



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, May 27, 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: Stan Potocki, Scott Soik, Landon Elgersma, Robin Falk, Mike Splinter

Attending In-Person: Stan Potocki, Scott Soik, Landon Elgersma, Robin Falk, Mike Splinter

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

Kasia Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Lt. Jason Meidl, Sheriff's Office

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Heather Schultz, Medical Examiner

Cass Cousins, District Attorney

Jennifer Jossie, Finance Director

Eric Olson, County Executive

Noah Lentz, County Executive Admin Assistant

Anthony Luchini, Stevens Point Fire Department

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department

Trevor Howard, Plover Fire Department/EMS

Brandi Makuski, Point-Plover Metro Wire

1. Introductions
2. Committee Members enter Per Diem and Mileage

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3. Vice Chairperson

Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Chair, Stan Potocki, called for nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mike Splinter nominated Scott Soik for Vice Chairperson. Nominations were called three additional times. Nominations for Vice Chairperson were closed. A motion was made by Supervisor Splinter, seconded by Supervisor Falk to seat Supervisor Soik as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

ESTABLISH REGULAR MEETING DATE

4. Determine the Regular Committee Meeting Date for the 2026-2028 Term

Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee will continue to meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 8:00am.

CORRESPONDENCE

5. EMS Provider Monthly Activity Reports
6. Medical Director's Report

PRESENTATIONS

7. Portage County Sheriff's Office Awards

ACTIVITY REPORTS

8. Emergency Management Activities
 - Plan Updates
 - Operations and Exercises
 - Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
 - Office Activities

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Plan Updates
 - Most of the chemical facility off-site plans have been updated
 - Meeting with towns and villages to assist them in updating their local emergency operations plans
- Operations and Exercises
 - Both of the Wisconsin Disaster Fund events (snow storm and ice storm) have been forwarded to the State for processing
 - Coordinated with the dam owners along the Wisconsin River regarding dam water levels to prevent flooding
- Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
 - Conducted site visits to facilities for hazardous chemical release planning; a few more facilities remain to visit
- Office Activities
 - Participated in the Annual Safety Fair at Mark Motors in Plover
 - Facilitated the Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week public outreach

9. Emergency Medical Services Activities

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

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Attended:
 - Training exercise at the Central Wisconsin Airport in April
 - North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council Annual Conference in April
 - EMS Association Meeting
- Participated in the Annual Portage County Safety Fair on May 16, 2026 at Mark Motors in Plover
- Working on getting two ambulances posted for sale

10. Jail Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Captain Ronnie Leach:

- One Corrections Officer completed field training
- Two new Corrections Officers started on Tuesday, May 26, 2026
- One new Corrections Officer is in training and is doing well
- Attended Juvenile Detention Conference and American Jail Association Conference in Milwaukee

11. Operations Activities

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

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - One new Deputy started on May 11, 2026 and one is starting on June 1, 2026
 - Deputy interviews are scheduled for June
- Communication Center:
 - Had Communication Technician interviews for open positions on May 14, 2026
 - One new Communication Technician is in final stages of training and is doing well

12. Administrative Activities

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

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Deputy Matt Gumney retired on May 22, 2026 after over 30 years of Law Enforcement service
- Deputy Brad Mathwich and K-9 Lexa recertified as a K-9 unit and received three recertification trophies
- One Communication Technician resigned from the Communication Center
- AI Dispatch is working well
- Received \$1000 K-9 Donation from Tomorrow River Valley Conservation Club
- Participated in the Annual Safety Fair on May 16, 2026 at Mark Motors in Plover
- Upcoming Events:
 - May 27, 2026 - Deputy Brad Mathwich will be receiving Green Bay Packers Protect and Serve Award
 - May 28, 2026 - Foster Care Parent Celebration
 - June 6, 2026 - Cops-N-Bobbers at Lake Pacawa
 - June 8, 2026 - Sheriff will be attending the National Sheriffs Association (NSA) Conference in Omaha, NE (received scholarship to attend)
- Upcoming contract renewal for Axon body and in-car cameras

13. Medical Examiner Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Conferences and Trainings

Medical Examiner Heather Schultz:

- Recently took possession of the new transport van

14. District Attorney Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

District Attorney Cass Cousins:

- Assistant District Attorney Robert Jambois has retired and there is an accepted offer for this vacant position

15. 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

16. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes March 25, 2026

A motion was made by Mike Splinter, seconded by Scott Soik, to approve the March 25, 2026 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 8:00AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by Mike Splinter, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:28am