



Minutes - January 13, 2026

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

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

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Belem Regan, Mediation and Family Court Services Director; Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Sheriff Fell; RCSO, Sheriff Thompson, RCSO; Sheriff Krahn, RCSO; Sheriff Brown, RCSO; Jason Sanders, District Attorney; John Light, County Administrator; Cooper Buehl, Youth in Government Representative.

Others Present:

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: April 6, 2026, is the date for the National Weather Spotter Course. The location has not been decided on yet. This is a course that the government provides. Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director, requested a letter from the committee to show support for having this course. Fredd Carr, 911 Communication Center, received an email regarding CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) assessment. He is anticipating a successful completion for this year. The 911 Communication Center has been accredited since July 2000.

Approval of Minutes:

December 9, 2026 Minutes: Supervisor Schwarz moved approval of December 9, 2025 minutes, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED

Approval of Transfers: None

Review of Payments:

December 2025 Payments: The committee reviewed December 2025 payments.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Authorizing Purchase of MailSecur Mail Scanner for the Rock County Jail: Supervisor Knudson moved to authorize the purchase of MailSecur Mail Scanner with an amendment on line 19 to show 2026 instead of 2025, second by Supervisor Schwarz. **ADOPTED**

Accepting the Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies Grant Funding and Amending the Sheriff's Office 2026 Budget: Supervisor Knudson moved to accept the Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies Grant Funding and amend the Sheriff's Office 2026 budget, second by Whitledge. **ADOPTED**

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

RFP for Equipment Installation in New Sheriff's Office Vehicles: The Committee are on board with using a different vendor. When taking the lowest bid, it sometimes costs more. The Sheriff's Office has had many uncertainties with Bandt Communications, the current vendor.

Supervisor Schwarz moved to approve RFP for equipment installation in new Sheriff's Office vehicles, second by Supervisor Knudson. **ADOPTED**

Special Reports:

Sheriff's Report and 2025 Summary: The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's report and 2025 Summary. Sheriff Fell states we are looking average for calls for 2025.

Committee Requests, Future Agenda Items: Kevin Wernet would like to consider a resolution for an Individual Assistant Program that helps families in Rock County recover after a natural disaster.

Next meeting date and time: January 27, 2026, at 5:15 PM at the 911 Communications Center.

Adjournment: Supervisor Whitledge moved adjournment at 5:30 PM, second by Supervisor Knudson. **ADOPTED**

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