

Richland County Public Safety Standing Committee

March 6, 2026

The Richland County Public Safety Standing Committee convened on Friday, February 6, 2026, in person and virtually at 8:33 AM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Committee Chair Frank called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM.

Roll Call: Deputy County Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee member(s) present: Tiffany Thompson, David Turk via WebEx, Chad Cosgrove, and Melvin “Bob” Frank. Committee member(s) absent: Gary Manning, Kerry Severson, and Julie Fleming.

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

Approval Of Agenda: Committee Chair Frank entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Cosgrove, second by Thompson. Motion carried via voice vote and the agenda was approved.

Approval Of Minutes From February 6, 2026 Meeting: Committee Chair Frank entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2026 meeting. Motion by Thompson, second by Cosgrove to approve the minutes. Motion carried via voice vote and the minutes from the February 6, 2026, meeting were approved.

Public Comment: None.

Reports:

- A. Sheriff – Departmental Activities & Monthly Bills:** Sheriff Porter briefly presented the Richland County Sheriff’s Monthly Report, the Squad Mileage Report, and the Monthly Bills report to the committee and reported that he was still waiting on the two new squads. Brief discussion ensued.
- B. Coroner - Departmental Activities:** Committee Chair Frank pointed out the report submitted by Richland County Coroner, James Rossing, was available in the packet for the committee to review. No discussion.
- C. Circuit Court Judge - Departmental Activities:** The Honorable Lisa McDougal, Richland County Circuit Court Judge briefly spoke to the committee regarding the status of her office’s workload, thanked the court staff for their hard work, provided a brief synopsis of the Treatment Court program, reminded the committee of the upcoming Courthouse Security meeting set for March 23, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. through 4:30 p.m., and emphasized the need for renovations to the small courtroom including Zoom capabilities. Brief discussion ensued.
- D. Courthouse Security Report:** Nothing to report.
- E. Clerk Of Court - Departmental Activities:** Clerk of Court, Stacy Kleist presented her budget report to the committee and reported that her office finished 2025 underbudget. Ms. Kleist spoke to the staffing of her office and stated that she was very proud of her staff. Ms. Kleist briefly reported on the legislative activities she had been involved in. Brief discussion ensued.

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- F. Register In Probate - Departmental Activities:** Register in Probate, Ms. Jenifer Laue presented her budget report to the committee, reported that her office came in under budget, juvenile case numbers were down, guardianship cases were up, and she was hopeful for the upcoming renovations, and reiterated the importance of the needs in the small courtroom. Brief discussion ensued.
- G. District Attorney - Departmental Activities:** No one was present.
- H. Ambulance Service – Departmental Activities:** Barb Scott, Interim Emergency Services Director presented her EMS Director Report, reported that the Ambulance Service was fully staffed with no other staffing changes, call numbers were down in February, and presented income vs expenses numbers. Brief discussion ensued.
- I. Emergency Management - Departmental Activities:** No one was present.
- J. PSAP & NG-911 Grants:** Sheriff Porter briefly reported that the grant applications went out by the deadline and that work was being done on the 2026 PSAP grant projects. Brief discussion ensued.
- K. Radio Tower Update:** Jeremy Bork, Radio Support Specialist, with the Management Information Systems department, introduced himself to the department and reported that he is getting up to speed on Richland County's radio tower project. Brief discussion ensued.

Correspondence: None.

Future Agenda Items:

Discussion & Possible Action: Changing The Name Of The Public Safety Standing Committee

Adjourn: Committee Chair Frank entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Thompson, second by Cosgrove to adjourn. Motion carried via voice vote and meeting adjourned at 9:11 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Myranda H. Hege
Deputy County Clerk