



# *GREEN LAKE COUNTY*

*571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941*

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**Original Post Date: 3/7/2025**

**Amended Post Date:**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the Public Safety & Judicial Committee meeting on March 12, 2025:**

- 1) Amended Agenda
- 2) Minutes: 2/12/2025
- 3) Correspondence
  - 15 Years of ICAC
- 4) Credit Card Approval
  - Deputy MacDonald
- 5) Department Reports
- 6) Annual Reports
  - Clerk of Courts
  - DA
  - Medical Examiner



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Elizabeth Otto  
County Clerk

Office: 920-294-4005  
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## Public Safety & Judicial Committee Meeting Notice

**Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 Time: 9:00 AM**  
**The Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room**  
**571 County Road A, Green Lake WI**

### Amended AGENDA\*

#### Committee Members

*Joe Gonyo - Chair*  
*Keith Hess*  
*Sue Wendt*  
*Don Lenz*  
*Gene Thom – Vice Chair*

*Karissa Block, Secretary*

Virtual attendance at meetings is optional. If technical difficulties arise, there may be instances when remote access may be compromised. If there is a quorum attending in person, the meeting will proceed as scheduled.

This agenda gives notice of a meeting of the Public Safety & Judicial Committee. It is possible that individual members of other governing bodies of Green Lake County government may attend this meeting for informative purposes. Members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors or its committees may be present for informative purposes but will not take any formal action. A majority or a negative quorum of the members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors and/or any of its committees may be present at this meeting. See State ex rel. Badke v. Vill. Bd. of Vill. of Greendale, 173 Wis.2d 553, 578, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993).

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment (3 minute limit)
5. Approve Minutes: 2/12/2025
6. Correspondence
  - 15 Years of ICAC
7. Credit Card Approval
  - Deputy MacDonald
8. Department Reports
9. Annual Reports
  - Clerk of Courts
  - DA
  - \*Medical Examiner
10. Expense & Revenue Reports
11. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
12. Adjourn

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Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office.

Elizabeth Otto, County Clerk

**Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance, should contact the County Clerk's Office, 294-4005, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**  
**February 12, 2025**

The meeting of the Public Safety & Judicial Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Gene Thom on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 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  
Don Lenz  
Gene Thom  
Keith Hess

Absent: Joe Gonyo

Other County Employees Present: Karissa Block, Deputy County Clerk; Mark Podoll, Sheriff; Mark Slate, Judge; Gary Podoll, Emergency Management; Gerise Laspisa, District Attorney (9:02am); Mitzi Putzke, Paralegal/Office Manager; Dave Cornelius, Communications Sergeant (remote); Jason Jerome, Interim County Administrator; Tami Toth, Legal Assistant (Remote at 9:08am)

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

**MINUTES OF 12/11/2024**

*Motion/second (Lenz/Wendt)* to approve the minutes of the 12/11/2024 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Thank you letter from Phil Anastasi - No discussion

**RESOLUTION**

- **Assigning Supervision and Direction of Emergency Management Coordinator Staff and Functions to the Sheriff's Office** - Dave Cornelius will be taking on the responsibilities that Gary Podoll had, as well as keeping his current responsibilities. This has been approved by the state. *Motion/second (Lenz/Hess)* to approve and send Resolution Assigning Supervision and Direction of Emergency Management Coordinator Staff and Functions to the Sheriff's Office to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.
- **Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts** - No discussion. *Motion/second (Wendt/Lenz)* to approve and send Resolution Urging Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature to Support the County Courts to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**ORDINANCE**

- **Amending Green Lake County Chapter 32. Emergency Management** - No discussion. *Motion/second (Lenz/Wendt)* to approve and send Ordinance Amending Green Lake County Chapter 32. Emergency Management to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**BUDGET REQUEST FOR LINE ITEM TRANSFER**

- **Emergency Management** - *Motion/second (Lenz/Hess)* to approve Budget Request for Line Item Transfer for Emergency Management. Motion carried with no negative vote.
- **Sheriff's Office** - *Motion/second (Wendt/Hess)* to approve Budget Request for Line Item Transfer for the Sheriff's Office and send to the Finance Committee. Motion carried with no negative vote.

