



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025**

A. Call to Order

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

Present: Chairman Jim Wise, Supervisor Conley Hanson, and Supervisor Brian Stafford. Excused: Supervisor Kate Hancock-Cooke and Supervisor James Ponzer

Also Present: Sheriff John Matz, Professional Standards Lieutenant Darin Rice, Communications Captain Lara Vendola, Training and Special Operations Lieutenant Tim Eichman, Corrections Lieutenant Melissa Rasmussen, Corporation Counsel Mary Anne Mueller, District Attorney Eric Sparr, Deputy District Attorney Christian Gossett, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh - Assistant Professor-Criminal Justice Matthew Richie, Crime Data Analyst Caitlin Weihing, and County Clerk Julie Barthels.

B. Approval of Minutes

1. April 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the minutes for April 7, 2025. Vote: AYES - 3; NAYES - 0; ABSTAIN - 0; ABSENT - 2 - Hancock-Cooke and Ponzer. PASSED.

2. April 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the minutes for April 21, 2025. Vote: AYES - 3; NAYES - 0; ABSTAIN - 0; ABSENT - 2 - Hancock-Cooke and Ponzer. PASSED.

C. Public Comments within the Jurisdiction of the Committee

No Public Comments.

D. Communications Shared by Committee Members

No Communications from Committee Members.

E. Committee Chair's Report

Chairman Wise noted that Supervisors Hancock-Cooke and Ponzer are excused from this meeting.

F. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Capital Credit Union Elevate Communities Grant

Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the resolution to Authorize the Sheriff's Office to Accept a Grant of \$9,641.88 from the Capital Credit Unit Elevate Communities Grant Program to Purchase Five Replacement Automated External Defibrillators.

Lieutenant Tim Eichman reported on the need for defibrillators.

He answered questions from the committee.

Vote on Resolution: AYES - 3; NAYES - 0; ABSTAIN - 0; ABSENT - 2 - Hancock-Cooke and Ponzer. PASSED,

G. Presentations

1. Presentation of the High Frequency Low Severity (HFLS) Program by Chairman Conley Hansen and Deputy District Attorney Christian Gossett.
Deputy District Attorney Christian Gossett gave a presentation on the High Frequency Low Severity (HFLS) Program.
To qualify as a habitual offender in Wisconsin, you have to have 1 felony or 3 separate misdemeanor convictions within 5 years and be 17 years old or older.
A high-frequency offender would have the following criminal events:
 - 9 referrals in 3 years
 - 12 referrals in 4 years
 - 15 referrals in 5 years
 - 25 years old or older

They have two distinct problems to solve:

- *Unhoused-- Pro-Social*
- *Unhoused -- Anti-Social*

Attorney Gossett provided percentages of recidivism and the financial impact that it has on Winnebago County.

He noted that their goal is to help those who need assistance and are willing to utilize that assistance to improve their situation.

Deputy District Attorney then answered questions from the committee members.

H. Department Reports

1. District Attorney Update:
 - Recent significant trials
 - Recent sentencing potentially of interest to the committee
 - Non-case related activities and any other updates

District Attorney, Eric Sparr provided his report for the following topics:

- *Recent Significant Trials - District Attorney Sparr noted three cases that they represented.*
- *Non-case Related Activities and Any Other Updates*
 - *They have a legal intern hired for the summer. This intern will be able to appear in court cases.*
 - *Drug Court - Almost a full team from Winnebago County attended a State Court Conference for Drug Court training. They also attended a Federal Drug Court 2-day training. The Drug Court has adopted a section of highway. The staff went with members of the Drug Court for one hour to pick up garbage.*

District Attorney Gossett then took questions from the committee members.

2. Corporation Counsel Update:
 - Trainings and Presentations

Corporation Counsel Mary Anne Mueller gave an update for her office.

- *Training and Presentations*
 - *They have 2 interns for the next 8 to 10 weeks. 1 finished their first year at Madison, 1 is starting law school in September.*
 - *A new attorney started in their office 2 weeks ago. She was an Intern during the summer of 2023.*
 - *The Corporation Counsel Office gave a presentation to the Sheriff's office regarding Chapter 51. They provided a PowerPoint on mental health treatment within the community.*

Corporation Counsel Mueller then took questions from the Committee.

3. Sheriff Update:

- DOC Update
- ATV/UTV update

Sheriff Matz gave updates from his department.

- *DOC Update*
 - *He attended a Sheriff's Conference where they provided updates from ICE.*
 - *The Green Bay Correctional Institute will be closing in 2029. Sheriff Matz explained how this will affect Winnebago County.*
 - *With the projection of an increase in inmates, this will require an increase in staff, medical services, food and equipment.*
- *ATV/UTV Update*
 - *Lieutenant Darin Rice provided an update for the ATV/UTV resolution that will be proposed to the County Board of Supervisors.*

I. Next Meeting Date

Monday, July 7th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. *Deadline for agenda items will be Monday, June 23rd, 2025. Please forward those requests to Chairman Jim Wise for approval. Thank you.

The next meeting will be held on July 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Richard Meyer Community Resource Room in the Sheriff's Department.

J. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to adjourn this meeting.

Vote: AYES - 3; NAYES - 0; ABSTAIN - 0; ABSENT - 2 - Hancock-Cooke and Ponzer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

The video portion of this meeting is available on the County website:

<https://winnebagocowi.portal.civicclerk.com>

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