

LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 9, 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: Bishop, Hartwig, Miller, Thiel. Excused: Boyd

2. Confirm Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025, 4:00pm. Lincoln County Service Center, Room 257.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of the Minutes

a. Approve Minutes From: June 11, 2025

M/S Miller/Hartwig to approve June 11, 2025, meeting minutes.

5. Public Comment

6. Emergency Management

a. Year-to-Date Budget Report

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

b. Travel & Expense Report

M/S Miller/Thiel to approve Travel & Expense report.

c. Emergency Management Activity Report

Report reviewed. Verhasselt reported on several activities, including an eight-hour rapid assessment training in Fond du Lac and a comprehensive active threat training for all employees at the Lincoln County Service Center, a collaboration with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department that received positive feedback.

Employees at the Social Services building will undergo training on August 11, 2025. Training for employees at the Court House will be scheduled once the new judge is onsite. Verhasselt also noted the identification of a single point of failure in the dam emergency action plans, which they will address with state partners.

d. Res. 2025-07-XX, Resolution Accepting FFY2024 Computer and Hazardous Materials Response Equipment Grant (CHREG) Funding

M/S Thiel/Miller to approve resolution accepting FFY2024 Computer and Hazardous Materials Response Equipment Grant (CHREG) Funding. A grant for computer and hazardous materials response equipment, which is a 10% match grant in the amount of \$7000 following a de-obligation of \$524.29 from the original amount due to FEMA administrative changes. All ayes. Motion passed on voice vote. Thiel will author and Miller will co-sponsor the resolution.

e. Res. 2025-07-XX, Resolution Accepting FFY2024 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Core & Specialized Training Grant Funds

M/S Miller/Hartwig to approve resolution accepting FFY2024 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Core & Specialized Training grant funds. A \$3,810 core and specialized training grant for confined space rescue certification in partnership with Nicolet College for the Merrill Fire Department, which did not cost the county anything. All ayes, Motion carried on voice vote. Miller will author and Hartwig will co-

sponsor the resolution.

7. Coroner

a. Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report reviewed. No questions or concerns. Caylor reported that the budget is on track despite increased toxicology cases. Report placed on file.

b. Travel & Expense Report

None. Caylor noted that utilizing the County van has saved on expenses.

c. Coroner's Report

Report reviewed. Caylor reported that she continue to work part time for Oneida County, however this is mainly via phone or text messaging. Caylor also noted a busy June with three suicides, all male, and two accidental deaths from falls at healthcare facilities. Caylor clarified a typo in the cremation permits report, correcting 125 to 25 authorized permits. 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. Barker noted budgets are stable, with attorney fees being monitored. Report placed on file.

c. Register in Probate and Circuit Court

i) Year-to-date Budget Report

Report reviewed. Byer reported that the Register of Probate and Circuit Court budgets are good, with successful recruitment for attorney and guardian ad litem fees, though higher guardian ad litem bills are possible due to upcoming jury trials. Becky Byer also mentioned a current staffing issue as they are down a judicial assistant. She will fill in as a judicial assistant until a replacement is found.

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. Sheriff Schneider noted a decrease in K9 expenditures due to being down one K9, with plans for replacement, and confirmed the DARE program is no longer active within their department. Report placed on file.

iii) Recreational Officer Activity Report

Report reviewed. No significant incidents were reported. 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 a slight decrease in total population, averaging around 80, with 16 safekeepers. Continued staffing challenges, with two corrections officers out for an unknown time on medical and one female officer leaving. A new female candidate has been hired with over 20 years of experience and another female candidate has been interviewed. Applications are still being received and reviewed. Report placed on file.

10. Emergency Medical Services

a. Tomahawk Report

Report reviewed. Kirkley reported that the Tomahawk Emergency Medical Service is three transports under budget for May, with no overage in expenses, and is fully staffed. Kirkley also noted an EMT transitioning to another department after getting their paramedic license, and they are seeking applicants to replace that EMT position. Position has been posted externally. Kirkley will forward the budget numbers for fiscal year 2026 as soon as they are available. Report placed on file.

b. Merrill Report

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

Report reviewed. Marheine noted that the monthly charge report shows a total write-off of \$13,748.77 after a payment of \$175 was accounted for.

M/S Miller/Bishop to approve write-offs for the amount of \$13,748.77. All ayes, motion carried on voice vote.

d. YTD Budget

11. Adjourn