- **District Attorney's Office** - District Attorney, Gerise Laspisa explained her Budget Request. *Motion/second (Hess/Lenz)* to approve IT Budget Line Item Request and send to the Finance Committee. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The 911 system went down during the 30-day trail. The Sheriff's Department is continuing to work on this. The Sheriff's Office has been in touch with Green Bay, and they will be helping with the upcoming Draft.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

- **Sheriff's Office** – Sheriff Podoll shared that he is very proud of his department and all they accomplished in 2024.
- **Circuit Court/ Register in Probate** – No discussion.
- **Emergency Management** – Gary Podoll thanked the committee for all their support of the years.

*Motion/second (Wendt/Hess)* to approve the Annual Reports and send to County Board.

EXPENSE & REVENUE REPORTS – No discussion

### COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Future meeting dates: Regular meeting** – March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:**

### ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Thom adjourned the meeting at 9:23am.

Submitted by,

Karissa Block  
Deputy County Clerk

# 15 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

PRESENTED TO

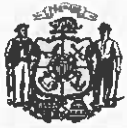
## Green Lake County Sheriff's Office

IN RECOGNITION OF  
YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO  
THE WISCONSIN INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC) TASK FORCE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND PERSEVERANCE  
IN KEEPING THE CHILDREN OF WISCONSIN SAFE.



*Joshua L. Kaul*  
Joshua L. Kaul  
Wisconsin Attorney General



STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Josh Kaul  
Attorney General

Room 114 East, State Capitol  
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January 15, 2025

SENT VIA US MAIL

Mark A Podoll, Sheriff  
Green Lake County Sheriff's Office  
571 County Road A  
Green Lake, WI 54941-8630

Dear Sheriff Podoll:

Thank you for your agency's participation in the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Strong partnerships between the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and law enforcement agencies across the state are critical for fighting internet crimes against children.

If DOJ can provide additional assistance to your agency, please let us know. I encourage you to utilize the expertise of staff in Wisconsin DOJ's ICAC and Human Trafficking Bureau in the Division of Criminal Investigation. In addition, here are some other helpful resources:

- Your staff can register for and learn about upcoming training opportunities, including free online training, at the national ICAC Task Force website at [www.icactraining.org](http://www.icactraining.org).
- The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Netsmartz Workshop website at [www.missingkids.org/NetSmartz](http://www.missingkids.org/NetSmartz) has a wealth of information, including downloadable internet safety presentations and training ideas for your schools and community.
- Resources provided by DOJ include an internet safety podcast titled "PKO: Protect Kids Online" and an online safety module for parents and children titled "*interact!*" Those resources are available at [icac.widj.gov](http://icac.widj.gov). Please share that link with members of your community and incorporate it into your safety presentations as you deem appropriate.

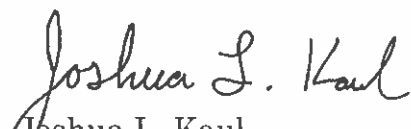
Please remember the mental health effects that exposure to child sexual abuse can have on your staff. The Innocent Justice Foundation has partnered with several

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agencies and global experts to develop and maintain a program called "SHIFT Wellness." SHIFT stands for Supporting Heroes in Mental Health Foundational Training. I strongly encourage you and your staff to utilize resources found on their website: [www.shiftwellness.org](http://www.shiftwellness.org).

Again, DOJ appreciates your partnership. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to keeping kids in Wisconsin safe.

Sincerely,

  
Joshua L. Kaul  
Attorney General

JLK:EJW:alm

Enclosure

## Request for Credit Card Approval


Department: Sheriff Office

Committee: Public Safety & Judicial

Name of Card Holder	Title of Postion	Credit Card Limit
Jacob MacDonald	Sheriff Patrol Deputy	\$1,500

**Justification for Credit Card(s):**

Deputy will need them for blood kits and other items they might need on the road while working or training.

