



Minutes - January 27, 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: Supervisors Tillman, Knudson, Whitledge, and Schwarz

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Rashkin

Staff Members Present: Fredd Carr, 911 Communications Director; Sheriff Fell, RCSO; Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director; John Light, County Administrator; Judge Barbara McCrory, Cian Hardtke Youth in Government Representative; Cooper Buehl, Youth in Government Representative; Deputy Kunkel, RCSO; Tammy Kettleon, Emergency Management.

Others Present: Joe Hardtke

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Deputy Kunkel brought the new canine dog, Bane. Bane is potentially going to be used by the SWAT team. Kevin Wernet asks if there are any organizations willing to donate blankets to the warming shelters. The Red Cross donated 48 blankets, but they are still in need. DWRC is who you would contact. Reunification Task Force will be having a fundraiser at the Janesville Jets game on February 14, 2026.

Approval of Minutes:

January 13, 2026 Minutes: Supervisor Schwarz moved to approve the January 13, 2026 minutes with the amendment of changing Sheriff to Captain for Captain Thompson, Krahn, and Brown, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Approval of Transfers: None

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Authorizing the Extension of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the 2025 Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force COPS Grant and Amending the 2026 Sheriff's Office Budget: Supervisor Knudson moved to authorize the extension of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the 2025 Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force COPS Grant and amend the 2026 Sheriff's Office

budget, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

Authorizing the Extension of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the 2025 Anti-Heroin Task Force COPS Grant and Amending the 2026 Sheriff's Office Budget: Supervisor Schwarz moved to authorize the extension of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the 2025 Anti-Heroin Task Force COPS Grant and amend the 2026 Sheriff's Office budget, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Authorizing the Extension of Three Additional Deputy Sheriff Positions Through December of 2030: Supervisor Knudson moved to approve and authorize three additional Deputy Sheriff positions through December 2030, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

Accepting Wisconsin Department of Justice Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Pretrial Pilot Sites Project Grant: Supervisor Knudson moved to approve accepting Wisconsin Department of Justice Evidence-Based Decision-Making (EBDM) Pretrial Pilot Sites Project Grant, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

Recognizing James Schuler: Supervisor Knudson moved to approve recognizing James Schuler, second by Supervisor Schwarz. ADOPTED.

Recognizing Jacki Kersting: Supervisor Schwarz moved to approve recognizing Jacki Kersting, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action: None

Special Reports:

RAVE Alert System Update: Kevin Wernet from Emergency Management gives an update on the RAVE Alert System. RAVE notifications go out to all county employees and key stakeholders. Anyone on Dayforce can receive these alerts. The Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) lets one message be sent to multiple pathways. A single alert written by an authorized person is automatically distributed through wireless emergency alerts. It was used to alert people about the February tornado, Beloit Fire for evacuation, and Milton Propane for evacuation.

Department Vacancies Report:

Circuit Court: There is one vacant position for a Court Reporter. Court reporters have five vacancies at the State level.

Committee Requests, Future Agenda Items: Training over \$1,000.00 and budget to actuals.

Next meeting date and time: February 10, 2026 at 5:15 PM at the 911 Communications Center.

Adjournment: Supervisor Knudson moved to adjournment at 5:42 PM, second by Supervisor Schwarz. ADOPTED.

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