



Minutes - July 8, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Tillman called the hybrid Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting to order at 5:00 pm at the 911 Communication Center Conference Room.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Tillman, Knudson, Whitledge, Schwarz, Raskin (via zoom), and Youth in Governance Representative, Cian Hardtke.

Committee Members Absent: Youth in Governance Representative, Cooper Buehl.

Staff Members Present: John Light, County Administrator, Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Fredd Carr, 911 Communications Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to County Administrator; Cristina Figueroa Soto and Ashley Page, Dane County Medical Examiner's Office; and Kathleen Wishop, Child Support Supervisor (via zoom).

Others Present: Joe Hardtke.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Fredd Carr updated the Committee on the department's progress on CALEA re-accreditation. The on-site visit is scheduled for early next year and subject to a positive review, Rock County 911 Communications Center will be the longest CALEA accredited Communications Center in the country and the only Communications Center in Wisconsin.

Approval of Minutes:

June 24, 2025 Minutes: Supervisor Schwarz moved to approve the June 24, 2025 minutes with the following amendments second by Supervisor Knudson:

Staff Members Present

delete Sheriff Fell and replace with County Administrator John Light
correct spelling of Commander Kim Litsheim

Citizen Participation

delete: "in semester"
replace with: " in the second semester"

ADOPTED

Approval of Transfers: None

Review of Payments:

June Payments: Reviewed.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Dane County Medical Examiner Services Intergovernmental Agreement: Randy Terronez reviewed memo and attachments contained in the agenda packet. Cristina Figueroa Soto also commented and responded to questions. After questioning from the Committee, the consensus was to have staff draft a resolution, for the August round of meetings, for a five-year intergovernmental agreement with Dane County for medical examiner services,.

Special Reports:

2024 Annual Reports:

911 Communications Center: Fredd Carr reviewed highlights from report and thanked Faith Quinlan, Administrative Professional III for her efforts in getting the final report completed.

Medical Examiner: Cristina Figueroa Soto, Dane County Medical Examiner Director of Operations, and Ashley Page, Deputy Director, reviewed the report. and answered questions from the Committee.

Sheriff's Office

: Sheriff Curt Fell noted that the report was distributed at the June 24 Committee meeting. He reviewed highlights with the Committee and responded to questions.

Mediation: Belem Regan, Mediation and Court Services Director, was not in attendance. Chair Tillman noted the agenda enclosure.

Child Support: Due to scheduling conflicts, Melissa Wittwer was unavailable to attend today's Committee meeting so Kathleen Wishop, Child Support Supervisor gave highlights and responded to Committee questions. Chair Barb Tillman requested the report to be forwarded to all Committee members.

Emergency Management: Kevin Wernet distributed the department annual report to the Committee and gave highlights. He responded to questions from the Committee.

Committee Requests, Future Agenda Items: Chair Tillman noted:

1. The August 22 meeting will review the departments semi-annual conference costs over \$1,000.
2. There will be a joint County Board Staff-Finance Committee meeting on July 17 to review the

Sheriff's Office 2026 budget and the meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., at the Sheriff's Office.

3. Requested the Committee to change the August 12 Committee meeting to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 14, in the Jury Deliberation Room. Sup. Raskin will be out of the area and unable to attend. The Committee agreed to change the meeting date. This will avoid conflict with the annual Employee Recognition Committee Family Fun night at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 12.

Next meeting date and time: July 22, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. at the 911 Communications Center Conference Room.

Adjournment: Supervisor Whitledge moved adjournment at 6:13 pm, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Terronez
Assistant to County Administrator

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