

Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee  
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

October 9, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Chairperson James Falkowski, Supervisor Dylan Hammel, Supervisor Tim Jadowski, Supervisor Nick Muench. Excused: Supervisor Mike Grambow.

Others in attendance: Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Register in Probate Patricia Koppa, Family Court Commissioner Luke LeFevre, Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, County Board Chair Tyler Martel, County Executive Robert Ziegelbauer.

Chair James Falkowski called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call circulated.

Minutes of prior meeting: Chair Falkowski asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the September 11, 2024 meeting. None offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Nick Muench and second by Supervisor Dylan Hammel, all present voting in favor.

Chair Falkowski noted that the monthly reports and monthly financials were sent to all members. There were no questions regarding the reports.

The Chair noted the 2025 budget is now being reviewed. A member had questions. County Executive Ziegelbauer was asked to attend the meeting to discuss. Supervisor Hammel noted items by the Sheriff, such as body cameras, were not in the budget. Discussions were held and it was determined the cameras could wait. Sheriff Hartwig explained how the delay will affect cost. Hammel questioned the interpreter expenses at the jail. Sheriff noted that the 2024 budget will include an overrun of approximately \$500,000 for a variety of reasons.

More information and budget details can be gathered through the finance office and individuals could attend other committee meetings as well. With consideration given for the opportunity of departments (optionally) to express the priority of their budget requests, a scheduled meeting was set to October 29th to review/discuss any proposed request.

Chair Falkowski reported on the concluded public outreach programs, regarding Common Scams and Frauds targeting seniors. Overall, they were well received and attended. There were residual snacks from the event, and donated to the ADRC meals kitchen.

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

Register in Probate Patricia Koppa reported regarding her office focusing on the budget. The succession in the deputy position has affected the budget in some ways, but from a personnel cost aspect seems to be balancing out: lower wages but higher benefit costs. Limited term employee will continue to be used, if possible, to finish scanning work. Collections are falling behind so office is working on that as a current project.

Chair Falkowski introduced Commissioner Luke LeFevre who gave a report regarding his office. Divorces and weddings both seem to be increased this year. Noted his budget sees little change except in the area of salaries and this includes the increase for court reporter compensation. While showing 3% it is the first increase in 3 years. Currently the support from child support monies covers about 70% of the budget.

After thanking the department directors, Chair Falkowski discussed the additional meeting regarding the budget. The committee will meet on October 29 and also provide the Department Directors an opportunity to attend if desired. The next meeting will be November 13, 2024. The report will be by Sheriff Hartwig.

Supervisor Hammel moved to adjourn; Supervisor Tim Jadowski seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Higgins  
Clerk of Circuit Court