



PORTAGE COUNTY

PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

PORTAGE COUNTY LEC TRAINING
ROOM
1500 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020
12:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 AM)

Members Present: A. ANDAY, D. JANKOWSKI, S. POTOCKI AND S. SOIK
Members Excused: D. MARTINSON

Others Present

Al Haga, County Board Chair
Sheriff Mike Lukas, Sheriff's Office
Chief Deputy, Ben Beaudoin, Sheriff's Office
Captain Josh Ostrowski, Sheriff's Office
Captain Ron Leach, Sheriff's Office
Denise Nash, Sheriff's Office
Dan Wachowiak, Sheriff's Office
Jessica Wendorf (Recorder), Sheriff's Office
Robert Weinert, Emergency Management
James Williams, Emergency Management (Remote)
Ryan Rose, Parks Department Director
Nathan Check, Highway Commissioner
Bob Gifford, HHS Board Member

2. PRESENTATION

- K9 Presentation with Deputy Wachowiak and partner Yent
 - Group discussion regarding K9 expense being community funded

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[Approval of July 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion made by Potocki/Jankowski to approve the July 22, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously

4. REPORTS

Vendor Invoice List Reports

- [Sheriff](#)
- [Medical Examiner](#)
- [Emergency Management](#)
- [Emergency Medical Services](#)

No questions or comments on invoice lists

Sheriff's Office Activity Reports



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- Emergency Management
 - Disaster reimbursement checks came in for three municipalities totaling \$393,000
 - Currently working on three Federal grants
 - Presenting new Emergency Management Plan to the State on August 28, 2020
 - Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act grant is close to completion
 - 2021 contract for the Portage County Hazmat Team with Plover Fire Department is waiting for approval
 - Application for the Computer Hazmat Grant has been approved
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - [Jail Activities](#)
 - In the process of backgrounding four individuals for the two vacant Correctional Officer positions
 - Discussed Jail report
 - Sheriff commends providers for quick testing and result turnaround of COVID-19 tests performed on inmates
 - Discussion on expectation of resurgence of jail numbers after COVID-19 or as courts enter phase 3
 - Operations Activities
 - One Patrol Deputy in training cleared for solo patrol; second Patrol Deputy in shadow phase of training and should graduate to solo patrol within the week
 - Speed grant and OWI grant for extra patrols
 - One Communications Technician is in the later half of training; second Communication Technician is in the first half training and doing well
 - Administrative Activities
 - In the early stages of the budget; Sheriff is looking for support from this committee for the 1% bump for the non-union staff
 - Medical Examiner

5. CORRESPONDENCE

[Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\) Monthly Activity Reports](#)
[Medical Directors Report](#)

6. PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

7. DISCUSSION ONLY

- [ATV/UTV Route Policy](#)
 - Discussion presented by the Portage County Highway Commissioner
 - Sheriff in support of the ATV/UTV Route Policy with the proper ordinance
 - County Board Chair Al Haga also in support
 - When ordinance is completed, it will come back to Public Safety Emergency Management Committee to vote on



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8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SPECIAL MEETINGS (PORTAGE COUNTY ORDINANCE 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- **RESOLUTION: DECISION ON WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING AND BIENNIAL BUDGET INCREASE FOR IMPROVED COVID 19 RESPONSE SERVICES**
 - HHS Board Chair Bob Gifford explains the resolution to the committee; asking for 50% increase of the amount of one years portion in the biennial budget amount currently in budget for HHS, County Sheriffs, and Police to handle increased caseloads due to COVID-19
 - Discussion on call volume and type of calls from 2019 to 2020
 - Motion made by Jankowski/Potocki to approve resolution, opposed by Soik/Anday. Motion rejected.
- **REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE**
- **APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS**
- **SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7:00 AM in the Law Enforcement Training Room

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Potocki/Jankowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 AM. Motion passed unanimously.

11. NOTICES

Notice: Any person who has special needs planning on attending this meeting in-person or remotely should contact Facilities Office at 715-346-1598 as soon as possible to ensure that reasonable accommodations can be made.

Notice: A quorum of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, or any committee thereof, may be present at this meeting.