



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024**

A. Call to Order

Chairman Wise called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, and it was verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: 5 - Bryan Stafford, Conley Hanson, Jim Wise, Kate Hancock-Cooke, James Ponzer

Also Present at the Meeting:

Julie Barthels, County Clerk

Jon Doemel, County Executive

Jamie Rouch, Director of Administration

Mary Anne Mueller, Corporation Counsel

Eric Sparr, District Attorney

Kelly Kitz, Paralegal District Attorney Office

John Matz, Sheriff

Lara Vendola, Communications Director Sheriff's Department

Lydia Wilz, Interim Veteran Services Director

Natalie Strohmeier, Register of Deeds

Eric Rasmussen, Emergency Management Director

Julie Mabry, Child Support Director

Desiree Bongers, Clerk of Courts

Melissa Schnyder, Clerk of Courts Office

Cheryl Brehmer, Medical Examiner

Nathan Struensee, Communications Sheriff's Department

via TEAMS

Amber Rozek, Sheriff's Office

Darin Rice

B. Approval of Minutes

1. September 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson, to approve the September 9, 2024, meeting minutes. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Supervisor Hancock-Cooke asked to have the link for the recording of the meeting included in the minutes.

C. Public Comments within the Jurisdiction of the Committee

There were no public comments.

D. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Chairman Wise mentioned he attended the annual Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Conference, September 22-24, 2024, and reported there was a lot of good input and there were some good things happening.

E. Committee Chair's Report

Chairman Wise stated this was an important day for the committee. They will be looking at and going over the budget for all the departments that fall under the Judiciary & Public Safety (JPS) Committee's jurisdiction. This committee will have a chance to see it before the rest of the County Board of Supervisors. They will be the eyes and ears of the departments for their budgets and encourage the committee to ask questions now. Mr. Wise stated that Corporation Counsel, the District Attorney and the Sheriff all have 20 minutes for their 2025 budget presentation, with the remainder of the departments having 10 minutes.

F. 2025 County Executive Budget Proposal

1. 2025 Budget Overview by the County Executive

County Executive Jon Doemel started the presentation of the 2025 budget. Mr. Doemel gave an overview of the idea of the budget, where they are at, and what he is looking for this year. He touched on the following topics:

- County Code on Budgeting*
- ReThinking Budgeting*
- What is Priority Based Budgeting*
- What Results Have We Seen*

Executive Doemel then took questions from the committee.

2. 2025 Programs and Budget Request Presentation by the Corporation Counsel

Mary Anne Mueller, Corporation Counsel, presented the Corporation Counsel's budget and answered any questions the committee members asked of her.

3. 2025 Programs and Budget Request Presentation by the District Attorney

Eric Sparr, District Attorney, presented the District Attorney's department's budget and answered any questions the committee members asked of him.

4. 2025 Programs and Budget Request Presentation by the Sheriff

John Matz, Winnebago County Sheriff, presented the Sheriff's Department's budget and answered any questions the committee members asked of him.

- 2025 – 2029 Capital Improvement Plan Presentation by the Sheriff*

Sheriff John Matz presented the Capital Improvement Projects for 2025 to the committee and answered any questions they had for him.

5. 2025 Programs and Budget Request Presentation by the Interim Veteran Services Director

Lydia Wilz, Veterans Services Interim Director, presented the Veterans' Department's budget and answered any questions the committee members asked of her.

6. 2025 Programs and Budget Request Presentation by the Register of Deeds

Natalie Strohmeyer, Register of Deeds, presented the Register of Deeds' Department's budget and answered any questions the committee members asked of her.

7. 2025 Programs and Budget Request Presentation by the County Clerk

Julie Barthels, County Clerk, presented the County Clerks' department's budget and answered any questions the committee members asked of her.

8. 2025 Programs and Budget Request Presentation by the Emergency Management Director

Eric Rasmussen, Emergency Management Director, presented the Emergency Management department's budget and answered any questions the committee members asked of him.

9. 2025 Programs and Budget Request Presentation by the Child Support Director
Julie Mabry, Child Support Director, presented the Child Support Department's budget and answered any questions the committee members asked of her.
10. 2025 Programs and Budget Request Presentation by the Clerk of Courts
Desiree Bongers, Clerk of Courts, and Melissa Schnyder, Accounting Supervisor, presented the Clerk of Courts' Department's budget and answered any questions the committee members asked of them.
11. 2025 Programs and Budget Request Presentation by Medical Examiner
Cheryl Brehmer, Medical Examiner, presented the Medical Examiner Department's budget and answered any questions the committee members asked of her.
12. Recommendation from the Committee on the 2025 Budget Requests
Sheriff Matz recommended an upgrade in the STAR program position from Sergeant to Lieutenant. He is also asking for an upgrade for one position in the Jail.

G. Business Items

1. Authorize Winnebago County to accept a \$833,000 grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry for the STAR Program and Approving a Corresponding 2024 Budget Amendment
Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.
2. Authorize Winnebago County to accept a \$149,008 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement Services - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program for the STAR Program.
Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Ponzer, to approve. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

H. Next Meeting Date

Monday, November 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. *Deadline for agenda items will be Monday, October 21, 2024. Please forward those requests to Chairman Jim Wise for approval. Thank you.
The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Richard Meyer Community Resource Room, at the Sheriff's Office.

I. Adjourn

Motion made by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Ponzer, to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.
MOTION CARRIES.

*Submitted by:
Julie Barthels
Winnebago County Clerk*