



## MANITOWOC COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: January 8, 2025  
TIME: 5:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Manitowoc County Communication and Technology  
Building Room 111, 1024 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc, WI  
54220

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session.

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The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Open Meetings Law Compliance affirmed.
3. Correspondence.
  - a. Corrections confinement report
  - b. Monthly Financial Report and Summary
4. Public Comment
5. Resolution Adopting Manitowoc County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2030
6. Report from Emergency Management
7. Next meeting: February 12, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
8. Adjournment

Date: December 26, 2024

James Falkowski, Chairperson

Prepared by: April R. Higgins  
Clerk of Circuit Court

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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



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5. Reporting from Family Court commissioner C Luke LeFevre
6. Sheriff's property room
  - a. The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the County who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, specifically, the Committee may convene in closed session to discuss property handling in incident number 2014-4492 (Hoyer) and 2015-956 (Ruether) and potential litigation arising therefrom.

If the Committee convenes in closed session, it will reconvene in open session prior to taking any action.
  - b. Reconvene into Open Session.
7. Next meeting: March 12th, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Circuit Court Judge discussion
8. Adjournment

Date: February 5th 2025

James Falkowski, Chairperson

Prepared by: April R. Higgins  
Clerk of Circuit Court

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Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee  
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

February 12, 2025 5:00 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Register in Probate Patricia Koppa, Family Court Commissioner Luke LeFevre, 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 January 8, 2025 meeting. None offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Mike Grambow and second by Supervisor Tim Jadowski, 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.

Chair Falkowski introduced Commissioner Luke LeFevre who gave a report regarding his office. Just brief review of the functions, roles and duties. Cooperative agreement with State covers 60 – 70% of the office. Committee needs to understand that security is a concern. The third bailiff with a basement office has been very busy between the two courtrooms. There are requests for security made by litigants. There are injunction hearings where there have been threats, the family court cases can get emotionally charged and frankly, heated. Additionally court officials have been threatened. Several directly to Commissioner LeFevre. Having the third bailiff has been an essential safeguard. Supervisor Grambow asked for Commissioner's personal #1 preference to improve courthouse safety – stated that the single point entrance would most likely have the greatest effect. Chair and Commissioner thanked each other and reported ended.

Chair explained the need to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1 for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the County who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Roll call vote to enter closed session: Chairperson James Falkowski - yes, Supervisor Nick Muench - yes. Supervisor Mike Grambow - yes, Supervisor Tim Jadowski – yes. Supervisor Dylan Hammel – not present, excused.

Committee went into closed session. Those in attendance for closed session: Undersheriff Orth, Sheriff Hartwig, Corp Counsel Conrad, Supervisor Lillibridge, Supervisor Schiesl. Committee members Chair Falkowski, Grambo, Jadowski, Muench, not in attendance Supervisor Hammel.

Committee reconvened to open session without any action taken, with a motion from Chair Falkowski and seconded by Supervisor Muench. Roll call Falkowski yes, Grambo Yes, Muench yes, Jadowski yes.

Chair Falkowski noted the next meeting will be March 12, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Jadowski, seconded by Supervisor Muench. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Patricia Koppa  
Register in Probate  
for the committee



## MANITOWOC COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: March 12, 2025

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3. Consideration of and corrections, if any, to February 12, 2025 committee meeting minutes.
4. Correspondence.
  - a. Corrections confinement report
  - b. Monthly Financial Report and Summary
5. Public Comment.
6. Report from Judiciary – Manitowoc County Judges Circuit Court Judges
7. Next meeting announcement: April 9, 2025
  - a. Report from Register in Probate – Commissioner Patricia Koppa
  - b. Report from Clerk of Circuit Court – April Higgins
8. Adjournment.

