



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Wise at 6:12 p.m. in the Richard Meyer Room, Sheriff's Department, 4311 Jackson Street, Oshkosh.

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

Also Present: Sheriff John Matz, Lieutenant Darin Rice, Captain Lara Vendola, District Attorney Eric Sparr, Corporation Counsel Mary Anne Mueller, Citizens - Tim Raupp, Carla Raupp, and Deb Martin, and County Clerk Julie Barthels

On TEAMS: Dana Woods, Lu Scheer, Lynnsey Erickson, Brian Noe, Matthew Woods and Lieutenant Tim Eichman

B. Approval of Minutes

1. November 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Ponzer, seconded by Supervisor Stafford to approve the minutes for the November 11, 2025, Judiciary & Public Safety Committee meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (5-0)

C. Public Comments within the Jurisdiction of the Committee

The following people voiced concerns about the ICE 287(g) Program:

- Deb Martin, Oshkosh — Had questions regarding ICE's 287(g) Program Agreement. Ms. Martin Inquired about the actions and interactions with ICE and the Winnebago County Sheriffs Department. She thanked everyone for being on this committee and the county board.*
- Carla Raupp, Oshkosh — Had questions regarding ICE's 287(g) Program Agreement.*
- Tim Raupp, Oshkosh — Supported comments of two previous speakers. He is concerned about ethical issues of potentially arresting and deporting people. This is also an economic issue. Encourage law enforcement and the board to make policies in the future to advocate for measures that prohibit the following: inquiring about enriched status unless directly relevant to criminal investigation and to help to create a transparent policy.*

D. Communications Shared by Committee Members

Supervisor Hancock-Cooke noted that the Sheriff did a good job of answering all the questions regarding the ICE program approximately 4 months ago. The Sheriff's Department is currently using the warrant service model.

E. Committee Chair's Report

No report from the Committee Chair.

F. Department Reports

1. District Attorney Update:

- Recent significant trials
- Recent sentencings potentially of interest to the committee
- Non-case related activities and any other updates
- Crime trend data over time

District Attorney Eric Sparr gave an update for his department:

Two sentencings -

- *A hit-and-run accident causing death. The driver was 71 years old. He was sentenced to ten years probation, one year incarceration, and a five-year loss of a driver's license.*
- *First degree reckless endangerment; he had an open felony charge in Outagamie County at the time of this incident. He was sentenced to two years confinement, five years extended supervision and three additional years' probation.*

There have been discussions regarding the first floor of the Orrin King Building. This floor is primarily for Human Services employees. The Human Services Department would like to see them transferred from Human Services to the District Attorney's Department. District Attorney Sparr would like them to be their own department.

District Attorney Sparr provided a power presentation on crime trend data over time. He provided a graph showing a decrease in referrals to his office over the past ten years. He noted that misdemeanor referrals have decreased significantly, and felony referrals have been trending upwards. Another chart showed possession charges, except for felony possession, referrals for drug-related charges have generally decreased over the last ten years. The last chart showed referral totals for violent felonies differed across the following categories: battery, intentional homicide and attempted intentional homicide, robbery, sexual assault - adult victims and sexual assault - child victims.

District Attorney Sparr took questions from the committee members.

G. Presentations

1. *Presentation of the Role of the Corporation Counsel by Mary Anne Mueller*
Corporation Counsel Mary Anne Mueller gave a presentation on the Role of Corporation Counsel.
The Corporation Counsel serves the following: the County Government and its boards, commissions, departments, employees, officers and officials with respect to their official duties. Corporation Counsel Mueller noted the duties of the Corporation Counsel's office. She explained who her clients are. Outside counsel is used when they have limited resources, lack of expertise, are directed by an insurer, or conflicts of interest or opinions. The Corporation Counsel's responsibility is to ensure that the county has all the benefits of competent and diligent representation. The Corporation Counsel is not anyone's personal attorney. County Board Supervisors can get themselves in trouble for assuming confidentiality, for asking for priority or preferential treatment or for protection from conflict of interest with the county.
Corporation Counsel took questions from the committee members.

H. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Eliminate Chapter 5.06 of the Winnebago County General Code
Motion by Supervisor Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Ponzer to eliminate Chapter 5.06 of the Winnebago County General Code.
Corporation Counsel Mary Anne Mueller explained why this Chapter is no longer needed. Winnebago County does not have any offices in the City Public Safety building. They do not have to be part of the City-County Public Safety Building Board.
Vote: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (5-0)
2. Authorization for the Sheriff's Office to Accept a Department of Military Affairs Reimbursement Grant of \$514,513.76 for Upgrades to the 9-1-1 call processing equipment and associated audio recording system
Lara Vendola explained that this grant will upgrade the current 911 system, the call handling system, and recording software that records all the phone calls that come into the 911 center, and all the pre-associated radio traffic. This item is in the five-year CIP plan. The projected cost is \$575,000.00.
Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Stafford to authorize the Sheriff's Office to accept a Department of Military Affairs reimbursement grant of \$514,513.76 for upgrades to the 9-1-1 call processing equipment and associated audio recording system.
Vote: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (5-0)
3. Authorization for a budget transfer to purchase a new squad car to replace an existing fleet vehicle that was totaled in a crash
Lieutenant Darin Rice explained the need for the new squad car and where the finances would come from.
Motion by Supervisor Wise, seconded by Supervisor Hancock-Cooke to authorize a budget transfer to purchase a new squad car to replace an existing fleet vehicle that was totaled in a crash.
Lieutenant Darin Rice explained what happened to the damaged squad car, the need for the new squad car and where the finances would come from.
Vote: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (5-0)

I. Next Meeting Date

Monday, January 6th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. *Deadline for agenda items will be Monday, December 22nd, 2025. Please forward those requests to Chairman Jim Wise for approval. Thank you.
The next meeting date will be January 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Richard Meyer of the Sheriff's Department, 4311 Jackson Street, Oshkosh.

J. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Wise, seconded by Supervisor Hancock-Cooke to adjourn the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee meeting.
Vote: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (5-0)
The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Julie A. Barthels
Winnebago County Clerk

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

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