

Minutes of Meeting  
Sauk County Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee

April 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Sauk County Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 05:05 pm, in Room 213, West Square Building, 505 Broadway, Baraboo WI.

The meeting was properly posted and all interested parties were notified.

Members Present: S. Carver, J. Deitrich, K. Schell, D. Clemens, S. Pocernich (arrived at 5:07 pm), B. Peper, S. Alexander, J. Roxen, S. Harris

Members Absent:

Members Excused:

Others Present: G. Hahn, K. Koback, S. Benton, D. O'Rourke, C. Wastlick, J. Hoenisch, E. VanDenHeuvel, L. Wilson, D. Kirch

Informal jail tour at the Sauk County Law Enforcement Center was done at 4:00 pm. Due to the lack of a quorum, the committee did not go into closed session. Those in attendance were S. Carver, J. Deitrich, S. Pocernich, S. Alexander, R. Meister, G. Hahn and J. Hoenisch.

1. Call to Order and Certification of Open Meeting Law

The meeting was called to order and in compliance with the Open Meeting Law was certified by Sheila Carver at 05:05 pm.

2. Roll Call

3. Agenda

Motion by Alexander, seconded by Clemens to approve the agenda. Deitrich added to the Motion to eliminate #5 and #6 from the agenda as the committee did not go into closed session for the jail tour. Motion carried.

4. Approve minutes of Previous Meeting(s) Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee

Motion by Schell, seconded by Clemens to approve minutes from March 11, 2025. Motion Carried.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Communications

Sheriff's Office received 2 communications.

7. Review and Approve Expenses - Circuit Court

Motion by Deitrich, seconded by Schell to approve payment of the Circuit Court expenses in the amount of \$1,238.05. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

8. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Register in Probate

Caseload steady from year to year. Budget on track. In the upcoming months, the juvenile attorney fees are going to be high if they don't settle.

Motion by Peper, seconded by Roxen to approve payment of the Register in Probate expenses in the amount of \$3,751.22. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

9. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Child Support

Decrease in collections in March. Bouncing back from system clean up. Budget on track.

Motion by Peper, seconded by Clemens to approve payment of the Child Support Agency in the amount of \$2,233.34. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

10. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Court Commissioner

Budget on track. Typical expenses this month. Standard numbers for March. Pro Se family application is due in a couple weeks and will be applying for it again. Deb is retiring June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion by Schell, seconded by Deitrich to approve payment of the Court Commissioner expenses in the amount of \$780.00. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

11. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Clerk of Court

Court appointed counsel and interpreter expenses are higher this month. Outside collections a little lower than this time last year. Received state reimbursement for interpreter, a little over \$18,000. GAL invoices over budget this month vs. contracted amounts in previous year. A couple people from the area took the written portion of the state interpreter testing this past week.

Motion by Peper, seconded by Clemens to approve payment of the Clerk of Court expenses in the amount of \$61,560.42. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

12. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – District Attorney

Yvonne emailed committee as she was unable to attend. Monthly report case totals are running the same as in past years. Victim witness reimbursement rate did come in for the last half of 2024 at 54%. There is a request in the upcoming 2025-27 state budget to use GPR funds to supplement the reimbursement rate when it's low to make the reimbursement rate at least 60%. We did receive word from the UW Law School that they are unable to fill our request this year for a summer intern. The budget is running on track for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year.

Motion by Schell, seconded by Roxen to approve payment of the District Attorney expenses in the amount of \$906.29. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

13. Operations Update – Sauk County Animal Shelter

Monthly report posted in Granicus.

14. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Coroner

Slower month for March.

Motion by Deitrich, seconded by Harris to approve payment of the Coroner's expenses in the amount of \$10,427.76. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

15. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Sheriff

Currently have openings for 2 dispatchers, 1 booking clerk and 4 jail deputies. Patrol will be fully staffed at the end of this month. Deputy is coming from Minnesota with 3 years of experience. Calls for service for last month were 5509. Offender days 1057. Profit on GPS monitoring was \$16,845.36.

Motion by Roxen, seconded by Schell to approve payment of the Sheriff's expenses in the amount of \$185,513.10. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

16. Discussion of PSAP (Public Safety Awareness Point) Grant Application for Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center

Initial stages of remodeling the dispatch center. It is coming up on 25 years in service. Applied for \$150,000 grant which 90% will be paid by the state and 10% by the county. The upgrade to the radios will allow for better capabilities to talk with other departments.

17. Possible closed session pursuant to Wisc. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Performance evaluation of Child Support Director. Reconvene in open session immediately following the closed session.

Motion by Deitrich, seconded by Schell to enter into closed session.

Vote: AYES (9) Carver, Deitrich, Schell, Clemens, Pocernich, Peper, Alexander, Roxen, Harris.

NAYS (0) ABSENT (0)

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session began at 5:29 pm.

Motion by Deitrich, seconded by Schell to resume into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session began at 5:39 pm.

18. Next meeting date, time and agenda items

May 13, 2025

19. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the committee was scheduled for Tuesday May 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

Motion by Peper, seconded by Roxen to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm. Motion carried.



David Clemens

(Minutes taken by Julie Hoenisch)