Department Head Approval: 

Date Approved by Committee of Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_

*Following this acceptance please forward to the County Clerk's Office.*

Date Approved By Finance Committee: \_\_\_\_\_





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March 7, 2025

To Public Safety & Judicial Committee Members,  
Re: Green Lake County Sheriff's Office events since the February meeting:

- Hiring Process for Communications and Corrections
- Wellness Sessions to begin in April
- County Wide Training April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Public Health facilitating CPR training

See you at the meeting,

*Mark A. Podoll, Sheriff*

**Sheriff Mark A. Podoll**



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**Sheriff's Office Public Safety & Judicial Committee  
 Report for the Month of February 2025**

<b>Deputy contacts for this month</b>	<b>501</b>
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<b>Types of Contacts this month</b>	<b>Number of Contacts</b>
911 Follow Up	21
Medical Emergency	19
Traffic Misc.	17
Adult Transport	16
Citizen Assist	14
Agency Assistance, Mutual Aid	13
Car/Deer Accident	12
Traffic Accident w/Damage	11
Welfare Check	9
Traffic Violation	10
Alarm	7
Computer Forencis	6
Fire	6
Information Report	6
K9 Assist	5
OWI Alcohol	5
K9 Person Charged	4
Controlled Substance Problem	3
Domestic Situation	3
Harassment	3
Lockout	3
Traffic Accident w/Injuries	3
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	2
Theft	2
Traffic Patrol Requested	2
Trespassing	2
Agency Assist Person Charged	1
Animal Problem	1

**Sheriff Mark A. Podoll**



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<b>Types of Contacts this month continued</b>	
Citizen Dispute	1
Dead Body	1
Disturbance	1
EDI	1
EDV	1
Fireworks	1
Fraud	1
Int. Crimes Against Children	1
Juvenile Problem	1
Noise Complaint	1
Officer Errand	1
Property Damage	1
Threatening	1
Violation of Court Orders	1
Wanted Person	1

**Sheriff Mark A. Podoll**

**Accidents and Complaints for Patrol**

2025	Blank	Hunter	Junemann	MacDonald	Manning	Meyer	O'Connor	Prachel	Preuss	Shohoney	C. Tipton	Wallace	Young	Others	Total	Avg/Officer
Jan	15	9	26	9	16	18	15	11	5	Medical	15	11	9	34	193	15
Feb	13	24	29	9	11	18	20	10	6	Medical	14	12	22	0	188	14
March															0	0
April															0	0
May															0	0
June															0	0
July															0	0
Aug															0	0
Sept															0	0
Oct															0	0
Nov															0	0
Dec															0	0
Total	28	33	55	18	27	36	35	21	11	0	29	23	31	34	381	29
Avg/Month	14	17	28	9	14	18	18	11	6	0	15	12	16	17	191	15

**Paper Service for Patrol**

2025	Blank	Hunter	Junemann	MacDonald	Manning	Meyer	O'Connor	Prachel	Preuss	Shohoney	C. Tipton	Wallace	Young	Others	Total	Avg/Officer
Jan	8	12	16	19	11	15	2	1	8	Medical	19	2	0	0	113	9
Feb	0	4	2	1	1	2	1	2	0	Medical	0	0	2	0	15	1
March															0	0
April															0	0
May															0	0
June															0	0
July															0	0
Aug															0	0
Sept															0	0
Oct															0	0
Nov															0	0
Dec															0	0
Total	8	16	18	20	12	17	3	3	8	0	19	2	2	0	128	10
Avg/Month	4	8	9	10	6	9	2	2	4	0	10	1	1	0	64	5

**Citations for Patrol**

2025	Blank	Hunter	Junemann	MacDonald	Manning	Meyer	O'Connor	Prachel	Preuss	Shohoney	C. Tipton	Wallace	Young	Others	Total	Avg/Officer
Jan	10	6	0	3	7	9	8	10	2	Medical	5	7	6	0	73	6
Feb	7	10	14	6	7	6	2	7	1	Medical	5	10	9	0	84	6
March															0	0
April															0	0
May															0	0
June															0	0
July															0	0
Aug															0	0
Sept															0	0
Oct															0	0
Nov															0	0
Dec															0	0
Total	17	16	14	9	14	15	10	17	3	0	10	17	15	0	157	12
Avg/Month	9	8	7	5	7	8	5	9	2	0	5	9	8	0	79	6

