

Richland County

Public Safety Standing Committee

August 1, 2025

The Richland County Public Safety Standing Committee convened on Friday, August 1, 2025, in person and virtually at 8:51 AM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Committee Chair Frank called the meeting to order at 8:51 AM.

Roll Call: Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee member(s) present: Gary Manning, David Turk, Melvin “Bob” Frank, and Julie Fleming. County Board Vice Chair, Steve Williamson also joined the meeting to ensure quorum could be attained. Committee member(s) absent: Chad Cosgrove and Kerry Severson.

Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Manning, second by Fleming to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda declared approved.

Approval Of Minutes From June 6, 2025 Meeting: Motion by Fleming, second by Manning to approve the June 6, 2025 minutes. Motion carried and the May 2, 2025, minutes declared approved.

Public Comment: None.

Reports:

- A. Sheriff – Departmental Activities:** Sheriff Porter briefly presented the Sheriff’s Monthly Report for July 2025, an updated staffing memo, and the squad mileage report. Brief discussion ensued on the most recent resignations and the recent vandalization of one of the squad cars. Sheriff Porter reported that the Sheriff’s Department was working on their budget and there was potentially going to be a .9% increase.
- B. Coroner - Departmental Activities:** Chair Frank pointed out the Coroner’s Report in the meeting packet.
- C. Circuit Court Judge - Departmental Activities:** The Honorable Lisa McDougal, Richland County Circuit Judge, reported that Richland County was selected to host the recent reinstituted “Justice On Wheels” program of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The event date was set for October 27th, 2025 and since Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Ann Walsh Bradley was a Richland Center native and there were plans to honor Justice Bradley during the program. Judge McDougal briefly reported on the recent activities of the Courthouse and Facilities Security Committee, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, upcoming emergency management training for courthouse staff, and the future changes to the Treatment Court program. Brief discussion ensued.
- D. Clerk Of Court - Departmental Activities:** Richland County Clerk of Court, Stacy Kleist joined via Webex and briefly presented her 2026 Budget Summary report.

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- E. Register In Probate - Departmental Activities:** Register in Probate, Ms. Jenifer Laue reported that she is working on the budget for her office and is requesting that the hours for herself and her deputy be increased from 35 hours per week to 37.5 hours per week.
- F. District Attorney - Departmental Activities:** No one present, but Chair Frank pointed out the budget report for the District Attorney's Office that was included in the meeting packet.
- G. Emergency Management - Departmental Activities:** Richland County Emergency Management Coordinator, John Heinen, briefly reported on the FEMA grant process and various emergency plan updates around the county, including the Ithaca School District, and reported that there were plans for future courthouse security trainings. Brief discussion ensued.
- H. PSAP & NG-911 Grants:** Sheriff kPorter stated there was nothing new to report.
- I. Radio Tower Project:** Sheriff Porter reported that equipment was being moved into the radio tower sites. Brief discussion on the subscriber radio process ensued.
- J. Courthouse Security Report:** Judge McDougal stated there was nothing new to report on.

Approval of Monthly Invoices: Sheriff Porter presented the July 2025 bills. Motion by Manning, second by Fleming to approve the monthly invoices as presented. Sheriff Porter stated that Motion carried and the monthly invoices were approved as presented.

Correspondence: None.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Discussion & Possible Action: Subscriber Radio Equipment Exchange Process – Chair Frank

Adjourn: Committee Chair Frank entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Manning, second by Fleming to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,



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Deputy County Clerk