

LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Confirm Meeting Date and Time

- a. **Next meeting is scheduled on May 13, 2026 at 4:00pm at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 North Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452.**

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of the Minutes

- a. **Approve Minutes From: March 11, 2026**

M/S Miller/Thiel to approve the meeting minutes from March 11, 2026. 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. Report placed on file.

- b. **2025 Emergency Management Budget Modification**

Marheine reviewed the 2025 budget modification. Modifications are covered within the current budget without needing contingency.

M/S Miller/Meunier to approve the 2025 Emergency Management Budget Modification. All ayes, motion carried on voice vote.

- c. **Emergency Management Activity Report**

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

7. Coroner

- a. **Year-to-Date Budget Report**

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

- b. **Coroner's Report**

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. 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

Baker reported that the overall budget is looking good at this time. Monitoring jury Per diem and mileage. Monitoring increased jury per diem and mileage closes due to three multi-day jury trials already this year. No other questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

c. Register in Probate and Circuit Court

i) Year-to-date Budget Report

Beyer reported no concerns with the budget. There are quite a few juvenile jury trials scheduled in the upcoming months which will affect the Clerk of Courts jury budget but also the guardian ad litem expenses if these cases move forward. No other questions or concerns. 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 that as of today, there are 134 inmates, 62 of these are state inmates. Report placed on file.

10. Emergency Medical Services

a. Tomahawk Report

Kirkley reported no concerns with the budget. Supplies are slightly over budget which is not unusual for the first three months of the year. Lower volumes due to the storms. No other questions or concerns. Report placed on file.

i) *Discussion on Forward Facing Cameras and GPS Tracking Devices for Ambulances

Kirkley presented information regarding forward-facing cameras and GPS tracking devices in the Lincoln County Tomahawk ambulances. Internal policies are put in place regarding vehicles exceeding 80 miles per hour in the ambulances and, if exceeded, will warrant a safety report. There has been a significant decrease in high-risk procedures and high-risk maneuvers in ambulances. GPS units would provide read-outs/reports of driving habits and maintenance issues on the ambulances. Forward-facing cameras would

provide actual information to insurance carriers. Some medical devices/equipment need to be replaced/decommissioned after reaching certain G-forces. If EMS is not determined to be at fault, the insurance will cover the cost of replacing damaged equipment. Kirley indicated that there would be no cost to the county. All expenses would be charged to the Aspirus IT Department.

The proposal to install forward-facing cameras and GPS tracking devices in the Tomahawk ambulances will be deferred until next month, at which time Kirkley will provide a resolution with full financial details.

b. Merrill Report

Chief Klug reviewed reports indicating that there are a few members training with the Sheriff's department for TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Services), which is part of their SRT Team. Ice rescue below the Alexander dam in February discussed. No concerns with the budget at this time. Report placed on file.

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

M/S Thiel/Miller to approve write-offs of \$14,153.14. All ayes, motion carried on voice vote.

Marheine reported that there has been a significant improvement with claims processing utilizing the Zoll program that was approved at last month's meeting.

d. YTD Budget

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

11. Adjourn

Chair Meunier adjourned the meeting at 4:34pm.