

Public Safety Minutes August 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Gari Lorenz. The members present were Greg Russell, and Sarah Nelson. In person attendees were Sheriff Dale McCullick, Joe Morovits, Coroner, Dawn Adams Public Health, Nate Bremmer, Transition Team, Marc Myhre, Interim EM Director, and Administrative Assistant Candice Erickson.

The meeting was verified as having been posted. Next meeting is September 9, at 9:00am for signing of bills and 9:30 am for start of meeting.

Motion by Russell second by Lorenz to approve the minutes of the July meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Coroner: Only bills presented by the coroner were mileage, and membership dues. There was one suicide last month, along with a traffic fatality, that ended up being a medical call.

Motion by Russell, second by Nelson to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

911 Coordinator: Absent

Emergency Management: All bills are credit card bills with corresponding invoices.

Next month there will be a tabletop hazmat exercise. Tomorrow Marc and Ryan will be going to pick up the new command post. For now, the plan is to store it in the Bridgeport fire station.

Marc is attending a conference next week. Today there will be a four-county meeting to discuss the hazmat request for next year. We still currently owe Vernon County for money that was not utilized.

Marc has been attempting to get in contact with the fair coordinator with no response to get things organized for the upcoming fair. Still debating on taking the new command post to the county fair.

Marc will talk to Julie about moving equipment from the old to the new command post.

Motion by Russell, second by Lorenz to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Public Health: Distributed the 2025 health report. The first case of measles in the state has been confirmed. Respiratory viruses are low, and COVID numbers are on the rise.

Animal bites are higher in summer months. Reminder to vaccinate animals. This month there were two dogs euthanized for biting. Ticks fluctuate throughout the year. There is a tick table right when you enter the Administration building.

There was a post-vention get together on 8/5/25, to work on steps towards getting a plan together.

PIT count (point in time), through coulee cap in Crawford County. Five teams went out to search for unsheltered people in the early AM. They found 8 unsheltered in our county. They provided these individuals with resources. Lacrosse holds a homeless connect event.

Dawn from Public Health is attending an exercise at UWL tomorrow, focusing on reunification exercises.

The UTV death continue to rise. Urged to wear seatbelts, and training is required for UTV safety if riding on public trails.

Sheriff: We had a squad damaged while parked on the side of Hwy 18. A driver side-swiped it.

Touched on selling Thompson. It was purchased in the 20's. It hangs on the wall in the Sheriff's office. Kramer auction approached Sheriff McCullick about possibly purchasing it. Reason for selling may be to help with the new jail project. Sheriff McCullick is going to speak more about it to Kramer's and see what it would be worth and bring it back for discussion.

We need to hire a new full-time jailer. Mike McCoy would be a great fit. He is filling in the jail on the PM shift while Nate is on the transition team. Sheriff McCullick will take it to personnel to get the new position approved.

Lieutenant Fradette spoke regarding County Line. Went over the TAC team plans. Emergency management and the county went over active shooter scenarios. Talked about staging areas, and violent critical areas. Touched on rally points (PDC High school). Event numbers overall were down. There was less law enforcement, and increased security, which Jaden McCullick oversaw. Emergency management helped a lot. A 65-year-old man had a massive heart attack. They spoke with his wife, and she ended up staying for the remainder of the weekend. Underage drinking was a large problem. Law enforcement had to use discretion and if the minors ranged in 18-21 yrs old, they just made sure they got safely to where they needed to be. The highway department helped to get the roads closed. Traffic went well, no back-ups. The Fire departments do a great job with that. They plan to do it again next year. It is a good thing for local businesses. Used all full-time employees, and no other departments.

New Jail Update...

- Most exterior stonework completed
- Few hiccups with skywalk, there is a plan in place to revamp.
- Still planning on the April opening of the new jail
- Cells are formed and they are installing more doorways. There will only be 1 door open at a time always.
- Dispatch is insulated and drywalled
- Painting has begun, with a lot of it already completed.
- All concrete mostly poured

Friday there will be a tour with Green County, to walk through and observe. The county board is scheduled on 8/19/25, to walk through the new facility.

There will be a couple of different posts that will need to be occupied at all times. There are different posts within booking.

Talked about housing prisoners at other facilities, and what will come with that. We will also need to hire new employees to fill the new jail.

Motion by Russell second by Nelson to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Adjournment: Motion by Russell, second by Lorenz to adjourn. The motion was carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.

Candice Erickson, Administrative Assistant