

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, September 9, 2024

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

**PLACE:** Courthouse – Room 114

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Zurfluh (WebEx), William Voight, Brad Hamilton, Dennis Polach, Jeff Penzkover

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

1. Vice Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. The minutes of the August 12, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Motion by Voight/Polach to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM.
4. Under public comment, Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueller expressed concerns about a recent emergency call that initiated at one of her places of business.
5. The Communications Dept. presented their report and bill listing for review.
6. Communications Director Engel presented the 2025 Communication budget for review. Motion by Polach/Penzkover to approve the budget and forward to the Operations Committee for their review. Motion carried unanimously.
7. The Emergency Management Dept. presented their report and bill listing for review.
8. Emergency Management Director Christensen presented the 2025 Emergency Management budgets for review. Motion by Zurfluh/Penzkover to approve the budget and forward to the Operations Committee for their review. Motion carried unanimously.
9. The Dispatch Dept. presented their report and bill listing for review.
10. Dispatch Manager Bastien presented the 2025 Dispatch budget for review. Motion by Polach/Penzkover for approve the budget and forward to the Operations Committee for their review. Motion carried unanimously.
11. The Coroner presented their report and bill listing.
12. Sheriff Becker reviewed various reports and activities of the Sheriff's Department.

13. Sheriff Becker & Chief Deputy Ellis presented the 2025 Humane Officer budget for review. Motion by Polach/Penzkover to approve the budget and forward to the Operations Committee for their review. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Sheriff Becker & Chief Deputy Ellis presented the 2025 Sheriff's Department budget for review. Motion by Voight/Polach to approve the budget and forward to the Operations Committee for their review. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Motion by Hamilton/Zurfluh to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Vice Chair Hamilton declared the meeting adjourned 10:09 AM.

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

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Sara Christensen	EM
Dave Patton	Coroner
Dennis Polach	WCB-14
Ed Newton	Finance
Erik Engel	Communications
GELVIS	WCSA
Shawn Beeler	WCSA
Charlie Hoogstra	WCSA
Mary Jo Wheeler-Schueler	Wheeler's of Wisc. Rapids & MFLD
Dillon Schener	Wheeler's of Wisc. Rapids & MFLD
Tony Bashem	Dispatch
M. SABECH	Wood County Sheriff's Dept.
R VANTASSEC	MAINT.
Lance Pliml (Web Ex)	CB Chain
Pa Nyia Yang (Web Ex)	Finance