Date: March 3, 2025

James Falkowski, Chairperson

Prepared by: April R. Higgins  
Clerk of Circuit Court

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and afterwords 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



## MANITOWOC COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: April 9, 2025

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4. Correspondence.
  - a. Corrections confinement report Sup Jadowski
  - b. Monthly Financial Report and Summary: Sup Hammel- Reg Probate  
Sup Grambow – Clerk of Court
5. Public Comment.
6. Report from Register in Probate – Commissioner Patricia Koppa
7. Report from Clerk of Circuit Court – April Higgins
8. Next meeting announcement: In lieu of the scheduled meeting, Attend any of the areas Peace Officers Memorial on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
9. Make note June 11<sup>th</sup> will be our meeting and corrections fiscality inspection.
10. Adjournment.

Date: April 4, 2025

James Falkowski, Chairperson

Prepared by: JJF

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Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee  
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April 9, 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, Melissa Neilson – Deputy Emergency Management Director

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

Emergency Management Director, Rhonda Green stopped into the meeting to introduce the new Deputy Emergency Management Director, Melissa Neilson. Introductions made; then they left the meeting.

Open Meetings Law Compliance affirmed.

Consideration and correction, if any, of the March 12, 2025, committee meeting minutes. Motion by Supervisor Muench; second by Supervisor Grambow.

Call for public input. No one from the public was present. Public input closed at 5:26 p.m.

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

Correspondence reviewed. Supervisor Jadowski informs the committee the current housing numbers at the county jail and EMP. He indicates he does have some questions, and will follow up with the appropriate personnel at the jail. Supervisor Hammel has reviewed the Register in Probate budget. He has some questions regarding the Register in Probate budget, which Commissioner Koppa explains. Supervisor Grambow has reviewed the budget of the Clerk of Court Office, has questions for Clerk of Court, April Higgins, regarding interpreter budget, and court support payments, which Clerk of Court Higgins explains.

Commissioner Koppa gives her report to the committee. Reviews the Register in Probate Budget, last year's totals, process, training, change in detaining minor MEs. Discussion had regarding drug commitments.

Clerk of Court, April Higgins gives her report to the committee. Informs the committee of the continued struggle with case/work load, so staff is working late, through lunch, coming in early to ensure things are processed timely. Failure to get things processed timely can have a "trickle down effect" with backing everything up, i.e. defendant's not getting their programming started while incarcerated if the prisons are not receiving JOCs (Judgements of Conviction) in a timely manner, etc. Reiterates she has an amazing staff that remains dedicated to getting the job done, but she is concerned about burnout. Clerk of Court Higgins states that monies continue coming in from SDC and Tax Intercept payments from defendants they may have never gotten payments from. Supervisors asked questions and received additional information.

Chairman Falkowski informed the committee on the status of body cams for the sheriff's office.

In lieu of the May 2025, meeting, committee members to attend memorial for peace officers throughout the area.

Next meeting: **June 11, 2025**, at 5:00 p.m., at the Communication and Technology Building –Meeting will start here, then will proceed to the jail for the jail inspection.

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

Adjourned 5:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted,  
April Higgins  
Clerk of Circuit Court



## MANITOWOC COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: June 11, 2025

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Communication and Technology Building  
Room 111, 1024 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

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4. Correspondence.
  - a. Corrections confinement report
  - b. Monthly Financial Report and Summary
5. Public Comment.
6. Proceed to Manitowoc County Jail for Jail Inspection
7. Next meeting announcement: July 9, 2025
  - a. Report from Sheriff Dan Hartwig
8. Adjournment.

Date: June 5, 2025

James Falkowski, Chairperson

Prepared by: April R. Higgins  
Clerk of Circuit Court

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Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

June 11, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, Supervisor Scott Schiesl, Supervisor Paul Hacker, Board Chair Tyler Martell. Also, Corrections Administrator Andrew LaCrosse, Sherriff Dan Hartwig and Chief Deputy Jason Orth.  
Clerk of Court April Higgins, and Judicial Assistant Angela Linderud.  
Chair James Falkowski called the 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 April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. No changes offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Grambow and second by Supervisor Hammel, all voting in favor.

