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Langlade County Board: Public Safety Committee

Notice of Meeting

DATE: May 14, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building

Notice: A quorum of the Langlade County Board and various County Board committees may be present at this meeting. No business will be discussed, nor any action taken by the Langlade County Board or any other County Board committee, other than the committee listed on this notice. It is anticipated that discussion and action may occur regarding all items posted on this agenda.

Agenda

The Chairperson shall determine the order that agenda items are considered.

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Conduct Roll Call
3. Please silence all cell phones
4. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approve the previous meeting minutes of February 19, 2026
6. Committee to Elect Vice-Chair for the Public Safety Committee
7. Appointing a Public Safety Committee member to the Local Emergency Planning Commission
8. Review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan: EM Director and NCWRPC Darryl Landeau
9. District Attorney's Report
10. Coroner's Report
 - Discuss Coroner's Business Phone and Business Address
11. Child Support Report
 - Discuss request from Child Support: Alternate Work Schedule for Staff
12. Emergency Management Report
13. Sheriff/Jail/Nurse Report
14. 2026 Budget updates for those Departments that report to the Public Safety Committee
15. Next meeting date
16. Adjourn the meeting

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Approved: May 6, 2026

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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Public Safety Committee
Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Curler
2. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Silence Cell Phones
4. Roll call was conducted: Motion by Persen, second by Poltrock to excuse J. Wagner. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Safety Committee

Name	Role	Status
Doug Curler	Chairman	Present
Warren Wagner	Vice-Chair	Present
Joel Wagner	Member	Absent
Teresa Poltrock	Member	Present
Dan Persen	Member	Present

Non-Committee Members Present

Name	Interest
Mark Westen	Sheriff
Travis Krueger	Emergency Management
Heidi Walrath	Jail Administrator
Ann Wegner	Child Support Coordinator
Kelly Hays	District Attorney
Ann Wegner	Child Support Director
Stephanie Schrodtt	Child Support Case Worker
Rhonda Sterman	Child Support Financial Worker
Kevin Bouche	Maintenance Director
Becky Rank	Deputy County Clerk/ Recording Secretary

5. **Approve the previous meeting minutes of November 13, 2025:** Motion by Poltrock, second by Persen to approve the previous meeting minutes of November 13, 2015. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **District Attorney's Report:** District Attorney Hays presented the Committee with a written report covering data from November 2025 through January 2026. Hays stated these numbers only reflect criminal cases. Hays stated it does not reflect the confidential case types (CHIPS, JIPS, Juvenile, TPC's, etc.) Hays stated that Assistant District Attorney Sam Schmitt has taken a different position, and she is actively recruiting to fill the vacant position. It was noted that the case closure rate exceeds 100%.

During the reporting period:

- 89 criminal cases were referred
- 17 referrals are currently under review
- 76 criminal cases were filed
- 150 cases were closed

Aged cases: Not in Warrant Status

- 2017- 4
- 2018- 5

- 2019- 10

Upcoming jury trials are scheduled for:

- February 25
- March 2-5
- March 18
- March 25

Hays also reported that there are currently six active participants in the Diversion Program. Diversion Coordinator Benish continues to seek additional participants. Hays informed the Committee that she plans to request an additional support staff position in the 2027 budget. She stated that surrounding counties maintain a ratio of one District Attorney to at least one support staff member. She emphasized that the office's ability to manage the current caseload has been possible due to the existing support staff's skills and dedication. Information only.

