

Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

March 12, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, Undersheriff Jason Orth, and Supervisor Scott Schiesl.

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 February 12, 2025, meeting. No offered changes and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Muench and second by Supervisor Grambow, all voting in favor.

Chair Falkowski noted that the Deadline for the body Cams et al, Taser and storage proposals is April 1st and afterwards evaluation, and review will begin. The monthly reports and monthly financials were sent to all members. There were no questions regarding the reports. Next month members were assigned to evaluate sections of those reports. Jadowski – Corrections report, Grambow – Clerk of Court budget, and Register in Probate budget – Hammel.

Chair Falkowski introduced our Manitowoc County's Jurists: Branch 1- Hon. Rohrer, Branch 2- presiding Judge for our county- Hon. Dietz, and Branch 4- Hon. Lambrecht.

Discussion involved the upgrades of Windows and HVAC. Scheduling the court while construction continues, impacted courtrooms, but the Jurists can work through the projects. This will continue for the next few months. Whenever telecommunication can be used it is preferred during construction.

The Jurist gave a Master Class describing the flows from judgement to Appeal's process. Noticeable a change toward common language in law for many reasons but noticing roughly 40% litigants using self-representation. Also to note, this trend also extends the courts process and court time.

The point of Info impacting the court is the availability of defense attorneys. This waiting time is sometimes months for a Public Defender to be appointed, and it can be complicated too.

A noted area was the jurist did not have training or planning for an active shooter event. They have a day in mind for training but must be arranged with the Sherriff.

There is planned active shooter training for all county employees coming in August through the Emergency planning department.

The last discussion led to courthouse security and single point entrance into the courthouse. One of the Supervisors volunteered to survey other courthouses' security for later discussion.

Chair Falkowski thanked the Jurist for their discussion and their dedication to Manitowoc Counties' social order.

Our next meeting will be April 9th, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Muench, seconded by Supervisor Hammel. Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Muench notes:

Falkowski - Chairman.

For the committee