



Minutes - April 22, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor Tillman called the hybrid Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting to order at 5:15 pm in conference room N1/N2.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Tillman, Knudson, Whitledge and Schwarz.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Rashkin.

Staff Members Present: Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director; John Light, County Administrator; Chief Deputy Jude Mauer, RCSO.

Others present: Sarah Williams, Community Outreach; Cian Hardtake; Joe Hardtake; Ryan Speoehr, Janesville Gazette.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Kevin Wernet from Emergency Management spoke to the committee about taking a layered approach for tornado and thunderstorm warnings. This means the warning will explain the severity of each. Outdoor warning sirens will go off if we are experiencing 80+ mph winds and/or golfball+ size hail. Fred Carr from 911 is working with Kevin to change to this layered approach.

Approval of Minutes:

April 8, 2025 Minutes: Supervisor Schwarz moved approval of April 8, 2025 minutes, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Transfers: None

Review of Payments: None

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Emergency Medical Advisory Council Dissolution: Kevin Wernet explains that DHS and EMS have matured over the last 40 years. A lot of duplicate discussions and efforts were being made between other committees and the Emergency Medical Advisory Council. That is the reason we felt this committee could be dissolved.

Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the dissolution of the Emergency Medical Advisory Committee, second by Supervisor Schwarz. APPROVED

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

ARPA Tornado Relief Program Update: Sarah Williams from Community Outreach updated the committee about the 20 households that had applied for relief. 16 qualified. The ones that did not qualify were due to there being a lot of tree removal and insurance had not yet paid out for others. Three families are still waiting for their insurance. Some participants were paid directly to vendors and some were reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses.

Next meeting date and time: Next meeting will be on May 6, 2025 at 5:15 pm in conference room N1/N2. The committee will be reviewing 1st Quarter budget to actuals. Information on annual reports for 2024 will be explained this day as well.

Adjournment: Supervisor Knudson moved adjournment at 5:22 pm, second by Schwarz. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Heider
Secretary

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