Chair Falkowski noted that The Axon evaluation on June 4<sup>th</sup> concluded, and the proposal analysis will begin. Discussion about the proposal will be on our next Public Safety meeting's agenda. There will be a Joint Meeting of Finance and Public Safety to forward recommendations based on the proposal and meeting RFP participation. It is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> at the C&T building Rm 111 @ 4:00 pm.

The monthly reports and monthly financials were sent to all members. There were no questions regarding the reports.

Chair Falkowski asked for introductions of those present, in which the Clerk of Courts- April Higgins announced her departure and Angela Linderud will become the committee's admin. Our profound thanks and appreciation were given for April's involvement with both our committee and with the Clerk of Courts Office. Also welcomed Angela to work with the committee.

Chair Falkowski Recognized the Corrections Administrator -LaCrosse to give a brief report on the operations of the jail. Prior to conducting the committee's inspection, Per Wis statute 59.54(15) along with other county board members. There was discussion about mitigating self-harm with confined/incarcerated in our care. Described was a sound policy addressing that situation.

Instructions and any items not allowed in the building during the inspection were given by Sheriff Hartwig, and then the group proceeded to the location for the inspection at the Sheriffs department

The Committees inspection proceeded and any questions from members in attendance were addressed, and explanations given from the Sheriff or corrections Administrator or personnel on duty. The inspection concluded and the committee extended our appreciation and credit for the well managed fiscality.

Our next meeting will be July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Hammel, seconded by Supervisor Grambow  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Falkowski - Chairman  
For the committee



## MANITOWOC COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: July 9<sup>th</sup>

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4. Correspondence
  - a. Corrections confinement report
  - b. Monthly Financial Reports and Summaries
  - c. Axon proposed numbers
5. Public Comment
6. - Report from: Sheriff Dan Hartwig - Department Operations  
- Axon proposal discussion - tasers, body cameras, squad cams, interview room cams, cloud storage and miscellaneous
7. Joint Public Safety / Finance Committee meeting July 14<sup>th</sup> for final recommendations of Axon proposal
8. Next meeting August 13<sup>th</sup> with Wis Assembly Rep Paul Tittl – Rep Shae Sortwell
9. Adjournment

Date: July 1, 2025

James Falkowski, Chairperson

Prepared by: JJF

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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,

Angela A.P. Linderud  
Clerk of Court  
For the Committee Chairman James Falkowski



**MANITOWOC COUNTY  
MEETING NOTICE  
(Joint Meeting)  
FINANCE COMMITTEE & PUBLIC SAFETY**

DATE: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
TIME: 4:30 p.m.  
PLACE: 1024 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220  
Manitowoc County Communication and Technology Building  
Room 111

The meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session.

**Attendees are reminded that cell phones should be placed on silent during this meeting.**

The following matters may be considered at the meeting:

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Axon proposal discussion – Tasers, Body Cameras, Squad Cams, Interview Room Cams, Cloud Storage, and miscellaneous.
3. Final recommendations of Axon proposal.
4. Adjournment.

Date: July 7, 2025

James Falkowski, Chairperson

Prepared by: JJF

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**MANITOWOC COUNTY JOINT FINANCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES**  
**Manitowoc County Communication and Technology Building**  
**July 14, 2025**

Finance Committee Attendance: Chairman Hansen, Supervisors Hacker, Lillibridge, and Shimulunas were in attendance.

Public Safety Committee Attendance: Chairman James Falkowski, Supervisors Mike Grambow, Dylan Hammel, Tim Jadowski, and Nicholas Muench.

Others in Attendance: County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Finance Director JJ Gutman, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Supervisor Kevin Behnke, Susie Maresh, and Scott Schiesl.

Call to Order:

Chairman Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

Chairman Hansen declared public input open at 4:30 p.m. No one present wished to speak, subsequently Chairman Hansen closed public input at 4:30 p.m.

Approve the minutes of the June 9, 2025 Finance Committee meeting:

Supervisor Hacker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Lillibridge. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve vouchers for June 2025 in the amount of \$5,563,611.62: Supervisor Hacker moved, seconded by Supervisor Shimulunas to approve the vouchers. Upon vote, the vouchers in the amount of \$5,563,611.62 were approved.

