

Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

January 8, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: April Higgins Clerk of Court, Supervisor Scott Schiesl, Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, Emergency Management Director, Rhonda Green, Sean Metzner – Emergency Management Department

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

Open Meetings Law Compliance affirmed.

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. Public input closed at 5:01 p.m.

Chairman Falkowski informs the committee we have one agenda item to discuss; Resolution Adopting Manitowoc County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2030. Motion to approve said Resolution by Supervision Nick Muench; Second by Supervisor Mike Grambow. with all present voting in favor.

Chairman Falkowski introduces Emergency Management Director, Rhonda Green to the committee. Rhonda speaks to the committee regarding the county's new mass communication system, Everbridge. There were some "bugs" to work out, but there was never a time in which the county was not covered, and now everything is up and running. With the new system, citizens can register for their own accounts, select their language, (numerous languages to choose from), and also indicate if they have any disabilities. The ADRC and Emergency Management have taken steps to inform the public of the ability to set up their own account. With the new system, the alerts also go to landline phones, not just cell phones.

Rhonda informs the committee about upcoming FEMA elevated exercise with the nuclear plant. This exercise is required every two years. They are also working with the Sheboygan Hazmat Team, who will be participating in trainings with Emergency Management. They initially paired up with Appleton, and will still be doing somethings with them, but Sheboygan is closer and it makes sense. Through this Emergency Management will be receiving a grant to purchase equipment, which will also be shared with Sheboygan and Appleton. Further, they will be completely revamping the reception center and the Sheriff's Office will be taking over the command post. They will also be establishing a committee for a Tornado Table Top exercise later this year.

Minutes of prior meeting: Chair Falkowski asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the prior meeting from November 8, 2024. None offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Nicholas Muench and second by Supervisor Mike Grambow with all present voting in favor.

Next meeting: **February 12, 2025**, at 5:00 p.m., at the Communication and Technology Building – with Family Court Commissioner Luke LeFevre to give report.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Nick Muench; Second by Supervisor Tim Jadowski.

Adjourned 5:30 p.m
Respectfully submitted,
April Higgins
Clerk of Circuit Court