



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

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 8:00 AM

Members Present: Don Jankowski, Stan Potocki, Scott Soik, David Peterson

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

Attending Online:

Members Excused:

Members Absent: David Medin

Others Attending:

Sheriff Mike Lukas, Sheriff's Office

Captain Josh Ostrowski, Sheriff's Office

Captain Ron Leach, Sheriff's Office

Denise Nash, Sheriff's Office

Katarzyna Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary (Remote)

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Heather Schultz, Medical Examiner

Elizabeth Joseph, Sheriff's Office

Jackson Beggs, Midstate Student (Remote)

Brandi Makuski, Point/Plover Metro Wire (Remote)

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department

Dr. Michael Clark, Medical Director (Remote)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by David Peterson, to approve October 26th, 2022 Public Safety Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

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

EM Coordinator Bob Weinert:

- Most supplies have been ordered for EOC space at the County Highway building
- Finishing up grant requirements for Hazardous Materials Grant with grant report writing following in December
- Held class for elected officials on Monday the 14th of November with the largest class size of that course in the state this year thus far
- Still looking for Deputy EM Coordinator

6. Emergency Medical Services

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Ambulances all back in service
- Still some difficulty with new ambulances, working with International to get them fixed
- Attended two US Senior Open Medical Strategic Planning meetings, another meeting Tuesday the 22nd of November and another one in December
- 2023 EMR Grant information is up on website, EMR groups have until December 31st to apply for the 2023 grants

7. Jail Activities

Captain Ron Leach:

- Doing well with staffing, 1 female was sworn in to fill the final vacancy
- The last male vacancy was filled and he has finished field training and is doing well on his own

8. Operations Activities

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - New deputy in final stages of training and doing well
- Communication Center:
 - Backgrounding 3 candidates
 - Posting is up for a 4th supervisor position
 - 1 in training has left

9. Administrative Activities

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 10th from 10am-4pm at Metro Market in Park Ridge
- Coffee with a Cop on December 21st at Main St Cafe in Rosholt
- Communication Center, Road Deputies and Detectives have been very busy with Hit and Run causing severe injury, body was located in the Town of Grant, and fatal out on HWY 10
- December 23rd Sgt. Griesbach will be retiring
- December 16th Corrections Officer Heidi Adamski will be retiring after 27 years of service
- Implemented Body Cameras in operations (not In Car/Squad Cameras until first quarter of 2023), Corrections Officer cameras will be implemented before Christmas

10. Medical Examiner Activities

Medical Examiner Heather Schultz:

- Have also had challenging cases with motor vehicle fatalities but Deputy Medical Examiners handling them well
- Looking to get an electric cot for on scene assistance through a grant with the Overdose Fatality Committee

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

Dr. Michael Clark:

- Starting planning process for the US Senior Open
- Refreshing all protocols and making some changes to make them more user-friendly
- Predicted to be a bad flu/RSV/Covid season with hospitals already at capacity
- Some Ebola cases in our state, not any severe at this time
- Aspirus Plover will no longer have in-patient services. It will all be at Aspirus Stevens Point

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

13. 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, December 21st, 2022 at 8:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Stan Potocki, seconded by David Peterson, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 AM

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