



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

8:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

To attend this meeting by telephone : dial 1-872-242-7813, after dialing the number you will then be asked to enter in a meeting number. Use the following meeting number: 863 659 422, then press #

To attend this meeting by video: <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/29356026910753?p=fWjkujCVtbFc7oE3IR>

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Members enter Per Diem and Mileage

The Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00AM

Members Present: Stan Potocki, Robin Falk, Mike Splinter, Scott Soik, Landon Elgersma

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

Attending Online:

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Others Attending:

Sheriff Mike Lukas, Sheriff's Office

Captain Josh Ostrowski, Sheriff's Office

Lieutenant Tammy Shoemaker, Sheriff's Office

Stephanie Laug, Sheriff's Office

Jacob Wills, Sheriff's Office

Kasia Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Bob Weinert, EM

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
 - Have been working on numerous planning efforts:
 - The Countywide Strategic Hazardous Materials Plan
 - The County Disaster Plan
 - The Integrated Preparedness Plan
 - Working with Towns to assist them with updating their local disaster plans
- Operations and Exercises
 - Participated in the Measles exercise hosted by the University
- Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings
 - Participated in the Regional Emergency Management meeting
 - Participated in the Household and Community Readiness Group meeting and the Operational Readiness Preparedness Group meeting
 - Were asked to host a location for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency for their Dam Sector Security Forum in October
- Office Activities
 - Compiling information and forms in preparation for the 2026 FEMA grant

5. Emergency Medical Services Activities

- Grant Applications and Reporting
- Meetings, Trainings, Operations, and Activities
- Provider Correspondence and Questions

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Will be applying for the Funding Assistance Program (FAP) grant
- Attended EMS Association Meeting
- Portage County EMS Association Banquet is scheduled for October 6th, 2026
- Will be assisting with Stop the Bleed training and will be participating in the Rescue Task Force training on August 26, 2026

6. Jail Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities

Lieutenant Shoemaker:

- Had interviews for vacant positions, have a couple of good potential candidates that will be moving to background investigation
- Had two resignations recently
- Preparing for the Jail Inspection in mid-September

7. Operations Activities

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

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - One Deputy resigned
 - Two new Deputies completed their initial training
 - One new Deputy started at the end of July
- Communication Center:
 - Communication Technician interviews are ongoing
 - One new Communication Technician started on August 24, 2026
 - Conducting background investigation on one Communication Technician candidate

8. Administrative Activities

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

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Past Events:
 - July 28, 2026 - Police Lights of Christmas at Culvers
 - August 6, 2026 - Unification Training at the Woodlands Church
- Upcoming events:
 - August 26, 2026 - Rescue Task Force Training in Rosholt
 - August 30, 2026 - Guns N' Hoses Baseball Game
 - September 16, 2026 - New Law Enforcement Center and Jail Groundbreaking
- Received donation of EPI Pens from the Andrew Mueller Memorial Fund
- Budget increases for 2027:
 - Inmate Housing in Waupaca Contract
 - Axon Body and In-car Camera System Contract

9. Medical Examiner Activities

- Staffing, Operations, and Activities
- Conferences and Trainings

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 July 22, 2026

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by Mike Splinter, to approve the July 22, 2026 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

13. Resolution RE: Approving and Authorizing an Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. (Axon) to Provide Body Worn Cameras (BWCs), Hosted Digital Secure Storage, Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS), Redaction Software, and Other Services for the Years 2027-2031

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by Robin Falk, to Approve and Authorize an Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. to Provide Body Work Cameras (BWCs), Hosted Digital Secure Storage, Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS), Redaction Software, and Other Services for the Years 2027-2031. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

14. Discussion /Possible Action RE: Approval of a Guardian RFID, Inmate Wellness Check Monitoring Compliance System and Mobile Inmate Tracking System Contract

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by Mike Splinter, to Approve a Guardian RFID, Inmate Wellness Check Monitoring Compliance System and Mobile Inmate Tracking System Contract. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

15. Discussion/Possible Action RE: Approval of a 3-Year Maintenance Agreement for Stryker Lift/Load Cots

A motion was made by Robin Falk, seconded by Landon Elgersma, to Approve a 3-Year Maintenance Agreement for Stryker Lift/Load Cots. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 8:00AM, LEC Training Room

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:23am

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