

LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

2. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Time

a. 4:00 p.m. May 14, 2025

Next meeting date approved by all.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of the Minutes

a. Approve Minutes From: March 12, 2025

M/S Miller/Bishop to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Emergency Management

a. Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns.

b. Timesheet(s) Approval

M/S Hartwig/Miller to approve time cards. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote.

c. Travel & Expense Report

M/S Hartwig/Thiel to approve Travel & Expenses. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote.

d. Emergency Management Activity Report

Verhasselt reviewed activity report with committee. No questions or concerns.

e. Res. 2025-04-XX, Res. in Support of Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Opposition to BRIC Funding Cancellation

Verhasselt informed the committee that he received notice late last Friday that the Secretary of Homeland Security released a press release indicating that FEMA will be eliminating the BRIC grant. Work was just completed for this program. This grant provided essential funding for hazard mitigation projects, including community safe rooms, flood mitigation, utility hardening, and power line conversion, which directly contribute to reducing disaster risks and protecting life and property. Cancellation of the grant will halt funding to continue burying power lines and creating a community safe room for the City of Merrill (schools, mobile home park, businesses and residents). Amended Resolution reviewed and discussed.

M/S Hartwig/Miller to correct header on second page of the resolution to "Resolution in Support of Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Opposition to Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Funding Cancellation". All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote. M/S Miller/Bisoph to approve Resolution in Support of Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Opposition to BRIC Funding Cancellation. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote. Miller will sponsor the resolution and Bishop will co-sponsor.

7. Coroner

a. Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report reviewed. Caylor reported she will be monitoring autopsy expenses. No questions or concerns.

b. Coroner's Report

Caylor reported for the month of March there were 38 reported deaths, one suicide and one homicide. Currently still working on the fire death which is pending toxicology report. There was one child death related to influenza which brings a total of four influenza deaths thus far for the year in Lincoln County. Caylor did take vacation in March while volumes tend to be low. Caylor did follow up with Marathon County regarding autopsy capabilities. They are in Stage 1 of the process with the hiring of a Pathologist and soon the hiring of the Chief Deputy Pathologist. They don't think the building will be ready until June however, MC Weston has designated space and equipment available to perform autopsies and has agreed to allow utilization of this space and equipment.

No time sheets or expense reports.

8. Judicial

a. District Attorney and Victim Witness

i) Year-to-date Budget Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns.

b. Clerk of Courts and Family Court

i) Year-to-date Budget Report

Report reviewed. Barker indicated that they will be monitoring attorney fees. No questions or concerns.

c. Register in Probate and Circuit Court

i) Year-to-date Budget Report

Report reviewed. Byer reported Social Services case loads have increased which in turn will increase their case loads. This will increase guardian ad litem fees which will now be submitted under the Title IV Program. The first submission of these fees will be at the end of this month. No question or concerns.

ii) Timesheet(s) Approval

M/S Thiel/Miller to approve time sheets. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote.

iii) Travel & Expense Report

None

9. Sheriff's Office

a. Statistical Reports

i) Case Summary Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns.

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

Report reviewed and discussed. There is no Dive Team with the City of Merrill. Tomahawk Fire has a dive

team, however the Sheriff's department responsible for recovery and water deaths.

iii) Recreational Officer Activity Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns.

iv) 9-1-1 Supervisor's Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns.

v) Jail Census Report

Report reviewed. Population for last month was just under 83. Average is just under 24 which may drop next month due to Marathon transferring inmates to Waupaca County. Retention of staff may increase numbers. No questions or concerns.

b. 2024 Budget Modifications & Carryover Requests

M/S Miller/Bishop to approve 2024 Budget Modifications. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote.

Carryovers discussed. M/S Miller/Hartwig to approve 2024 Carryovers. All ayes. Motion carried on voice vote..

10. Emergency Medical Services

a. Tomahawk Report

Report reviewed. Kirkley reported one extra transport for the month. One employee out on FMLA which increased salaries and benefits and one employee coming out of orientation. No concerns or questions.

b. Merrill Report

Chief Klug reviewed report with the committee. Encouraged submission of resolutions to the State for road improvements on State Road 107 and Hwy 17. Hartwig indicated that State Road 107 has been deemed a low-traffic, safe road approved for biking and pedestrians by the state, therefore adding paved shoulders was denied. Call back report has been added for review. No other comments or concerns.

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

M/S Thiel/Miller to approve write-offs of \$4,382.99. All ayes. Motion carried on voice count.

Heather reported that Helen has returned to perform an audit with the new EMS biller, Kelly. She indicated that there is a new reimbursement for the Fire Departments that can be pursued going back to 2023. Report and budget modification will be made available next month.

d. YTD Budget

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 4:46pm