

Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee

Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

July 9, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: Honorable Jerilyn Dietz, Clerk of Court Angela Linderud, Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, Supervisor Scott Schiesl, Supervisor Jim Brey, Board Chair Tyler Martell, Sheriff Dan Hartwig and Major of Support, Kevin Haese from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.

From the Public, Thomas Denk.

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

Minutes of prior meeting: Chair James Falkowski asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the June 11, 2025. No changes offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Muench and seconded by Supervisor Grambow, all voted in favor.

Chair Falkowski addressed the corrections confinement report and financial reports and summaries as well as the Axon proposed number pursuant to the June 9<sup>th</sup> report. Meeting of the Joint Finance and Public Safety to forward recommendations based on the proposal and meeting RFP participation will be held July 14, 2025 at the C&T building, Rm. 111 at 4:00 p.m.

Monthly reports were sent previously to all members. There were no questions regarding the reports.

Chair Falkowski opens the floor to public comment. No comments. Comments closed.

Report given from Sheriff Dan Hartwig on Department operations.

Budget is on track, but OT was at \$141,000 at midpoint on a \$320,000 budge line. Anticipates this may exceed budget by the end of the year given several employees being out with injuries, 3 FMLA, 4 on light duty and 1 on military employment.

Sheriff reports that 8 squad cars were just paid for and came under budget.

Sheriff reports current concerns, including jail medical expenses are anticipated to go over budget.

Jail revenues are looking light again. Union contract settled in May. \$206,373.61 was paid out in back pay for 2024 and 2025 that were not previously budgeted for.

Severance packages in the first have of the year, including 3 retirements and 4 separations totaled \$108,743.16.

Sheriff Hartwig then discussed Operations and that the Department is currently fully staffed, however, several employees are out with injuries.

Major Todd Cummings shifted over in January to Operations Major (from Support Major). Landon Koenig was promoted to Patrol Captain in February. Captain Rick Tisler announced retirement in 2026, effective January 14, 2026. Lt. Travis Aleff on eligibility list was selected as next Captain in January of 2026. Department is currently recruiting for Lieutenant. Department is currently recruiting for Deputy Sheriff however, no qualified candidate have applied as of today.

Sheriff's office took over the mobile command post as of April 7<sup>th</sup> from EM – currently getting new decals.

Sheriff Hartwig discussed the recent issue with Cellcom phone coverage and the necessity to switch coverage to Verizon as of Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Sheriff discussed the jail division is fully staffed at this time. Two are currently out on extended medical leaves. Current population at the jail in house is 141 inmates, which is noted to be low. There are currently 7 inmates on EMP. EMP numbers are down which is impacting revenues. 25 are budgeted for, and several are eligible, however, the individual cannot pass drug testing making them ineligible.

The Support division promoted Kevin Haese to major of support in February. They are currently working on a records retention project. Deputy Horneck will be replacing Jeff Froelich, who retired in January in civil process. The position was held open to allow deputies to get through field training.

Sheriff Hartwig outlines the needs for the future:

Implementation of Axon, which has three funding options, with proposals for Axon for a five (5) year contract, as well as the need for an exterior impound area for electric vehicles due to fire hazards. DPW is currently exploring quotes and options for this.

Department will be looking for a storage facility in the future, both Sheriff's office and Emergency Management are in need of an indoor storage area for equipment and assets. Additionally, looking for a boat for Lake Michigan and Dive Team. US Coast Guard has vacated their Two Rivers location which will put more pressure on local resources in emergencies. Sheriff Hartwig indicated that it will be exploring grant opportunities and DNR options.

Next meeting August 13, 2025 at 5:00. Wisconsin Assembly Rep. Paul Tittl and Rep. Shae Sortwell are scheduled.

Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Dylan Hammel, seconded by Supervisor Tim Jadowski.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of Court  
For the Committee Chairman James Falkowski