**Warnings for Patrol**

2025	Blank	Hunter	Junemann	MacDonald	Manning	Meyer	O'Connor	Prachel	Preuss	Shohoney	C. Tipton	Wallace	Young	Others	Total	Avg/Officer
Jan	19	37	24	5	14	17	28	24	7	Medical	16	27	3	0	221	17
Feb	24	31	23	12	5	13	11	15	5	Medical	15	27	18	0	199	15
March															0	0
April															0	0
May															0	0
June															0	0
July															0	0
Aug															0	0
Sept															0	0
Oct															0	0
Nov															0	0
Dec															0	0
Total	43	68	47	17	19	30	39	39	12	0	31	54	21	0	420	32
Avg/Month	22	34	24	9	10	15	20	20	6	0	16	27	11	0	210	16

**Year to Date Totals - Accidents, Complaints, Paper Service, Citations and Warnings for Patrol**

2025	Blank	Hunter	Junemann	MacDonald	Manning	Meyer	O'Connor	Prachel	Preuss	Shohoney	C. Tipton	Wallace	Young	Vacant	Total	Avg/Officer
Total Annual Contacts	96	133	134	64	72	98	87	80	34	0	89	96	69	34	1086	84
Avg. per Month	48	67	67	32	36	49	44	40	17	0	45	48	35	17	543	42

**BOAT LAUNCH/MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CITATIONS**

2025	Blank	Hunter	Junemann	MacDonald	Manning	Meyer	O'Connor	Prachel	Preuss	Shohoney	C. Tipton	Wallace	Young	Other	Total	Avg/Officer
Jan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March															0	0
April															0	0
May															0	0
June															0	0
July															0	0
Aug															0	0
Sept															0	0
Oct															0	0
Nov															0	0
Dec															0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Avg/Month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Accidents and Complaints for Detectives**

2025	Cody	Hanson	Ward	Ash	Kai	
Jan	7	8	3	9	6	
Feb	1	8	2	5	4	
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
Aug						
Sept						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Total	8	16	5	14	10	
Average	4	8	3	7	5	

**Arrests for Detectives**

2025	Cody	Hanson	Ward	Ash	Kai	
Jan	2	1	0	2	4	
Feb	0	0	0	2	2	
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
Aug						
Sept						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Total	2	1	0	4	6	
Average	1	1	0	2	3	





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<p><b>Sheriff's Office Public Safety &amp; Judicial Committee</b>  <b>Report for the Month of February 2025</b>  <b>Correctional Facility</b></p>
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<b>Average Daily Population in the Jail for this month</b>	76
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<b>Inmates in custody for (some inmates have more than one charge)</b>
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Charge	Number of Charges
Assaults	9
Disorderly Conduct	9
Probation/Parole Violation	9
Obstructing	7
Warrants	6
Resisting/Interfering w/Police	4
Drug Related	3
Sex Offense	3
Destruct/Damage/Vandalize Prop	1
DUI	1
Harassment	1
Threatening	1

**Sheriff Mark A. Podoll**



**GREEN LAKE COUNTY JAIL MONTHLY STATISTICS**

MONTH/ YEAR	ADP	HUBER	HUBER/EMP INCOME	FEMALE LOCK	DOWN	MEALS	EMP	GL INMATES TRANSFERRED	BROWN County Safekeeper Days	Billed for Safekeepers	FDL County Safekeeper Days	Billed for Safekeepers
Jan-25	74	0	\$740.50	13	42	5735	1	4	490	\$ 21,070.00	330	\$ 14,190.00
Feb-25	77	0	\$1,527.00	18	43	5540	3	2	448	\$ 19,264.00	342	\$ 14,706.00
Mar-25										\$ -		\$ -
Apr-25										\$ -		\$ -
May-25										\$ -		\$ -
Jun-25										\$ -		\$ -
Jul-25										\$ -		\$ -
Aug-25										\$ -		\$ -
Sep-25										\$ -		\$ -
Oct-25										\$ -		\$ -
Nov-25										\$ -		\$ -
Dec-25										\$ -		\$ -
Totals												
Average	76	0	\$1,133.75	16	43	5638	2	3	938	\$ 40,334.00	672	\$ 28,896.00

ADP- Average daily population

Huber- Sentenced inmate, work release + Sent/Huber from other county

Huber Income- Amount paid by Huber and CAM inmates for the month

Female- Average number of females held that month

Lockdown- Number of inmates held that month that are not working Huber's

Meals- Number of meals + bag lunches served that month

EMP- Number of inmates on electronic monitoring

GL Inmates Transferred- Inmate serving in other county + Sent/Huber serv. out of county

Safekeepers - Holding for another county

Safekeeper days - the number of cumulative days that month for all Safekeepers for that county



# *Green Lake County Clerk of Circuit Court*

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941 920-294-4142

**AMY S. THOMA**  
*Clerk of Circuit Court*

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT - CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Board of Supervisors for Green Lake County.