7. **Coroner's Report:** Committee received written report prior to the meeting for review.
8. **Child Support Report: The State of Wisconsin honors January 4, 2025, as the 50th Anniversary of the Child Support Program and commends the County, State, and Tribal Agency Staff Members who work to promote financial security for Wisconsin Children and Families:** Child Support Director Wegner presented the Committee with a January 4, 2025 Resolution acknowledging the 50th Anniversary of the Child Support Program.
Introduction of the Child Support Staff: Child Support Director Wegner introduced the Child Support staff to the Committee. Wegner stated she has recently started in the Director role; however, she brings over 20 years of experience in Child Support, having served in various positions throughout her career. Wegner introduced Stephanie Schrod, Child Support Worker, who has been with the department for 4.5 years and currently manages a caseload of approximately 700 cases. Rhonda Sterman has worked in Child Support for over a year as Financial Support staff. Wegner stated that Case Worker Rachel Huebsch was unavailable to attend the meeting. Rachel Huebsch transferred to Child Support from another department and also carries a caseload of approximately 700 cases. In addition to the current staff, Wegner noted that the department utilizes a contracted Financial Support Worker. Looking ahead to 2027, Wegner stated she intends to fill a fifth position within the Child Support Office. She explained that Child Support Positions are funded at 66 2/3% by the State of Wisconsin and will not have a significant impact on the 2027 budget.
9. **Emergency Management Report:** Emergency Management Director Krueger presented the Committee with a written report. Krueger reported that the County has received confirmation that it will be awarded the 2025 EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) in the amount of \$30,688.59. The County is expected to receive the funds in late spring of this year. He noted that he has not yet received information regarding the availability of the 2026 EMPG grant. Krueger also reported that the 2025 EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) Grant has been awarded in the amount of \$7,330.42. He attended the bi-annual training for the WebEOC site. WebEOC is the primary web-based software utilized by Wisconsin Emergency Management and local partners for emergency planning, incident response, and real-time situational awareness. It serves as a centralized and secure platform for collaboration during large-scale disasters, planned events, and daily operations, enabling information sharing across jurisdictions. Krueger continues to work with the North Central Regional Planning Commission on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The final draft has been approved and will proceed through the appropriate committees for County approval. During a recent cold freeze event, Krueger was alerted that several municipalities experienced power outages. He contacted the affected Townships and confirmed they had established warming areas and were operating under their emergency plans. Krueger offered support if needed.
10. **Sheriff/Jail/Nurse Report:** Jail Administrator Walrath presented the Committee with a written report. She stated the Jail has been averaging 70 inmates. The facility is currently down one Female Corrections Officer and one Male Corrections Officer. Walrath is working with Human Resources to fill the vacancies and enroll candidates in the academy as soon as possible for training. She praised her staff for their willingness to step up and cover open shifts, noting that morale in the Jail is the highest she has seen in a very long time. Walrath also reported that the jail population continues to present varied mental health and medical issues. Walrath and Sheriff Westen updated the Committee on a recent incident in which an inmate fashioned a weapon from a broken lid with the intent to injure a Correction Officer. This same individual also spread fecal matter on himself and within the jail. Sheriff Westen stated the Corrections Officers handled the situation professionally and effectively, and he expressed pride in how the incident was managed. Walrath stated the inmate was transported to a mental health facility and returned the following day. Sheriff Westen reported that the Jail recently underwent its annual inspection and passed with excellent results. He further stated that Opioid Settlement Funds are being utilized to bring Three Bridges Recovery into the jail to provide treatment services, assisting inmates in their recovery efforts.

Sheriff Westen also updated the Committee on operations within the Sheriff's Office. He reported that the Detective Bureau has executed several search warrants, and patrol staffing levels remain strong. He described the Office as having a solid team. Sheriff Westen stated he will be losing one Deputy to retirement and another to a different career field and is actively recruiting to fill the upcoming vacancies. He expressed interest in establishing a more streamlined authorization process that would allow a departing employee to assist in training their replacement prior to leaving, giving Langlade County an advantage in preparing new hires. Sheriff Westen announced he will not seek

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another term as Sheriff. He stated he will complete his current term and continue fulfilling his duties through January 2, 2027.

- 11. 2026 Budget updates for those Departments that report to the Public Safety Committee:** Sheriff Westen stated the projected 2026 Budget is in good shape. Sheriff Westen stated the budget is being watched closely to stay within budget.
- 12. Next meeting date:** April 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room
- 13. Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by Poltrock, second by W. Wagner, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Rank, Deputy County Clerk, Recording Secretary

CORONER REPORT
LANGLADE COUNTY

April 1- April 30, 2026

16 Coroner Cases

1 Death at ER from other

0 Hospital deaths first 24 hours

1 Hospital deaths inpatient

0 Hospital death from fall at home

0 Nursing Home Deaths

4 Hospice deaths at home

0 Hospice death at nursing home from fall at home

5 Hospice deaths at nursing homes

4 Residential death investigated natural

1 Traffic fatality

13 Cremations viewed

6 Death Certificates Signed

2 Blood draw

1 autopsy on traffic fatality

0 Covid death

1 Cremation viewing for Brown Cty

Worked with DA, Sheriff Dept., Police Dept., hospital, nursing homes, ambulance service, funeral homes, other Coroners/Medical Examiners and donor organizations.

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