

LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Meunier called the meeting to order at 4:00pm with the following committee members in attendance: Hartwig, Bishop, Miller, Thiel Excused: Boyd

2. Confirm Meeting Date and Time

Next meeting date is scheduled for December 10, 2025 at 4:00pm at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 North Sales Street, Room 255, Merrill, WI.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of the Minutes

a. Approve Minutes From: October 8, 20205

M/S Miller/Thiel to approve October 8, 2025 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried on voice vote.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Emergency Management

a. Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Verhasselt reported PSAP grant reimbursement is still pending completion. Report placed on file.

b. Travel & Expense Report

M/S Miller/Bishop to approve the Travel & Expense report. All ayes, motion carried on voice vote. Verhasselt reported future reoccurring travel and expenses will be incorporated into the Emergency Management budget. This will be the last report presented to the committee.

c. Emergency Management Activity Report

Report reviewed. Verhasselt reported that the Tomahawk sewage spill incident has transitioned into the recovery phase with ongoing DNR investigation and remediation discussions. Verhasselt highlighted the county-wide chainsaw safety training in which employees from multiple departments in Lincoln County participated.

d. FY26 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act (EPCRA) Application

Verhasselt shared the notice of funding for the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act. The award allocation for Lincoln County will be \$7982, which is slightly less than last year. This grant will be used as an in-kind match for one of the other Emergency Management grants.

7. Coroner

a. Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Caylor reported that there will be an increase in deputy wages for October due to her being out of the office. Report placed on file.

b. Coroner's Report

Report reviewed, No questions or concerns. Caylor reported that there were two cases with fees waived. One was a T-19 case and the other was a pediatric case. Report placed on file.

8. Judicial

a. District Attorney and Victim Witness

i) Year-to-date Budget Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

b. Clerk of Courts and Family Court

i) Year-to-date Budget Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

ii) Travel & Expense Report

M/S Miller/Thiel to approve travel and expense report. All ayes, motion carried on voice vote.

iii) FCC 2026 Contract approval

Barker presented the Family Court Commissioner's contract which was reviewed by Corp Counsel. He reported that wages were increased after budget approval last year. M/S Miller/Hartwig to approve the Family Court Commissioner's contract. All ayes, motion carried on voice vote..

c. Register in Probate and Circuit Court

i) Year-to-date Budget Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Beyer reported that the majority of cases expected to be high dollar guardian ad litem cases are complete for the year. Title IV reimbursement to date is \$7740. Report placed on file.

ii) Travel & Expense Report

None.

9. Sheriff's Office

a. Statistical Reports

i) Case Summary Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

ii) Expense Budget, Revenue Budget (Year-to-date Report)

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

iii) Recreational Officer Activity Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

iv) 9-1-1 Supervisor's Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

v) Jail Census Report

Report reviewed. Hoeft reported for the month of October there were an average of 83 inmates. Increase of 14 boarders. Recently took in 10 state inmates in one day. However, the advantage is 2-3. New employees hired last year (8) are beginning jail school which lasts several weeks. Ongoing interviews with female CO candidates. One new hire starting in November. Report placed on file.

b. Approval of Jail Inmate Debt Write-Offs

Report reviewed. \$12,072.69 of jail inmate write-offs was due to medical expenses. M/S Miller/Thiel to approve jail inmate debt write-offs in the amount of \$14,345.14. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote.

10. Emergency Medical Services

a. Tomahawk Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

b. Merrill Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Chief Klug highlighted attendance at the Quarterly Trauma Review Meeting with Aspirus Merrill Hospital, Stop the Bleed training with Lincoln County employees and working with the Sheriff's office on the future of Tactical Emergency Medical Services in Lincoln County. Chief Klug reported that over time will be over budget by the end of the year due to record call for service, back filling station and two long-term sick leaves. Report placed on file.

c. Monthly Charge Report, Write-offs, and Collections

M/S Miller/Bishop to approve write-offs in the amount of \$14,564.40. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote.

d. YTD Budget

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

11. Adjourn

Chair Meunier adjourned the meeting at 4:35pm.