Discussion on body cameras and current status of project: Supervisor Falkowski reported the Public Safety Committees discussion regarding the safety the body cameras would bring to the deputies, along with how it would benefit the court system by having more effective law enforcement. Sheriff Hartwig explained the technology has been around since mid-2000 and most law enforcement agencies are currently using this technology. This equipment would be a possible recruiting tool as well. The program could include an IA option that would benefit the efficiency of deputies completing reports. The cost would come out of the sheriff department budget. Chairman Hansen discussed the importance of the technology, even though it is costly. All three proposals are for a total of \$1,491,670, but there are three different payment rates. The first was a flat rate of \$298,333.90 for five years. The second was an inflationary rate starting at \$275,402.63 and increasing each year for the next five years. The third was a first-year 10% discount for \$149,166.94, then \$335,625.65 over the next four years. Supervisor Muench moved to include the inflationary proposal in the 2026 budget, seconded by Supervisor Hammel. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously by the Public Safety and Finance Committees.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Hacker moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Muench. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Backus, County Clerk





## MANITOWOC COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: August 13, 2025

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Communication and Technology Building  
Room 111, 1024 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

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1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Open Meetings Law Compliance affirmed.
3. Consideration of and corrections, if any, to July 9, 2025 committee meeting minutes.
4. Correspondence.
  - a. Corrections confinement report
  - b. Monthly Financial Report and Summary
5. Public Comment.
6. Presentation from Wis. Assembly Representative Paul Tittl and Representative Shane Sortwell.
7. Next meeting announcement: September 10, 2025
8. Adjournment.

Date: August 7, 2025

James Falkowski, Chairperson

Prepared by: Angela A.P. Linderud  
Clerk of Circuit Court

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## Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee

### Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

August 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: Clerk of Court Angela Linderud, Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, Board Chair Tyler Martell, Supervisors Hacker and Naidl.

Chair James Falkowski called the meeting to order at 5:02 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 July 9, 2025. No changes offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Jadowski and seconded by Supervisor Muench, all voted in favor.

Chair Falkowski addressed the corrections confinement report and financial reports and summaries pursuant to the July 9<sup>th</sup> report.

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.

Presentation and Question and Answer with State Rep. Paul Tittl and Rep. Shae Sortwell.

Tittl is Assembly District 25 Representative and chairman of the mental health committee and Substance Abuse Prevention. He is also part of numerous committees including Corrections, Campaigns and Elections.

Sortwell is Assembly District 2 Representative and serves on the Committee on Criminal Justice and Vice chair of Public Safety and Committee on Government Operations, Accountability and Transparency and Chair of Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform.

Enquiries to the legislators were pertinent to the committee's departments of oversight and the fiscal impact of proposed or existing legislature.

Chair Falkowski noted that the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) grant and the Strategic Prevention Framework had ended, and the Manitowoc County Substance Use Prevention Coalition will be affected. Rep Tittl asks to send him more information for his staff to investigate.

Topic of DOC jail inspections were discussed, and Chair Falkowski opined it should be relative to the construction codes in place when the facility was built. Imposing today's normative standards on an older facility creates a significant burden on local governments, forcing them to chase ever-changing requirements. Inspections should focus on mitigating imminent harm, not be leveraged as a means to nudge toward the construction of entirely new correctional facilities.

Manitowoc County has consistently accommodated reasonable changes to standards; however, such accommodations have practical limits. Once those limits are reached, counties can be forced into costly capital projects solely to meet state-imposed normative standards.

Chair Falkowski asked about issues with how to deal with open records requests that are not specifically for the Clerk of Courts office, or open records requests that do not exist. Rep. Tittl will provide the Clerk of Courts with additional information on handling open records requests.

Rep. Sortwell discussed approval of 2 new ADA's in the District Attorney's office as well as overcrowding in current prisons along with the outline of modifications and closings including the upcoming closure of GBCI.

