overview of the Wisconsin Rural Health Transformation Program
- Attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting

6. Jail Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Captain Ronnie Leach:

- Had a Corporal resignation from the full-time position, transitioning to On Call/Casual Corrections Officer position
- One Corrections Officer completed field training on February 23, 2026
- Two new Corrections Officers are currently in training
- Have two female Corrections Officer vacancies - completed interviews for these and are waiting for the background checks to be completed

7. Operations Activities

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

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - First review of applicants for the open position will be on February 27, 2026
- Communication Center:
 - Communication Technician interviews for open positions are scheduled for February 25, 2026
 - One new Communication Technician started on February 16, 2026

8. Administrative Activities

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

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Conducting interviews for the open Law Enforcement Records Specialist position
- Kicked off the AI for Dispatch, working through some glitches with IT
- Took part in the SPASH basketball game on February 16, 2026
- Attended the Van Orden visit to express concerns regarding law enforcement perception
- Will be participating in the Career Day at SPASH on March 11, 2026
- Have been busy with threats to Amherst School and law enforcement - suspects are in custody

9. Medical Examiner Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Conferences and Trainings

Medical Examiner Heather Schultz:

- Attended the Wisconsin Coroner and Medical Examiner Association Meeting
- Decrease in drug overdose deaths

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 January 28, 2026

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by David Medin, to approve the January 28, 2026 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

13. Joint Meeting of Executive/Operations, Space and Properties, Public Safety/Emergency Management, Finance, and Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Shaun Przybylski, to approve the February 9, 2026 Joint Meeting of Executive/Operations, Space and Properties, Public Safety/Emergency Management, Finance, and Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION ONLY

14. Portage County Sheriff's Office 2025 Annual Report

Sheriff Lukas will be presenting the report to the County Board in March.

15. Portage County Medical Examiner 2025 Annual Report

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 8:00AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Stan Potocki, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:21am