

Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee  
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

February 14, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Chairperson James Falkowski, Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, Supervisor Nick Muench, Supervisor Leo Naidl, and Supervisor Norb Vogt.

Others in attendance: Patricia Koppa, Jacalyn LaBre.

Chair James Falkowski called meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Roll call circulated.

Minutes of prior meeting: Chair Falkowski asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the prior meeting from January 10, 2024. None offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Norb Vogt and second by Supervisor Nick Muench, all present voting in favor.

The Chair noted that the monthly reports and monthly financials were sent to all members.

Call for public input. No one from the public was present and public input was closed.

Chair Falkowski gave the floor to District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre for her report. DA LaBre began with filing details from 2023 which closed with an overall increase in filings: 958 felonies, 558 misdemeanors, 628 criminal traffic cases and 127 juvenile petitions. Felony and criminal traffic filings were up, misdemeanors down slightly and no change in juvenile delinquency filings. 2024 is starting unusually busy; there are 126 felony filings to date, as well as 68 misdemeanor, 101 criminal traffic and 20 juvenile petitions. DA LaBre provided a brief explanation of the consideration of police referrals prior to filing a case. Noted that there is no investigator for the office, rely on law enforcement. This would be a county funded position. While it would be beneficial, even fiscal limitations, must prioritize the need. A second victim witness coordinator is needed before even a part time investigator. The absence of an investigator makes it difficult to investigate matters such as referrals for open meeting violations.

Since the last report former ADA Anthony Lambrecht assumed his position as judge and Attorney Seth Reinhard joined the office taking the role of traffic prosecutor. Noted the office was under budget by \$32,000. Explained the benefit to staff work space from move to paper on demand. Supervisor Falkowski asked about the role of DA office in the appellate process and responsibility for post-conviction motions at circuit court level.

After thanking DA LaBre, Chair noted the next meeting on March 13, 2024. Coroner Curt Green will be reporting if available.

Supervisor Vogt moved to adjourn; Supervisor Muench seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Koppa for  
Supervisor Norb Vogt, Committee Secretary