

MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 300

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Zurfluh, Dennis Polach, Brad Hamilton, Jeff Penzkover

MEMBER EXCUSED: William Voight

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Zurfluh called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. The Emergency Management Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
3. Emergency Management Director Christensen presented the proposed 2027 Emergency Management budgets for review, highlighting changes within. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to approve the budget as presented and forward onto the Finance Dept. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The minutes of the August 3, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. There were 3 members of the public that spoke under public comment. Of those, 2 spoke in opposition to the ICE agreement signed by the Sheriff. The other public comment spoke against the use of automated license plate readers in use.
6. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
7. The Communications Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
8. Communications Director Engel presented the proposed 2027 Communications budget for review. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to approve the budget as presented and forward onto the Finance Dept. Motion carried unanimously.
9. The 2027 proposed Dispatch budget was reviewed by the committee. Motion by Polach/Hamilton to approve the budget as presented and forward onto the Finance Dept. Motion carried unanimously.
10. The Coroner presented his report and bill listing for review.
11. Coroner Patton presented the proposed 2027 Coroner budget, highlighting changes within. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the budget as presented and forward onto the Finance Dept. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Sheriff Becker and Chief Deputy Ellis presented the 2027 Sheriff's Dept. budget for review. Motion by Penzkover/Hamilton to approve the budgets as presented and forward onto the Finance Dept. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Sheriff Becker reviewed various reports and activities of the Sheriff's Department.
14. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 9:36 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

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