Rep. Sortwell also discussed recent bills that have been signed, including increased penalties for battery or threats of battery to jurors and their families. Sortwell also discussed the necessity of regulation of synthetic THC as it relates to the sale to minors, as well as disclosure of what is actually being ingested with synthetics. There is currently no statutory authority regulating this.

Rep Sortwell expanded his thoughts about legalization of Marijuana and the difficulties structuring the correct legislation and current leadership obstacles. Supervisor Jadowsk shared his experience and observations while residing in Colorado and the undesired outcomes.

We thanked the legislators for their time and willingness to continue this type of briefing to our committee. This is now included at a minimum, an annual outreach for pertinent discussion about the impact state legislation has on local government departments of the committee of oversight.

Next meeting will be September 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. District Attorney Jacalyn Labre is scheduled to present.

Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Jadowski and seconded by Supervisor Grambow.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela A.P. Linderud  
Clerk of Court  
For the Committee Chairman James Falkowski



## MANITOWOC COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: September 10, 2025

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Communication and Technology Building  
Room 111, 1024 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

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1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Open Meetings Law Compliance affirmed.
3. Consideration of and corrections, if any, to August 6, 2025 committee meeting minutes.
4. Correspondence.
  - a. Corrections confinement report
  - b. Monthly Financial Report and Summary
5. Public Comment.
6. Presentation from District Attorney Jacalyn Labre
7. Next meeting announcement: October 8, 2025
8. Adjournment.

Date: September 4, 2025

James Falkowski, Chairperson

Prepared by: Angela A.P. Linderud  
Clerk of Circuit Court

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Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee  
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building  
September 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m

Attendance: Present: Chairperson James Falkowski, Supervisor Mike Grambow, Supervisor Dylan Hammel and Supervisor Tim Jadowski. Absent: Dan Heilman.

Others in attendance: Clerk of Court Angela Linderud, Board Chair Tyler Martell, DA investigator Pete McGinty, District Attorney Jacalyn Labre and Office Manager Lynn Pribek.

Chair James Falkowski called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Roll call circulated and introductions made. Confirmed open meeting compliance.

Minutes of prior meeting: Chair James Falkowski asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the August 13, 2025. No changes offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Grambow and 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Jadowski. All voted in favor.

Chair Falkowski addressed the corrections confinement report and financial reports and summaries pursuant to the July 9<sup>th</sup> report.

Monthly reports were sent previously to all members. There were no questions regarding the reports. Next meeting report analysis from Jadowski – Corrections and Grambow – Coroner’s budget.

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

Presentation and Question and Answer with District Attorney Jacalyn Labre.

District Attorney Labre discusses the new ADA positions approved for her office. The hiring process is complete on the two new positions, both attorneys will start before the end of 2025.

With the addition of the two new positions, the DA’s office renews the issue of space to accommodate additional staff. Looking at the space study from 2022, the plan would need to be updated based upon the change in square footage lost during HVAC remodel. Attorney Labre invites the committee to tour the current workspace for a better understanding of space limitations.

Major case review was discussed both resolved cases as well as current and upcoming cases. As for the two fentanyl cases, one case was a total weight of 8511.34 grams of car-fentanyl pills and the second case was a total weight of 43.02 pounds of fentanyl pills.

Addition: received after the meeting.

Issued case numbers for the past few years. Last year the felony ones dipped but there are reasons for that because of some major events like the E. Vue homicide. This year they are higher. This also does not include cases we declined prosecution on.

Year cases	Felony cases	Misdemeanor cases	Criminal Traffic	Juvenile
2020	1001	732	417	105
2021	1015	655	508	104

2022	931	617	502	127
2023	958	558	628	127
2024	830	492	744	93

District Attorney informs the committee that the budget and money for an in-house investigator is being cut. At this time, Retired LE Pete McGinty is assisting the DA's office in a limited capacity, sharing McGinty with the Sheriff's Department. His LE credentials and will remain in a law enforcement capacity. McGinty as the in-house investigator would do a variety of jobs including witness location, trial preparation and investigation of issues after the case has been filed.

