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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Public Safety Committee
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2025
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 Poltrock, second by Persen to excuse W. Wagner and J. Wagner from today's meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Chairman Curler commented that due to a resignation on the County Board, Persen was appointed to the Board and this Committee.

Public Safety Committee

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

Non-Committee Members Present

Name	Interest
Mark Westen	Sheriff
Dan Bauknecht	Chief Deputy/ Undersheriff
Jon Spansail	Assistant District Attorney
Travis Krueger	Emergency Management
Jason Hilger	County Administrator
Becky Rank	Deputy County Clerk/ Recording Secretary

5. **Approve previous meeting minutes of November 7, 2024:** Motion by Poltrock, second by Persen to approve the previous meeting minutes of November 7, 2024. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **District Attorney's Report:** The Committee received a written District Attorney report. Assistant District Attorney Spansail was in attendance to answer any questions. Introductions were held. Attorney Spansail gave the Committee a brief update. Information only.
7. **Coroner's Report:** Report received prior to the meeting. The committee reviewed it with no action.
8. **Child Support Report:** Report received prior to the meeting. The committee reviewed it with no action.
9. **Emergency Management Report:** Emergency Management Director Krueger presented the Committee with an Emergency Management written report prior to the meeting. Krueger discussed grants, training, and monthly tasks. Krueger stated he worked with the Antigo Police Department with an Action Plan prior to the Christmas Parade. Krueger stated he and a Sheriff Deputy attend the Practical Application Training ICS Class in Lincoln County. Krueger stated on May 16 & 17, 2025 Langlade County will host basic training for Emergency Management. Sheriff Westen stated Krueger has done a fantastic job with the program and is a great fit for the position. Information only.
10. **Sheriff/Jail Office/Nurse Report:** Sheriff Westen presented the Committee with a written report prior to the meeting. Westen stated the jail inmate numbers for December are at 62. Westen stated these numbers flow up and down frequently. Westen stated the jail has 119 beds but at most the Langlade County jail can house into the 90's. Westen stated the number of inmates is determined by dangerous classifications to how many can be housed

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together. Westen stated adding State inmates to the Langlade County Jail is an option if the county inmate number stays low. Sheriff Westen discussed the current medical needs of the jail population. Emergency Management Director Krueger presented the Committee with a 2024 Car Report. Krueger stated the Sheriff's Department has driven a total of 365,383 miles annually with an overall average MPG of 16.99. Discussion was held on the difference of MPG on the Hybrid squads compared to the others. Information only.

- 11. Update on Staffing Changes:** Sheriff Westen stated there currently is a Deputy Sheriff vacancy, with an applicant coming in for a final interview. Sheriff Westen stated the Jail is fully staffed. However, he received a resignation yesterday. Dispatch has three vacancies, the is a goal to have nine fully trained Dispatchers, working with HR on filling these vacancies. Chairman Curler discussed involving the County Administrator if the 12-person level is included in the 2025 Budget, even with the issues of trying to maintain the current level. Information only.
- 12. Review Monthly & Year End Departmental Budgets presented to the Committee:** Sheriff Westen stated the 2024 budget should be favorable. Sheriff Westen stated there are some bills and payments that need to be received and entered. Information only.
- 13. County Administrator Comments/Updates:** County Administrator Hilger stated the Department does well with day-to-day operations. HR is working on filling the vacancies. Hilger wanted the Committee to be aware that the Sheriff Deputy Bargaining is at a standstill, and an outside arbitrator may be needed to move forward. Information only.
- 14. Next meeting date:** March 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
- 15. Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by Poltrock, second by Persen to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Rank, Deputy County Clerk, Recording Secretary