



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

7:00 AM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM

Members Present: Stan Potocki, Don Jankowski, Scott Soik, Daniel Martinson

Attending In-Person: Stan Potocki, Don Jankowski, Scott Soik

Attending Online: Daniel Martinson

Members Excused: Anton Anday

Members Absent:

Others Attending:

Sheriff Mike Lukas, Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Ben Beaudoin, Sheriff's Office

Captain Josh Ostrowski, Sheriff's Office

Captain Ron Leach, Sheriff's Office

Katarzyna Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Wayne Kropidowski, Sheriff's Office

Robert Weinert, Emergency Management

Anthony Luchini, Emergency Management

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Scott Rifleman, Medical Examiner

Heather Schultz, Chief Deputy Medical Examiner

Joe Gemza, Stevens Point Fire Department

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department

Dr. Michael Clark, Medical Director (Remote)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes August 25, 2021

A motion was made by Don Jankowski, seconded by Scott Soik, to approve August 25, 2021 Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

VENDOR INVOICE LIST REPORTS

No questions on Vendor Invoices

2. Sheriff

3. Emergency Medical Services

4. Medical Examiner

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORTS

5. Emergency Management

- The county Emergency Operations Plan has been approved by the County Board
- Working through numerous grants and reviewing plans for EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) centers
- Attending conferences and training sessions
- Applied for HMEP (Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness) Grant - will be used for training for the county HazMat Team

6. Emergency Medical Services

- The Ambulance Providers Forum tentatively scheduled for October 19, 2021 is being postponed to Spring 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions
- Working with the Providers to have surplus PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) distributed to EMR Groups
- New cardiac monitors have been in use; no issues have been reported
- October is Cardiac Awareness Month

7. Jail Activities

- Extended an employment offer for the last male vacancy in the jail, tentative start date is October 4, 2021
- A few of the jail employees have been attending the jail school in Wisconsin Rapids
- Tech 84 Body Scanner is due to arrive on October 12, 2021

8. Operations Activities

- Patrol:
 - Deputy Adam Wachowiak is in the shadowing phase of his training
 - Conducted second interviews for the open positions on patrol, backgrounding a few candidates
- Communications Center:
 - New Communication Technician Tamara Brown will be starting on September 27, 2021

9. Administrative Activities

- K-9 Update: a new dog has been chosen from Jessiffany Kennel in Iron Ridge, WI: Belgian Malinois. Training will start October 4th, 2021.
- Deputies have been busy with 9/11 events and Rosholt Fair
- Compensatory Time accrual rules for the Law Enforcement Records Specialists has been adjusted to match the one of the Communication Technicians
- School Resource Officer Marielle Yenter has been doing well in her role and is active in the schools and community
- Community Resource Officer Jared Mayer has also been active in the community
- Fundraiser for Hurricane Ida victims - raising money to help Sheriff's Office Employees in Louisiana parishes that lost everything in the hurricane
- Collective Bargaining with the deputies will start in the middle of October, 2021
- All six positions that were requested in the budgeting process have been denied
- Discussions re: safety and security concerns during various committee meetings

10. Medical Examiner Activities

- Very busy, especially with the new COVID-19 surge
- Chief Medical Examiner Scott Rifleman will be retiring on January 7, 2022 after 41 years of service
- Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Heather Schultz was introduced to the committee members

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 reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

CORRESPONDENCE

11. EMS Provider Monthly Activity Reports

12. Medical Director's Report

- The transition from Ascension to Aspirus continues
- There will be training for the EMR groups this fall
- Working on updating the protocols based on the statewide protocols
- DHS is looking into funding options for a position responsible for ambulance inspections to comply with Medical Equipment Standards (Trans 309)

PRESENTATIONS

13. Demonstration of the new Phillips Tempus Heart Monitors by Assistant Chief Joe Gemza

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

14. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Regarding Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meetings attendance reports

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00am

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Don Jankowski, seconded by Scott Soik, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:51 AM.

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