

Minutes of Meeting
Sauk County Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee

January 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Sauk County Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 05:00 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, D. Clemens, R. Cross, J. Deitrich, S. Harris, S. Pocernich

Members Absent: S. Alexander

Members Excused: B. Peper, J. Roxen

Others Present: R. Meister, G. Hahn, K. Koback, S. Benton, A. Olson, C. Wastlick, Y. Neumann, J. Hoenisch, E. VanDenHeuvel, M. Abrecht, D. Kirch, L. Wilson, T. McCumber

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 05:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

3. Adopt Agenda

Motion by Deitrich, seconded by Clemens to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Clemens, seconded by Cross to approve minutes from December 9, 2025. Motion Carried.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Communications

None

7. Review and Approve Expenses - Circuit Court

Motion by Clemens, seconded by Pocernich to approve payment of the Circuit Court expenses in the amount of \$906.88. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

8. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Register in Probate

Revenues up from 2024 which helped with overages on expenses. Overall caseload is about the same. Budget is under budget for 2025.

Motion by Deitrich, seconded by Clemens to approve payment of the Register in Probate expenses in the amount of \$7,646.74. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

9. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Child Support

Finished out the year collecting \$9.8 million which is down just a little from 2024. New contract for 2026 has been signed with the Department of Children and Family. One open position and hoping to fill soon. Numbers have stayed about the same from last month. State signed resolution to honor the 50th anniversary year of the child support program. Budget is looking good.

Motion by Clemens, seconded by Harris to approve payment of the Child Support Agency in the amount of \$1,709.38. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

10. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Court Commissioner

Numbers are consistent overall for the year. Budget will be under budget for 2025.

Motion by Clemens, seconded by Deitrich to approve payment of the Court Commissioner expenses in the amount of \$2,400.00. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

11. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Clerk of Court

Court appointed expenses are a little higher than last year at this time. Monthly reports mirror each other from 2024 to 2025. Everything looking good for 2025.

Motion by Clemens, seconded by Pocernich to approve payment of the Clerk of Court expenses in the amount of \$46,918.40. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

12. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – District Attorney

Monthly reports and numbers will be discussed when they talk about staffing needs later on the agenda. Budget will be under for 2025.

Motion by Deitrich, seconded by Clemens to approve payment of the District Attorney expenses in the amount of \$642.05 for December 2025 and \$295.30 for January 2026. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

13. Operations Update – Sauk County Animal Shelter

Monthly report posted in Granicus.

14. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Coroner

Down about 10% from the last 3 to 4 years. About 13% under budget. Autopsies about half of what they normally do.

Motion by Deitrich, seconded by Cross to approve payment of the Coroner's expenses in the amount of \$7,466.72 for December 2025 and \$519.11 for January 2026. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

15. Departmental Update and Approve Expenses – Sheriff

Calls for service were 4595. Offender days 942. Profit on GPS monitoring was \$18,900.97.

Motion by Clemens, seconded by Harris to approve payment of the Sheriff's expenses in the amount of \$435.00 and \$189,916.79 for December 2025 and \$33,719.00 and \$167,723.82 for January 2026. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

16. Possible Resolution to Amend the Sheriff Department's 2026 Budget for Additional Allocation of Grant Funds to Fund for New APCO IntelliComm Software Installation and Integration and Advanced Training for Next Generation 9-1-1.

Motion to approve by Clemens, seconded by Deitrich. Motion carried.

17. Discussion regarding staffing needs at the District Attorney's Office

18. Next meeting date, time and agenda items

February 10, 2026

19. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the committee was scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

Motion by Clemens, seconded by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.



David Clemens

(Minutes taken by Julie Hoenisch)