

MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, November 10, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Conference Rm #302

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

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 minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Supervisor Clendenning, under public comment, requested an update on well issues in the Town of Grand Rapids. Emergency Management Director Christensen stated that they have not received the report yet from the US Army Corp of Engineers.
4. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 9:00 AM.
5. The Communications Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
6. The Emergency Management Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
7. The Dispatch Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
8. The Coroner presented their monthly report and bill listing for review.
9. Sheriff Becker reviewed various reports and activities of the Sheriff's Department. He highlighted the following:
 - Deidre Harm case now closed from an investigations standpoint with a determination by District Attorney Barnett
 - COPS finishing up filming in the jail.
 - Investigators testified at a state committee hearing regarding BitCoin kiosks.
10. Auburndale SRO Nehls and Superintendent Steve Van Whye reviewed the benefits already seen with the SRO position in Auburndale and the positive impact they continue to see in students and staff due to this position.
11. Becker presented a resolution concerning the Tribal Grant funding for policing on tribal lands. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to go into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85 (1)(c) to conduct performance evaluations on the department heads the committee oversees. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to move back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 10:21 AM.

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

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