

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**  
**December 11, 2024**

The meeting of the Public Safety & Judicial Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Gene Thom on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 9:00AM, in the County Board Room and via remote access format at the Government Center, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:	Sue Wendt	Absent:	Joe Gonyo
	Don Lenz		
	Gene Thom		
	Keith Hess		

Other County Employees Present: Karissa Block, Deputy County Clerk; Mark Podoll, Sheriff; Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy; Kenneth Stephani, Finance Director; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Amy Thoma, Clerk of Courts; Mark Slate, Judge; Gary Podoll, Emergency Management; Renee Thiem-Korth, Register of Deeds; Stefanie Meeker, Real Property Lister; Tom Wastart, Medical Examiner

**PUBLIC COMMENT – none**

**MINUTES OF 9/11/2024**

***Motion/second (Lenz/Wendt)*** to approve the minutes of the 9/11/2024 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Judge, Mark Slate stated he will now be attending meetings due to the absence of the County Administrator.

Emergency Management, Gary Podoll's report can be found in the packet.

Clerk of Courts, Amy Thoma had nothing to report. Everything is going good in her office.

Sheriff, Mark Podoll shared that there were two drownings last week. The county drone was used to locate one of the victims. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> the Sheriff's Department and some of the deputies along with other counties took part in caroling at the nursing homes.

Chief Deputy, Matt Vande Kolk, gave a brief update on the reports found in the packet. Vande Kolk also thanked his department.

**MONTHLY SHERIFF REPORTS**

Discussed in the previous agenda item.

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO MEDICAL EXAMINER FEE'S**

Medical Examiner, Tom Wastart explained the need for the resolution. Discussion held.

***Motion/Second (Wendt/Hess)*** to approve the resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**Vande Kolk left the meeting at 9:10AM**

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING MEDICAL EXAMINER CONTRACT**

Wastart explained to the committee why he will no longer be working with Marquette County. Wastart reminded the committee that he is not under contract with Green Lake County, he is an employee of Green Lake County. The committee agreed this will be on next months agenda to discuss further.

Sheriff expressed how thankful he is for Wastart and all he does for Green Lake County.

**Sheriff left the meeting at 9:19AM**

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MORGUE RENTAL**

Discussion held.

*Motion/second (Lenz/Hess)* to approve the morgue rental. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EMS CONTRACTS**

The Berlin EMS contract is a 3 year term, and the Southern Green Lake County contract is a 1 year term.

*Motion/second (Hess/Lenz)* to approve the contract with Berlin EMS. Motion carried with no negative vote.

*Motion/second (Wendt/Hess)* for County Board Chair to sign. Motion carried with no negative vote.

*Motion/second (Lenz/Wendt)* to approve the contract with Southern Green Lake County. Motion carried with no negative vote.

*Motion/second (Lenz/Wendt)* for County Board Chair to sign. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **EXPENSE & REVENUE REPORTS**

No discussion

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- **Future meeting dates: Regular meeting** – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:00AM
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:** Discussion regarding Medical Examiner Contract

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Thom adjourned the meeting at 9:31AM

Submitted by,

*Karissa Block*

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Deputy County Clerk