Next meeting will be October 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. with a briefing from State Senator Jacque Senate Committee on Judicial and Public Safety as well as State Assembly Representative Tusler, Committee on Judicial (Chair).

Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Jadowski and seconded by Supervisor Hammel.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela A.P. Linderud  
Clerk of Court  
For the Committee Chairman James Falkowski



## MANITOWOC COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: October 8, 2025

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Manitowoc County Communication and Technology Building  
Room 111, 1024 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

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2. Open Meetings Law Compliance affirmed.
3. Consideration of and corrections, if any, to September 10, 2025 committee meeting minutes.
4. Correspondence.
  - a. Corrections confinement report
  - b. Monthly Financial Report and Summary
5. Public Comment.
6. Crash Responder Safety Week proclamation.
7. Resolution for cancelling checks not presented within 2 years.
8. Briefing from Senator Jacque and State Assembly Representative Ron Tusler
9. Next meeting announcement: November 12, 2025
10. Adjournment.

Date: September 30, 2025

James Falkowski, Chairperson

Prepared by: Angela A.P. Linderud  
Clerk of Circuit Court

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Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee  
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building  
October 8, 2025 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Chairperson James Falkowski, Supervisor Mike Grambow, Supervisor Tim Jadowski, and Supervisor Daniel Heilman. Excused: Supervisor Dylan Hammel.

Others in attendance: Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Register in Probate Patricia Koppa, Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre.

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

Minutes of prior meeting: Chair Falkowski asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the September 10, 2025 meeting. None offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Mike Grambow and second by Supervisor Tim Jadowski, all present voting in favor.

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

Report regarding the Sheriff's Office reports by Supervisor Jadowski. Noted there has recently been an increase in population. Will inquire whether there is a reason behind the increase. Would like information about use of the electronic monitors. Sheriff Hartwig answered inmate must have Huber privileges to be eligible. Pays a fee of \$25 per day. Net savings to county. Supervisor will reach out with additional questions and report back.

Supervisor Grambow reported on the coroner's reports. Noted discrepancies with the employment benefit numbers and will research further.

Call for public comment. No one present and after 3 calls, comment session closed.

Chair Falkowski introduced the Crash Responder Safety Week Proclamation. Supervisor Grambow moved to approve, second by Supervisor Jadowski. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Chair Falkowski next introduced resolution to cancel outstanding checks issued by the Sheriff's office and outstanding for more than 2 years. Supervisor Dan Heilman moved to approve, Supervisor Jadowski seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Chair introduced State Senator André Jacque. Senator Jacque discussed various proposals before the legislature and answered questions from the supervisors and assembled department heads. Touched upon many areas including prosecutors being added to the state budget, expansion of TAD courts (treatment and diversion) to include mental health courts, new crime categories to address retail theft rings and other specific issues. Discussed concerns regarding recidivism and crimes committed while on bond; the status of Green Bay Correctional, and media influence on perception of courts and crimes. Noted that legislature continues to respond to citizen ad law enforcement needs to address concern with laws addressing specific types of conduct rather than painting issues with broad terms.

Chair thanked Senator Jacque for attending and the insightful discussion.

Chair Falkowski noted the next meeting will be discussion of department budgets on October 9 at 5 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Grambow, seconded by Supervisor Heilman. Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Koppa", written in a cursive style.

Patricia Koppa, Register in Probate





**MANITOWOC COUNTY  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Special Budget Review Hearing – FY 2026 NOTICE**

DATE: October 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

TIME: 5:00 pm

PLACE: Manitowoc County Communication and Technology Building  
Room 111  
1024 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220

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1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Confirm open law compliance.
3. Correspondence.
4. Public comment.
5. Departments are invited, (optional) to briefly summarize their priority budget requests.
  - a. Supporting materials (savings, efficiencies, cost mitigation) can be presented at the hearing.
6. Review and discuss 'if any' recommendations to forward to Finance.
7. Adjournment.

