

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
May 13th, 2026

The meeting of the Public Safety & Judicial Committee was called to order by Karissa Rohde on Wednesday, May 13th, 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
Joe Gonyo
Nancy Hiestand

Absent: Sarah Allen

Other County Employees Present: Karissa Rohde, Deputy County Clerk; Sheriff Podoll; Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Sophia Walters, HR; Tom Wastart, Medical Examiner (9:05AM); Amy Thoma, Clerk of Courts; Mitzi Putzke, Paralegal/Office Manager; Renee Thiem-Korth, Register of Deeds (Remote); Jason Jerome, County Manager; Angie Smit, Circuit Court; Dave Cornelius, Emergency Management

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Deputy County Clerk Karissa Rohde called for nominations for Chair. *Motion/second (Thom/Hiestand)* to nominate Joe Gonyo as Chair. No other nominations. Motion passed with no negative vote. Deputy Clerk Rohde declared Gonyo as Chair. Gonyo presided as Chair the remainder of the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Gonyo called for nominations for Vice Chair. *Motion/second (Lenz/Gonyo)* to nominate Gene Thom as Vice Chair. No other nominations. Motion passed with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

MINUTES OF 3/11/2026

Motion/second (Lenz/Thom) to approve the minutes of the 3/11/2026 meeting with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPEARANCES

• **Medical Examiner – Amanda Thoma**

Thoma gave a brief explanation about her department. Thoma will now be working with Green Lake County in place of Tom Wastart.

• **Sheriff's Office Intern Presentation – Jorge Verduzco**

Intern Jorge Verduzco gave a presentation on what he learned during his internship at Green Lake County. Verduzco thanked Sheriff Podoll and Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk for the opportunity.

CORRESPONDENCE

• **Letter from Blystone's Towing & Repair**

No discussion.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 257-12, ATV/UTC ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

All changes to the ordinance are made in red in the packet. Discussion held. *Motion/second (Thom/Lenz)* to approve the amendment and forward to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk went over his report found in the packet.

EXPENSE & REVENUE REPORTS

No discussion

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Future meeting dates: Regular meeting** – June 10th, 2026
- **Future agenda items for action & discussion:**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gonyo adjourned the meeting at 9:24 AM.

Submitted by,

Karissa Rohde

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Deputy County Clerk