

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**  
**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The meeting of the Public Safety & Judicial Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Gene Thom on Wednesday, December 10th, 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:	Don Lenz	Absent: Sue Wendt
	Gene Thom	Joe Gonyo
	Keith Hess	

Other County Employees Present: Karissa Rohde, Deputy County Clerk; Jason Jerome, Interim County Manager; Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy; Sheriff Podoll, Dave Cornelius, Communication Sergeant; Lori Leahy, Corrections Administrator; Mitzi Putzke, Paralegal; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel (Remote 9:02AM)

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – none

**MINUTES OF 11/12/2025**

*Motion/second (Lenz/Hess)* to approve the minutes of the 11/12/2025 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Sheriff shared a few events that his department has attended in the last few months. Such as Police Lights for Christmas, Cops in Culvers, Family night at the Blizzard’s game, caroling in nursing homes, and Shop with a Hometown Hero at Walmart. They also attended many training sessions.

**EXPENSE & REVENUE REPORTS**

No discussion.

**CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS RETENTION PLAN**

Sheriff and Chief Deputy shared a presentation regarding a cost-effective innovative solution. Chief Deputy presented numbers/cost for hiring new employees in the Corrections and Communications departments. With this new program, Corrections and Communications employees will be given a bonus at the end of each year of employment. The bonus will get bigger the longer the employees work for Green Lake County with a limit of \$5,000. The committee will be presented with a resolution at the January meeting. This will then be forwarded to Finance and County Board.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

The \$6,000 was amended to \$3,500. *Motion/second (Lenz/Hess)* to approve the Budget Adjustment with amendment. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- **Future meeting dates: Regular meeting** – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Thom adjourned the meeting at 10:02AM.

Submitted by,

*Karissa Rohde*

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Deputy County Clerk