

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

The meeting of the Public Safety & Judicial Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Gene Thom on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 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  
Gene Thom  
Keith Hess  
Sue Wendt

Absent: Joe Gonyo

Other County Employees Present: Karissa Rohde, Deputy County Clerk; Sheriff Podoll; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Sophia Walters, HR; Jason Jerome, County Manager (9:05 AM); Judge Slate; Tom Wastart, Medical Examiner (9:03 AM)

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

**MINUTES OF 1/14/2026**

*Motion/second (Lenz/Hess)* to approve the minutes of the 1/14/2026 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Ryan Dobbs** – Dobbs from DCI thanked the Sheriff’s Department for their drone assistance.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

- **Sheriff’s Office** – Sheriff Podoll thanked his staff for their hard work in 2025.
- **Circuit Court** – Judge shared the updated video and audio system is up and running and working great.
- **Register in Probate** – no discussion.

*Motion/second (Hess/Wendt)* to accept the annual reports and forward to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Court Commissioner, Henry Conti has retired.

**EXPENSE & REVENUE REPORTS** – no comment

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- **Future meeting dates: Regular meeting** – March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Thom adjourned the meeting at 9:10 AM.

Submitted by,  
*Karissa Rohde*  
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Deputy County Clerk