Please accept this letter as the annual report for the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office.

### STAFF

Clerk of Circuit Court - Amy S. Thoma  
Chief Deputy Court Records Clerk - Cindy Werch  
Deputy Court Records Clerk - Joy Schwark  
Deputy Court Records Clerk - Rachel Belter  
Deputy Court Records Clerk (part-time) - Allison Kavanaugh

The office of Clerk of Circuit Court is the custodian of record. Record keeping for the courts is governed by state statute and Wisconsin Supreme Court rule. These require that clerks maintain records of all documents filed with the courts, keep a record of court proceedings and collect various fees, fines and forfeitures ordered by the court or specified by statute. A sampling of the responsibilities, but not inclusive, include:

File circuit court cases and provide proper case maintenance of said cases through the Wisconsin Consolidated Courts Automation Program (CCAP). This includes preparation of court notices and distribution; review files as to the status of each case; preparation of court orders/judgments at the direction of the Circuit Court Judge; receipt filing fees, fines/forfeitures, court costs, and various surcharges.

Clerk hearings - swear in all witnesses called to testify; follow through on any court orders/directives given by the Circuit Court Judge; mark all exhibits offered and received into evidence and maintain said exhibits through the appropriate appeal time period.

Jury - annual change in juror lists; summons jurors; prepare vouchers for payment of jurors, bailiffs, and misc. expenses; submit an annual jury analysis pursuant to Wisconsin Supreme Court Rule 73.01.

Miscellaneous responsibilities - file various tax warrants, liens, and satisfactions; monitor for collection reimbursements for Guardians ad Litem and Court Appointed Counsel; prepare monthly disbursements to the county and municipalities; prepare quarterly interpreter and juvenile reimbursement report; prepare annual restitution report to the State, and prepare an annual report of costs to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin.

## DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS

### JURY TRIALS

This office sent out a summons for ten jury trials in 2024. Of this number, jurors reported for six trials. Of these trials, three ended in guilty verdicts, two not guilty, and one ended in a mistrial. Charges for these trials were 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Reckless Homicide/Injury, Medical Malpractice, OWI 1<sup>st</sup> offense, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Sexual Assault, Battery, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting, Obstruct Conservation Warden, and Wrongful Death. Three of these trials were multi-day trials.

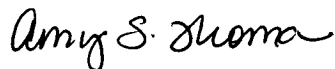
The cost for these trials total approximately \$17,958.00. This amount includes per diem and mileage payments to jurors, payment of jury bailiffs, meals, and supplies.

### CASE COMPARISON & FINANCIAL INFORMATION

I have attached a 5-year case filing comparison. I have also attached financial information for 2024 that outlines costs and fees our office received, along with expenditures, payment received by the State of Wisconsin and payments collected for, and submitted to the State of Wisconsin, and to county municipalities.

My staff continues to provide excellent customer service in our, at times, hectic and fast-paced office and courtroom alike. Our goal is to continue to work together to provide this continued service and professionalism to the citizens of Green Lake County, the general public, and fellow County employees.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy S. Thoma  
Clerk of Circuit Court

## 2024 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### COSTS AND FEES RECEIVED

Circuit Court Filing Fees	\$ 23,086.58
Mailing Fees	\$ 546.00
Other Clerk Fees	\$ 5,451.02
Copy Fees	\$ 4,567.50
Interest on Judgments	\$ 2,965.38
Municipal Service Fee	\$ 145.00
Search Fees	\$ 20.00
Transmittal Fees	\$ 45.00
Non-Sufficient Funds Fees	\$ 100.00
Witness Fees	
FCC Mediation Fees	\$ 1,285.00
Child Support Fee	\$ 210.00
Jury Fees	\$ 936.00
Driver Improvement Surcharge	\$ 17,741.95
Forfeitures - State	\$ 22,596.95
Forfeitures/Fines - State	\$ 3,424.55
Forfeitures - County	\$ 62,129.42
Jail Surcharge	\$ 13,697.48
Ignition Interlock Surcharge	\$ 3,208.27
Costs for Extradition	\$ 1,085.00
District Attorney Assessment	\$ 4,888.96
Mediation Fee Reimbursement	\$ 68.88
Court Apptd Atty Reimbursement	\$ 41,005.30
GAL Reimbursement	\$ 31,721.86
Bail Forfeiture	\$ 10,000.00
Blood Test Cost Reimbursement	\$ 2,373.44
Payment Plan Fee	\$ 2,440.15
Drug Reimbursement Buy Money	\$ 50.00
Medical/Psych. Reimbursement	
Occupational License Fee	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 255,789.69</b>

