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LANGLADE COUNTY



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## MEETING MINUTES

**Committee:** Public Safety Committee  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** ~~County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building~~  
Resource Center, Wolf River Room (moved due to power outage)

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

1. Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.
2. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Silence Cell Phones:
4. Roll call was conducted: Motion by J. Wagner, second by Poltrock to excuse Zaverousky. All ayes, motion carried.

### Public Safety Committee

Name	Role	Status
Warren Wagner	Chairman	Present
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Vice-Chair	Present
Joel Wagner	Member	Present
Teresa Poltrock	Member	Present
Brian Zaverousky	Member	Absent

### Non- Committee Members Present

Name	Interest
Mark Westen	Sheriff
Dan Bauknecht	Chief Deputy
Travis Krueger	Emergency Management Director
Greg Carter	Lieutenant
Heidi Walrath	Jail Administrator
Kelly Hays	District Attorney
Jason Hilger	County Administrator
Robin Stowe	Corporation Counsel
Becky Rank	Deputy County Clerk/ Recording Secretary

5. **Approve previous meeting minutes of November 15, 2023:** Motion by J. Wagner, second by Balcerzak to approve the previous meeting minutes of November 15, 2023. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Public comment on agenda items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas:**  
None
7. **District Attorney's Report:** District Attorney Hays presented the Committee with a written report. Hays stated ADA Jon Spansail will be starting on February 12, bringing the office to fully staffed. Hays discussed the case numbers for the month of January, stating 60 cases closed. Discussion held on the Diversion Program, noting there has been a successful graduate from the program. Information only.
8. **Introduction of the two ADAs:** District Attorney Hays will introduce the ADA's at the next meeting if available.
9. **Coroner's Report:** Coroner Shadick presented the Committee with a written report prior to the meeting. Chairman W. Wagner reviewed the report. Motion by J. Wagner, second by Poltrock to accept the Coroner's Report. All ayes, motion carried.
10. **Child Support Report:** Child Support Coordinator Wegner presented the Committee with a written report prior to the meeting. Corporation Counsel Stowe was present to answer any questions, giving a brief verbal update of the Child Support Office. Information only.

## Meeting Minutes (Continued)

- 11. Emergency Management Report:** Emergency Management Director Krueger presented the Committee with a written report prior to the meeting. Krueger stated he has been working on closing out 2023 grants; he has started Basic Academy classes in Wausau, a 4-month training. Krueger discussed working on a Commodity Flow Report that studies what type of hazardous materials are being transported through Langlade County. Information only.
- 12. Sheriff/Jail Office/Nurse Report:** Jail Administrator Walrath presented the Committee with a written report. Walrath stated the jail numbers are at 62. Discussion held on the max capacity of jail inmates and classifications of inmates. Walrath discussed the mental health and health needs of the current jail population. Walrath stated two new Correction Officers have been onboarded, making the jail fully staffed as of current. Information only.
- 13. Update on Simulcast/Towers/Broadband:** Sheriff Westen updated the Committee on Simulcast. Westen stated Simulcast is moving forward. Westen stated fiber has been put to the White Lake location, working with Verizon on adding Simulcast equipment to the tower. Westen stated he is also working with the Town of Summit on relocating a Tower from Elderon to the Town of Summit. Westen would like this project completed in 2024. Information only.
- 14. Update on Staffing Changes:** Sheriff Westen updated the Committee on staffing within the Sheriff's Office. Westen stated the number of Dispatchers is low, 3 fully trained and 1 new hire. Westen stated they are short one Sheriff Deputy, working with HR on recruitment. Information only.
- 15. Update on 911 Center:** Sheriff Westen and Lieutenant Carter presented the Committee with a written report, updating the Committee on the 911 Center. Lieutenant Carter discussed with the Committee the amount of staffing needed over the past 6 months to run the 911 Center, stating Patrol Deputy's are helping cover the vacant hours. Carter stated Patrol Deputies worked a total of 1,696.5 hours in the 911 Center since August 2023, with a total of 1240.5 of those hours as overtime. These hours are over and on-top of other assigned duties and necessary overtime (unscheduled transports, mental health transports, road coverage and immediate medical attention). Marathon County has covered a total of 829 hours since November 2023. These hours do not represent dispatch shifts covered by Office Manager Paula Resch or Emergency Management Director/Deputy Krueger. Numerous shifts covered by the City of Antigo Police Officers including the Chief of Police. Sheriff Westen and Lieutenant Carter expressed their gratitude to all Deputies/staff that have stepped-up for Langlade County to make the 911 Center continue to run. Discussion held on Marathon County helping Langlade County and the projection of remote access. Information only.
- 16. Review Monthly & Year End Departmental Budgets presented to the Committee:** Sheriff Westen presented the Committee with a written report. Westen stated expenditures and revenue are both under budget, overall the total budget is under budget. Sheriff Westen stated the numbers are not final, there is revenue and some expenditures that need to be entered, but overall it looks good. Information only.
- 17. Update or Report on Public Safety Activities from County Administrator:** County Administrator Hilger updated the Committee on the budget. Hilger stated as reported above the revenue is below budget; however, the expenditure should offset the loss in revenue. Hilger stated the Overtime line item is over; however, with the vacancies it should be a wash in the end. Hilger stated the Sheriff's Office manages their budget closely. Hilger stated Sheriff Westen and Chief Deputy Bauknecht put in a lot of effort in the operational needs of the office.
- 18. Next meeting dates:** March 6, 2024 and April 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- 19. Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by J. Wagner, second by Poltrock to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m. all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Rank, Deputy County Clerk, Recording Secretary