



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOM 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

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, Michael Splinter

Attending In-Person: Stan Potocki, Scott Soik, Michael Splinter

Attending Online: Don Jankowski, Daniel Martinson

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 Ron Leach, Sheriff's Office

Katarzyna Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Wayne Kropidowski, Sheriff's Office

Denise Nash, Sheriff's Office

Robert Weinert, Emergency Management

Anthony Luchini, Emergency Management

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Heather Schultz, Chief Medical Examiner

Jennifer Jossie, Finance Director (Remote)

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department (Remote)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes December 15, 2021

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by Michael Splinter, to approve December 15, 2021 Public Safety Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Special Meeting Minutes January 3, 2022

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by Michael Splinter, to approve January 3, 2022 Public Safety Emergency Management Committee Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

VENDOR INVOICE LIST REPORTS

No questions on Vendor Invoices

3. Sheriff
4. Emergency Medical Services
5. Medical Examiner

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORTS

6. Emergency Management

- Weinert:
 - Emergency Management met with the new Health and Human Services Director, the American Red Cross and Ray Przybelski to discuss co-operation between those entities
 - Met with the City of Stevens Point Emergency Management Director and discussed Implementation Planning Program (training and development process)
 - Provided guidance to another county regarding Emergency Operations Center operating structure
- Luchini:
 - Hazmat exercise is planned with Plover Fire Department and McCain Foods - Tabletop Exercise in February, Functional Exercise in the spring
 - Chemical reporting facilities in Portage County need to submit their Tier II (chemical forms) with the State of WI by March 1, 2022
 - Completed four out of twelve Off-site Facility Plans for planning facilities.

7. Emergency Medical Services

- Chassis on the new ambulances are complete and the ambulances should be on the road in the late spring
- February is a Heart Month - Stevens Point Fire Department created videos on the hands only CPR that will be available through Pulse Point and on Facebook
- Sheriff Lukas: Tim Cisewski (EMS Coordinator for Plover) has resigned from his position

8. Jail Activities

- One Corrections Officer has completed the FTO program
- A female Corrections Officer is currently going through the FTO program and doing well
- One of the Corporals completed the Defensive Tactics course and now will be able to train other staff
- Social Worker Ken Wolfe retired this month and applications are accepted for the vacant position
- EMP (Electronic Monitoring Program) population has gone up in numbers this month
- Sheriff Lukas: starting a Narcan for Inmates on Release Pilot Program in the jail

9. Operations Activities

- Patrol:
 - Currently backgrounding two candidates for one open patrol position
 - One of the new deputies is in the shadow phase of the training and is doing well
- Communications Center:
 - Two new Communication Technicians started on January 10, 2022
 - Backgrounding two candidates for the open positions
 - Communication Technician Stephanie Laug was promoted to Communication Supervisor
- Public Safety Software has gone live this week

10. Administrative Activities

- Discussions continue regarding security during all county meetings
- During HR Meeting on February 10, 2022 there will be discussion regarding setting a salary for the Sheriff
- Interviews for the Law Enforcement Records Specialist position are in progress

11. Medical Examiner Activities

- Met with the Marathon County Medical Examiner
- Continue reporting COVID deaths to Public Health
- Chief Deputy Medical Examiner has been selected
- Anticipating resignation of another Deputy Medical Examiner

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

12. EMS Provider Monthly Activity Reports

13. Medical Director's Report

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 meeting attendance reports

NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7:00am

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by Michael Splinter to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:23 AM.

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