



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hanson at 6:00 p.m. in the Rick Meyer Room at the Sheriff's Department, 4311 Jackson Street, Oshkosh.

Members Present: 5 — Chairman Conley Hanson, Supervisor George Bureau, Supervisor Tim Paterson, Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke, and Supervisor Jim Wise

Also Present at this Meeting:

Sheriff John Matz

Captain Darin Rice

Lieutenant Amber Rozek

District Attorney Eric Sparr

Corporation Counsel Mary Anne Mueller

Intern Tor Swanson

County Board Supervisor KristL Laux

Via TEAMS: *Chief Deputy Tim Eichman, County Board Chairman Frank Frassetto*

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of May 4th, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Wise, seconded by Supervisor Bureau to approve the May 4, 2026, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee minutes. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (5-0)

C. Public Comments under the Jurisdiction of the Committee

Public comments will be heard by the Committee at an appropriate time in the agenda. The Chair shall limit all public comments to two (2) minutes.

Public comments will be heard by the Committee on any matter over which this body has jurisdiction, including, but not restricted to, those Resolutions and Ordinances on the adopted agenda for that meeting. If a member of the public raises a subject that does not appear on the meeting agenda, however, no substantive discussion of that subject shall take place by the Committee, and any extensive deliberation regarding that subject shall be deferred to a later meeting so that more specific notice may be given by placing the subject on the agenda. In addition, the Committee shall not take any formal action on a subject raised in the public comment period, unless that subject is also identified in the meeting agenda.

Chairman Hanson reminded everyone of the 2-minute time limit for public comments.

County Board Supervisor District 2, KristL Laux noted that she didn't see the next meeting date and time on the agenda. She voiced concern about transparency to the public by not including that information.

D. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Supervisor Paterson noted that there will not be a Veteran's Committee meeting for the month of June. The next meeting will be in July.

E. Committee Chair's Report

Chairman Hanson thanked Chairman Wise for the new set-up for the room.

Chairman Hanson asked that Supervisors e-mail him rather than call him with any items that are to be placed on the agenda.

Chairman Hanson inquired if the date and time for meetings could be addressed under item I of the agenda.

Corporation Counsel felt that this could be addressed under that item.

F. Department Reports

1. District Attorney's Office Update:

- Recent significant trials
- Recent sentencings potentially of interest to the committee
- Non-case related activities and any other updates

- **Recent Significant Trials:**

District Attorney Sparr spoke about the most recent cases that are scheduled to go to trial and possible sentencing.

- **Non-Case Related Activities and any other Updates:**

Drug Court Graduation was held last week. They have had 200 graduations to date. The next one is tentatively scheduled for October 1st. Regular Drug Court Sessions are held every Thursday in Circuit Court Branch 3 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to attend. Attorney Sparr noted that if anyone wants to sit in on a court hearing or drug court hearing, they should contact his office.

- One lawyer from their office has transferred to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office. A former intern with their Department is considering returning to Winnebago County.
- The DA's office is doing testimony training with the Oshkosh Police Department.
- **Connect Space** — The transition of this department from Human Services to the District Attorney's office has not been a smooth process, and they are trying to keep the budget under control. There has been a big increase in the cost of the monitoring programs.

District Attorney Sparr took questions from the committee members.

2. Sheriff's Report

- ICE Statistics
- Staffing/Cpod
- Fuel Usage

Lieutenant Amber Rozek provided reports on the following topics:

- **Ice Statistics** — Numbers remain the same.
- **Staffing** — On paper, all positions are filled. Hope to complete training by the end of September.
- **Jail Count:** 296; At the end of the day, after court appearances, the count was 291. The average daily population through May 2026: 274.
- **Diversions Programs** — Currently there are 22 people in the program. Six have been revoked from the program because they refused to participate in the treatment aspect

of the program. There are 7 more participants that might be revoked for various reasons.

- **Contract for Beds with the STAR Program** — The State Department of Corrections has reached out to Winnebago County inquiring about the possibility of contracting for 10 beds for participants in the STAR program. They will pay an additional \$40 per day per inmate for this program. This would provide an additional \$146,000 for the program. Services can only be provided while in the program for out-of-county participants. When released, Winnebago County's discharge planners coordinate with the participant's county to continue their services.

Captain Darin Rice provided a report on the following topic:

- **Fuel Usage for the Sheriff's Department:** Captain Rice provided documentation regarding the amount of fuel used to date and where they stand with their budget for fuel. Captain Rice provided numbers that pertain to eliminating taking squads home; for officers doubling up in squad cars and eliminating two vehicles from daily rounds; and for staying with the same process they are following currently.

Captain Rice took questions from the committee members.

G. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Request the County Executive to include \$160,000 in the 2027 County Budget from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund to continue the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office program contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc., for an onsite liaison for the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) Program for the calendar year 2027
Motion by Supervisor Paterson, seconded by Supervisor Bureau to request the County Executive to include \$160,000 in the 2027 County Budget from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund to continue the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office program contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc., for an onsite liaison for the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) Program for the calendar year 2027. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (5-0)
2. Authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant for 96 doses of nasal naloxone from the State of Wisconsin Human Services, Division of Care and Treatment Services, 2026 – 2027 Law Enforcement Overdose Prevention Program, valued at approximately \$1,700.
Motion by Supervisor Hancock-Cooke, seconded by Supervisor Bureau, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept a grant for 96 doses of nasal naloxone from the State of Wisconsin Human Services, Division of Care and Treatment Services, 2026-2027 Law Enforcement Overdose Prevention Program, valued at approximately \$1,700.00. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (5-0)

H. Presentations

There were no presentations for this meeting.

I. Next Meeting Date

Supervisor Hanson inquired if the time for the meeting could be changed from 6:00 to 3:00 p.m. Discussion was held regarding the time.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Richard Meyer Community Resource Room at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Matz noted that Wisconsin is celebrating their 250th celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Sheriff Matz will be reading the Declaration of Independence for the 16th time on July 4th at 8:00 a.m. on the Court House steps, 415 Jackson Street, Oshkosh.

J. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Wise, seconded by Supervisor Bureau, to adjourn the June 1, 2026, Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting.

CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Julie A. Barthels
Winnebago County Clerk*

*The video portion of this meeting is available on the County
website: <https://winnebago.cowi.portal.civicclerk.com>*

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