Date: October 3<sup>rd</sup>

James Falkowski, Chairperson

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Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee  
Special Meeting on Proposed Budget Review  
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

October 9, 2025 5:00 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, Supervisor Kevin Behnke, Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, County Board Chair Supervisor Tyler Martel, and Supervisor Scott Schiesl. Luke Kalista IT Department, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Coroner Curt Green, District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre, and Register in Probate Patricia Koppa. Steve Devine press, Cam Silversen public, Patty Marquardt public, Dave Steer public, Kevin Schmidt public, Josh Stradel press, Jason Orth Sheriff Dept, Kevin Haese Sheriff Dept, and Pete McGinty DA office.

Chair James Falkowski called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call circulated. Open meeting laws complied with. Asked for speakers to identify selves as the meeting was being recorded.

Sheriff Dan Hartwig addressed committee regarding the Executive's budget and comments as presented Oct. 7. The proposal eliminates the AI portion of the technology upgrade for the Sheriff's Office which had been previously approved by committee. There would be no benefit to starting over with a new request for proposals. Due diligence was exercised as the process took place over many months with multiple agencies involved. The current proposal is from the industry leader and was the only proposal received. Requests that Public Safety Committee support restoring that item to the budget. Second concern is regarding nominal one-percent cost of living raise and suspension of the performance-based raises. If passed these items compress the gap between the pay of supervisory positions within the department and the sworn officers. It makes it harder to retain and promoted experienced personnel. Urged committee to work to correct this. Questions from supervisors and discussion followed.

Motion by Supervisor Hammel to recommend to the Finance Committee that \$40,000 be restored to the Sheriff's Office budget for the AI component of the technology upgrade. Second by Supervisor Grambow. Roll Vote taken. Grambow, Hammel, Jadowski and Heilman – Yes. Falkowski – No. Motion passed.

Coroner Curt Green presented next. Curt noted he had asked that two positions be converted from at will positions to part-time employee positions at .6 and .8 FTE. This was denied by the Executive. These are qualified necessary people and simply would like to be eligible for benefits. It is difficult to hire staff in this area. While the estimate was that benefits could cost \$35,000, the reality is it is closer to \$15,000. Coroner asks that this money be restored and if necessary, that funds be taken from the maintenance projects as the projects are not being done and he believes it is a fund used to hide money. He provided photos and other information regarding poor conditions causing water damage to the buildings. He described working in conditions with inadequate heat, cooling and ventilation as well as exposure to noxious gases while in his county office. In response to Supervisors questions, noted that the individuals

with the positions would like to stay with county but are unlikely to do so without benefits. The issue then perpetuates itself with the next hire.

Motion by Supervisor Grambow to recommend to the Finance Committee that \$15,000 be restored to the coroner's budget to fund the benefits to allow the current at will employees to become .6 and .8 FTE positions at the coroner's office. Roll call voted. Aye – Grambow, Hammel, Heilman, Jadowski and Falkowski. Nay – 0. Motion passed.

District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre also presented. In her budget the Executive reduced \$31,000 requested for investigator services to \$5,000. She asks that \$25,000 be added back in as the services are essential to the work of the office. Thorough investigation can make the difference in charges brought and the success of cases. Having the funds in the budget at the outset is more efficient than requiring her to make special requests for funds or to use law enforcement officers to get the same work done (taking them from other duties.) Responded to Supervisors questions and gave examples of the type of work done. County Board Chair Martell noted the individual requests were all reasonable and wondered about the overall budget and sales tax monies.

Motion by Supervisor Jadowski to recommend to the Finance Committee that \$25,000 be restored to the District Attorney's budget to fund investigative services. Roll call voted. Aye – Grambow, Hammel, Heilman, Jadowski and Falkowski. Nay – 0. Motion passed.

Chair asked Ms. Patricia Koppa if she had a presentation as well. She did not, noting this year it appeared the budget submitted by the Executive matched her requests.

