

Public Safety Minutes

July 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Gari Lorenz. The members present were Greg Russell, Carl Orr, Sarah Nelson, and Tom Cornford. In person attendees were Sheriff Dale McCullick, Joe Morovits, Coroner, Sonya Lenzendorf Public Health, Julie Cipra, 911 Coordinator, Nate Bremmer, Transition Team, Marc Myhre, Interim EM Director, the Courier Press, and Administrative Assistant Candice Erickson.

The meeting was verified as having been posted. Next meeting is August 12, at 9:00am for signing of bills and 9:30 am for start of meeting.

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

Coroner: June was a busy month. The coroner's conference was 2 weeks ago in Eau Claire and was well attended. Working on finding speakers for January's Coroner's conference. The trains traveling through towns are all traveling at slower rates of speed, which is resulting in fewer deaths.

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

911 Coordinator: Nothing out of the ordinary for bills.

Spoke of the Fiscal year 2026 PCAP Grant in the amount of \$18 million. They extended the due date for that grant to 8/31/25. Anything that was not budgeted for the communication center will be included in that grant.

90% of the radios are going to be covered.

AXS – Motorola – Software product.

Julie will have calls with Baycom/Motorola. The hardware is the same as in the grant, however the software is going to be getting updated. The plan is to install the software that was quoted, and when the new software comes out, they will roll over.

Dispatch will have to train on the new software. There is no difference in price. Motorola had price increases due to the tariffs. Everything was completed before that took effect.

Julie requested permission from the Public Safety board to take the quote for the first down-payment bill for Motorola to Finance committee.

Motion by Orr, second by Russell to approve go to the Finance Committee with the quote. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

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Emergency Management: The Command Post is due to be completed this month. They will train 2-3 deputies on it.

Hazmat tabletop was approved by Gays Mills. EM will be cutting a check to Vernon County per the Hazmat agreement. It is a refund for the money not spent.

Marc is working with Ryan to make sure everything is in order for County Line.

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

Public Health: Tick diseases and GI illnesses are currently high. Still focusing on removing old tires that harbor the standing water which attracts mosquitos. Health department has a contract with a LaCrosse company that comes and speaks with people about the importance of disposing of old tires.

Crawford County on the move is coming up. It is an 8 weeklong walking program.

8/5/25 is the Post-Vention planning meeting. The purpose is to support families and communities dealing with suicide.

Sheriff: 22 inmates currently in jail.

Average inmates for the month of June was 27.

The computers are up and working after the incident at the Administration building. They are a bit slower than normal.

July 4th went well with no incidents. No law enforcement sent up to Eastman this year for the 4th.

The jail van and a new Durango both arrived this month. The van was paid for by the jail funds, and the Durango was paid for with a grant.

We have a deputy currently on workman's comp. Sheriff McCullick put the deputy in dispatch for light duty work. This deputy's salary is still being deducted from the Sheriff's Department budget, not Dispatch's.

The Sheriff's Department is currently assisting the PD with watching Van Orden's residence. We will be reimbursed by the state for the hours the deputies put in.

Mike McCoy the new part-time jailer, is doing very well, and says he loves the job. He is currently working full-time hours to cover Nate Bremmer's shift.

Crime Stoppers golf Outing is 9/3/25.

SRO is reassigned to help fulfill court duties. She is still learning the road.

Seneca Days are coming up.

New Jail Update...

Exterior – South wall finished yesterday. Will be done with the stonework by mid-August.

A lot of plumbing, electrical and HVAC are being installed. Finished jail circulation last week.

Concrete scheduled to be poured this and next week.

Nate has been reviewing policy and procedure and updating the handbook.

There is a meeting next week with Staff Electric and Baycom

Everything is right on track as far as the timeline goes. Projected date to turnover the jail and dispatch is April 17, 2026. Plan to start the remodel of the LEC in August. Starting with the basement and then first floor.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Orr, second by Cornford to adjourn. The motion was carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Candice Erickson, Administrative Assistant