

LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 10, 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

- a. **Next Meeting: January 14, 2026, 4:00pm, Lincoln County Service Center, 801 North Sales Street, Room 255, Merrill, WI 54452**

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of the Minutes

- a. **Approve Minutes From: November 12, 2026**

M/S Miller/Thiel to approve the November 12, 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. Verhassell reported that the PSAP grant is 99.9% complete. The request for reimbursement is filled out, pending one piece of technology from Motorola. As soon as the invoice is received, the request for reimbursement will be submitted. Report placed on file.

- b. **Emergency Management Activity Report**

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

- c. **Abe's Adventures In-Service and Professional Development Seminar Survey Results**

Report reviewed. Verhassell reported that the seminar was well received by employees. Report placed on file.

- d. **Request for Proposal—Mass Notification System: Discussion and Selection**

Verhasselt reported that the committee was scheduled to discuss and award a vendor for the project, but due to grant timeline constraints, the 12 received proposals remain unopened. The proposals will be sent back to the vendors and the process will be reopened on January 1, 2026, with proposals hoped to be brought before the committee in February.

- e. ****Res 2025-12-XX - Resolution of Intention to Join the Statewide Public Safety Interoperable Communication System**

Verhasselt reported that the resolution is to further communications capabilities and declare the county's intent to join WISCOM, the WI Interoperability radio system. The system would provide a more secure and reliable form of communication for public safety personnel. The County Board must declare intent to join as part of the grant application. There is a match associated with the grant. However, the exact amount is currently unknown. The grant opportunity is time-limited, with preference currently given to the northeast region. M/S Hartwig/Miller to approve moving the Resolution to County Board for approval with the

understanding that this would be for 'intent' only and will come back to the Public Safety Committee to determine fiscal impact. Hartwig will author the resolution with Miller to co-sponsor.

7. Coroner

a. Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report reviewed, no questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

b. Coroner's Report

Report reviewed. Caylor reported 22 deaths in November with seven formal death investigations. No autopsies. 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. Continued monitoring of attorney fees. Report placed on file.

c. Register in Probate and Circuit Court

i) Year-to-date Budget Report

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

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. The committee discussed the revenue from Lincoln Hills reimbursement, which is \$65,000 over the budgeted amount. Sheriff Schneider reported that this was due to the state refunding the county for juveniles from Lincoln Hills who were detained in the county jail, utilizing a statute that wasn't previously exploited. No other questions or concern. 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. Sheriff Schneider reported that numbers are typical for this time of year, with a decrease from the summer. Dispatch is now reporting from their new location with minimal issues. Report placed on file.

v) Jail Census Report

Report reviewed. Sheriff Schneider reported that the average daily census is 100. Today's census consists of 54 local and 49 state inmates. Jail staffing is near full with 20 correctional officers. Officers are currently enrolled in Field Training which can take 8 weeks to complete and only 1-2 can be sent at a time. Training is taking place at Nicolet College. Report placed on file.

10. Emergency Medical Services

a. Tomahawk Report

Report reviewed. Kirkley reported no significant changes from last month. No questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

b. Merrill Report

i) October 2025 Report

Report reviewed. Chief Klug reported there were 65 transports, compared to a budget of 63 and 59 last year. Salaries and benefits looked good, but some supply costs were not yet showing due to the ordering process. Merrill Fire is participating in the Community Care Paramedic Program which will now be meeting monthly and includes the medical director and staff from Wausau Aspirus and Fire Department. Merrill Fire also participated in the annual Merrill Baby Shower offering infant CPR instruction. No questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

ii) Merrill Annual Report

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

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

Report reviewed. Total write-offs were \$10,613.78. M/S Miller/Meunier to approve write off amount of \$10,613.78. All ayes, motion passed on voice vote.

d. YTD Budget

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

11. Adjourn

Chair Meunier adjourned the meeting at 4:37pm.