



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, December 21, 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 Medin, David Peterson

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

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 Ron Leach, Sheriff's Office

Denise Nash, Sheriff's Office

Katarzyna Norgaard, Sheriff's Office, Recording Secretary

Robert Weinert, EM

Andrea Krantz, EMS

Heather Schultz, Medical Examiner

John Pavelski, County Executive (Remote)

Jennifer Jossie, Finance Director (Remote)

Adam Meshak, Amherst Fire Department (Remote)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes November 23, 2022

A motion was made by Scott Soik, seconded by David Peterson, to approve November 23, 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:

- Focusing on grants reporting and program assessments
- HazMat Grant report has been submitted
- Two interviews are set up for the EPCRA Program position
- Numerous winter storm discussions have been taking place

6. Emergency Medical Services

EMS Coordinator Andrea Krantz:

- Attended two US Open medical strategic planning meetings
- Portage County has been selected to collect data during 2023 on ambulance Medicare and Medicaid payments

7. Jail Activities

Captain Ron Leach:

- One female Corrections Officer is currently in training
- One female Corrections Officer retired on December 15, 2022 creating a vacancy
- Interviews for both male and female Corrections Officers are scheduled for the first week in January

8. Operations Activities

Captain Josh Ostrowski:

- Patrol:
 - Sergeant Nick Griesbach is retiring on December 23, 2022 and the promotional process for his position has started
- Communication Center:
 - One Communication Technician has just started
 - Promotional process for the supervisor position is under way
 - Participating in meetings with Sentry Insurance regarding Communication Center's involvement in the upcoming US Open tournament

9. Administrative Activities

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Sheriff's Office employees have been doing a lot of volunteering in the community:
 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing
 - Police Lights of Christmas - over \$9000 raised for gift cards to be given out to people in need in the community throughout the holiday season
- Thank you to the County Board for their support in the wage study increases for the employees
- Thank you to HR and Finance for providing access to Employee Assistance Programs for employees
- The new Communication Center Supervisor will be starting on January 1, 2023

10. Medical Examiner Activities

Medical Examiner Heather Schultz: nothing new to report

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

DISCUSSION ONLY

13. Facility Master Planning

Chairman Don Jankowski:

- Committee of the Whole will meet on January 31 for an update on the Master Plan

14. Sheriff's Office - WI Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funds (CESF) grant application in the amount of \$25,000

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Portage County Sheriff's Office will be applying for the grant up to \$25,000 with no match to purchase air purifier units and riot modular helmets for the Corrections Division

15. Programs and Prioritization at Portage County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Mike Lukas:

- Information is being compiled regarding programs within the Portage County Sheriff's Office
- Sheriff will be meeting with Finance Director to review the programs

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

16. Resolution RE: Animal Control Services Agreement Between Portage County and the Humane Society of Portage County, Inc.

Discussion/Action on this item is being postponed until further notice.

17. Discussion/Possible Action Re: US Cellular and Portage County Sheriff's Office Agreement for additional phones and phone lines.

A motion was made by Stan Potocki, seconded by Scott Soik, to approve the US Cellular and Portage County Sheriff's Office Agreement for additional phones and phone lines. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

18. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Purchase of Ferno Transcend Power Stair Chairs with Flex Grant Funding of \$30,000

A motion was made by David Medin, seconded by David Peterson, to approve the purchase of Ferno Transcend Power Stair Chairs with Flex Grant Funding of \$30,000. Motion carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

19. 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, January 18, 2023 at 8:00am

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Stan Potocki, seconded by Scott Soik, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 am.

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