### EXPENDITURE VOUCHERS ISSUED

Guardian ad Litem	\$ 28,746.00
Court Appointed Counsel	\$ 81,306.70
Bailiffs	\$ 4,095.00
Dues	\$ 125.00
Interpreters	\$ 11,838.53
Jury Expense	\$ 13,169.22
Law Library	\$ 1,010.38
Psychological Evaluations	\$ 7,382.50
Office Supplies	\$ 3,327.88
Registration/Conferences	\$ 1,090.89
Transcripts	\$ 1,812.00
Print Management	\$ 197.07
Travel	\$ 209.04
Witness Expense	\$ 389.56
Mediation	\$ 2,999.97
Court Commissioner Expense	\$ 42,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 199,699.74</b>

### GRANTS/PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE

Court Support Payment	\$ 52,275.00
Guardian ad Litem	\$ 23,045.00
Interpreter	\$ 9,254.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 84,574.00</b>

### Fines, Costs & Fees collected and paid to the State of Wisconsin

\$ 553,376.06

### Forfeitures collected and paid to:

City of Berlin	\$ 3,380.25
City of Green Lake	\$ 496.11
City of Markesan	\$ 250.45
City of Princeton	\$ 540.00

## 5 YEAR CASE FILING COMPARISON

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Criminal Misdemeanor	225	224	256	206	191
Criminal Felony	134	198	218	159	159
Criminal Traffic	103	145	122	132	174
Traffic	930	1093	1306	1201	1426
Forfeiture	156	147	119	177	234
Juvenile Ordinance	14	10	7	6	19
Civil	118	89	119	119	137
Small Claims	272	280	248	309	329
Complex Forfeiture	34	2	32	11	11
Family	68	79	75	66	57
Paternity	11	16	11	8	10



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RE: Annual Report

Dear Supervisors,

Please accept this letter as my annual report to the committee regarding the District Attorney's Office.

Case Analysis:

1162 Referral cases (includes civil traffic/ordinance violations, review only, all criminal violations, death reviews, search warrants and any state civil prosecution (eg., open meetings complaints, DNR violations). The cases that stand out for purposes of public concern would be 122 drug related cases, 80 domestic related, 85 OWI cases, (civil felony and misdemeanor), 16 sexual assault cases, 8 gun related cases. Of the referrals received this year, 232 were felony case referrals, 427 were misdemeanor case referrals and 35 were juvenile delinquency case referrals.

In 2024, we received 2 more domestic related referrals, 33 less drug related referrals and 4 less sexual assault referrals. Significantly, in 2024, we received 26 fewer OWI referrals.

Three cases went to jury trial. Two cases involved convictions for Obstructing/Resisting a Conservation Warden and the other 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Sexual Assault, Battery, Disorderly Conduct and Obstructing/Resisting an Officer. One trial resulted in not guilty verdicts.

In addition to case filings, we assisted law enforcement with 64 search warrants or subpoenas in 2024. The majority of these search warrants involve either drug related offenses or sexual assault offenses.

In addition we handled the following types of cases that had post-disposition activity: 15 Prison Petitions for Sentence Modification, 30 Sentencing After Revocation, 1 Parole Consideration, 2 Pardon Application and 1 Post Conviction Relief Motion.

Local Comparisons Filed Cases:

In 2024 our neighboring counties of similar size (Waushara/Marquette) had similar caseloads. Waushara County typically has a larger amount than Green Lake or Marquette and does have an additional prosecutor.