Chair Falkowski noted the next meeting will be joint meeting with the Finance Committee regarding the proposed budget on October 23, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Jadowski, seconded by Supervisor Hammel. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Koppa". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Patricia Koppa  
Register in Probate



## MANITOWOC COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE JOINT FINANCE MEETING NOTICE

DATE: October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

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1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Consideration Public safety budget recommendations

Sheriff's budget includes \$40,000.00 in addition to the allocated funds for taser and body cam Axon proposal.

Coroner budget requests, for \$15,000.00 to cover .6 and .8 staff personnel for the office.

District attorney requested a \$25,000.00 increase in personal service for use of an investigator.

3. Adjournment.

Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025,

James Falkowski, Chairperson

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**MANITOWOC COUNTY JOINT PUBLIC SAFETY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Communication and Technology Building**  
**October 23, 2025**

Attendance: Finance Committee Chair Hansen, Public Safety Committee Chair Falkowski, Supervisors Grambow, Hacker, Lillibridge, Heilman, Hammel, and Jadowski were in attendance. Supervisor Shimulunas was excused.

Also in attendance: County Executive Ziegelbauer, Corporation Counsel Conrad, Finance Director Gutman, County Board Chair Martell, Supervisors Behnke, Bonde, Engelbrecht, Maresh, Metzger, Muench, Neil, M. Phipps, R. Phipps, Schiesl, Sitkiewitz, Weiss, and Zimmer, Sheriff Hartwig, Coroner Green, Child Support Director Damman, District Attorney LaBre, Clerk of Court Linderud, Register of Deeds Tuesburg, Treasurer McCulley, Personnel Director Eisenschink, Public Works Director Breit, Information Technology Director Kalista, Register of Probate Koppa, Human Services Director Fure.

Call to Order:

Finance Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Consideration Public Safety Budget Recommendations:

Coroner budget request of \$15,000 to cover .6 and .8 staff personnel for the office: Supervisor Grambow explained he moved to add the funding for the .6 and .8 staff for the office due to the fact the coroner needs these positions to keep the current qualified staff. This office cannot wait until 2027 to create and fund these positions when it changes to a medical examiner's office. Grambow suggested funding these positions by moving funds from the Human Services Department levy to the coroner's levy. These positions start as on call, then staff continues the work as needed. If these positions aren't funded, the department would be very short-staffed.

District Attorney requested a \$25,000 increase in personal service for use of an investigator:

Supervisor Jadowski agreed the DA needed an extra investigator and suggested the funds be moved from Cato Falls Park project to the DA's budget. He also suggested both the coroner and DA's funding could come from that \$200,000 project. The parks project does not need to be fixed at this time. County Executive Ziegelbauer informed the committees that the Cato Falls project was not in the current budget. Jadowski suggested the funding then come from the General Fund for both.

Sheriff's budget includes \$40,000 in addition to the allocated funds for taser and body cam Axon proposal: Supervisor Hammel recommended AI Draft 1 be included into the Axon proposal. He suggested the funds come from the Information Technology budget because the current proposal, including the AI would be a cost savings for the IT department. Grambow agreed the AI should be included with the current proposal because it will be a time saver for employees in regard to writing reports.

Discussion of Axon Proposal and possible modifications of the RFP:

Public Safety Chair Falkowski mentioned adding AI would have a cascade effect by having to add other expenses to the package. He would like to have another RFP done. Grambow disagreed with another RFP; the current accepted proposal was done properly. Hammel agreed that the accepted proposal was the best option for public safety and our law enforcement. He believes restarting the RFP process would make the county look incompetent. The cameras in the squads and interview rooms are coming to the end of their life, so are the tasers. The accepted RFP was a good proposal and it houses everything under one company. If multiple companies become involved with different pieces of equipment, then who services what. Discussion took

place. Supervisor Lillibridge moved that we proceed with the RPF that was proposed with AI Draft 1, seconded by Supervisor Jadowski. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Grambow moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Jadowski. Motion passed unanimously. The committee adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Backus, County Clerk