

## **MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 9, 2026  
**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 February 9, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026, 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. With Coroner Patton being absent from today's meeting, the storage space agenda item will be moved forward to the next agenda. Facilities Manager Van Tassel reviewed the actions to-date on the next steps. Once the construction area is cleaned up, there is a storage unit that can be moved to the Highway Dept. area to store the larger items of concern. VanTassel and Patton communicated on this and were in agreement. This move should happen this summer.
10. Sheriff Becker reviewed various reports and activities of the Sheriff's Department.
11. The 2027-2031 Capital Improvement Plan for the Sheriff's Dept was reviewed by the committee. Sheriff Becker discussed the need to replace the M-RAP vehicle and different funding options available. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to approve the 2027-2031 Sheriff's Department CIP. 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 move back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 9:27 AM.

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

**Public Safety Committee  
March 9, 2026**

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Vaught	
R VANTASSEL	MAINT.
S. Zeen	WBO
C. Vayesta	WOSC
Q ELLIS	WOSU
Tony Bastien	Dispatch
Brycen Peterson	WOSO
Erik Engel	LEC Com
Two Approach	Woods County Sheriff's Dept. / JAIL.
Sarah Christensen (WebEx)	Emergency Mgmt
Tyler Mellinger (WebEx)	Emergency Mgmt
Brenda Nelson (WebEx)	Finance
Scott Boehm (WebEx)	CB Dist 9
Darrin Steinbach (WebEx)	Finance