Green Lake: Felonies - 159, Misdemeanors - 191, Criminal Traffic - 174  
Waushara: Felonies – 214, Misdemeanors – 208, Criminal Traffic - 73  
Marquette: Felonies – 133 , Misdemeanors – 137, Criminal Traffic - 133

#### Case Management Systems

The majority of our cases are being stored in an electronic format with the exception of some privileged and sensitive documents. Our office continues to utilize an electronic referral procedure with our law enforcement agencies within the county. This is done by Spillman (the law enforcement database) and Protect (the DA database) being linked. Protect is also connected with the courts database, also known as CCAP, which allows court filings to be done electronically as well.

#### Digital Media Discovery

We expect to see the volume and amount of digital media discovery produced and recovered in criminal investigations to continue to significantly increase. Digital media in the form of body cam video/audio recordings, squad cam video/recordings, video/audio recordings from private cameras (such as “Ring”) and public cameras (Flock), cell phone video/audio recordings and an increase in the volume of digital social media information is being generated and collected more consistently. This trend is only expected to increase. This trend is being experienced statewide. While DAIT – (the State District Attorney IT Office) is working with prosecutorial offices to identify needs and possible long-term solutions for seamless receipt, storage, retention and dissemination of ever-increasing amounts of discovery, the ever-increasing volume and amount of this type of discovery will at some point require more resources in our office to receive, document, redact, disseminate, to fulfill our ethical and discovery obligations.

#### Small County Attorney Shortage Impact

Statewide prosecutor and public defender offices continue to struggle to attract and retain attorneys due to non-competitive wages. This is even more difficult in small counties like ours. Equally challenging across the State is the difficulty in finding experienced attorneys that will accept public defender appointments or private bar attorneys who practice in small counties. The lack of private attorneys willing to take on public defender appointments and, the overall low number of attorneys that practice in and around small counties like ours can significantly negatively impact the entire criminal justice system by contributing to longer wait times for defendants to obtain representation which in turn delays the delivery of justice to victims and our community. This is an important issue that impacts public safety.

This issue is an important public safety issue that must be addressed to ensure efficient and effective prosecution. Green Lake County is as vulnerable to this issue as any other county.

Green Lake County is fortunate to have two seasoned prosecutors with decades of experience working alongside very experienced and talented administrative staff. In 2025, we will continue to work to improve efficiencies in our work flow and processes that will enhance our existing victim sensitive and community accountable work.

Sincerely,



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2024 ANNUAL REPORT  
 OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
 OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY

2024 Deaths for Green Lake County		209
2024 Deaths for Marquette County		132
Autopsies Performed	Green Lake – 8      Marquette – 6	14
Toxicology Test	Green Lake – 22      Marquette – 18	40
Deaths Certified by Medical Examiner	Green Lake – 202      Marquette – 126	228
Cremation Permits Issued	Green Lake -139      Marquette - 103	242

Currently, we have 3 pending cases from 2024. Cases that are pending are waiting on toxicology or autopsy reports to be completed and interpreted by the Medical Examiner.

Below are the revenues for signing death certificates and issuing cremation permits. WFCAP adjustments have been included.

Death Certificate Signing Revenue for Green Lake	\$ 9168.22
Cremation Permit Revenue for Green Lake County	\$ 23758.51
Revenue from other sources	\$ 78725.00
Revenue from mileage	\$ 3508.84
Total Green Lake 2024 Revenue	\$ 115160.57

Thank you for the support you have provided the Medical Examiner this past year while we continue to transition from Coroner to Medical Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas G. Wastart II  
 Medical Examiner



## Green Lake Medical Examiner Annual Report for 2024

Deaths	2023	2024
Annual Total	225	209
Female	111	96
Male	114	113

### CAUSES

other	69	57
Sepsis	10	9
Respiratory	31	23
Cancer	54	48
Cardiac	52	66
Drug OD	5	1
Vehicle Crash	2	6
Hanging	1	0
Gun shot	0	3

### MANNER of DEATH

Homicide	0	2
Suicide	1	2
Accident	23	16
Natural	181	200
Undetermined	0	0
Pending	0	1

### LOCATION OF DEATH

Hospital	40	38
Residence	86	91
Licensed Facility	70	86

Hospice	113	115
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Cremation Permits	146	139
Death Certificates	200	202

Autopsys	7	8
Toxicology Test	25	22

Wastart	180	201
Fisher	29	24