



Minutes - May 26, 2026

Call to Order: Chair Tillman called the hybrid Public Safety and Justice Committee meeting to order at 5:15 pm at 911 Communications Center.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Tillman, Supervisor Knudson, Supervisor Schwarz, Supervisor Harwick

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Pennycook

Staff Members Present: Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Deputy Reed; Deputy Lund; Fredd Carr, 911 Communications Director; Cristina Figueroa Soto, Medical Examiner's Office; John Light, County Administrator.

Others Present: Supervisors Albarca, and Smith; Ian Peters.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Schwarz. ADOPTED.

Election of Chair: Supervisor Knudson moved to appoint Supervisor Tillman as Chair, second by Supervisor Schwarz. ADOPTED

Election of Vice Chair: Supervisor Schwarz nominated Supervisor Knudson as Vice Chair, second by Supervisor Tillman. ADOPTED

Set Meeting Date and Time: Meeting date and time will continue to be the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 5:15 pm.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: There are four students interested in the Public Safety and Justice Committee from the Youth in Governance Program.

Approval of Minutes:

May 12, 2026 Minutes: Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the May 12, 2026, minutes with an amendment to strike Supervisor Rashkin's attendance at the meeting, second by Supervisor Schwarz. ADOPTED

Approval of Transfers: None

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Authorizing Acceptance of the 2025-2026 Highway Safety Grant and Amending the 2026

Sheriff's Office Budget: Supervisor Schwarz moved to authorize the acceptance of the 2025-2026 Highway Safety Grant and amend the 2026 Sheriff's Office budget, second by Supervisor Harwick. ADOPTED

Accepting the Janesville Morning Rotary Club Foundation Grant Funding and Amending the

Sheriff's Office 2026 Budget: Supervisor Knudson moved to accept the Janesville Morning Rotary Club Foundation Grant Funding and amend the Sheriff's Office 2026 budget, second by Supervisor Schwarz. ADOPTED

Amending the 2026 Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management Budgets for the Development

of a Mobile App and Purchase of Sandbagging Machines: The Committee asks if there is support for the development of a mobile app. John Light states there are companies that develop these apps. They have one quote as of right now. The funding is coming from vacancies in admin and finance. The app is a one-time cost and then the cost of maintenance. With the last flood, we were completely dependent on the National Guard. Having a sandbagging machine will help tremendously.

Supervisor Knudson moved to amend the 2026 Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management budgets for the development of a mobile app and the purchase of sandbagging machines, second by Supervisor Harwick. ADOPTED

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Approval to Purchase Radio Control Stations: Supervisor Knudson moved approval of radio control stations, second by Supervisor Schwarz. ADOPTED

Special Reports:

Sheriff's Report: The committee reviewed the report.

April 2026 Weather Damage Drone Video Presentation (Deputy Trevor Lund): Deputy Trevor Lund presented drone pictures of the weather damage that started on County G. Other areas of damage were on Reed Rd. and Woodman Rd. Cty. Tk. J had several buildings destroyed. Farm irrigations were tipped over and probably damaged also. Maple Lane had some damage, barns and several trees were down. LaPrairie Town Hall Road had damage. Van Allen Road had significant barn damage. Emerald Grove had several trees down, the barn completely destroyed. There was flooding in Hanover. County Road H had significant flooding. It showed the washout all the way to the end of the road. Hwy. 14 was washed out by Johnson Tractor. Rockport Road bridge and Ruger Avenue had damage. The Committee spoke about the use of drones and how valuable the drones are for many different scenarios.

Committee Requests, Future Agenda Items: None

Next meeting date and time: The next meeting will be on June 9, 2026 at 5:15 pm at the 911 Communications Center.

Adjournment: Supervisor Schwarz moved to adjournment at 5:49 pm, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sarah Van Zandt

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