

Juneau County Board of Supervisors
Courthouse, 220 East State Street
Mauston, Wisconsin 53948



ORDINANCE No. 25 - 02

DATE: February 18, 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Executive Committee

SYNOPSIS: Creating a new Public Safety Committee, merging the Sheriff & Jail Committee with the Emergency Management Committee.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

WHEREAS, in an effort to streamline operations, improve oversight, and enhance coordination between the Sheriff's Office, Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), Jail, and Emergency Management, it would be wise to consolidate the current Sheriff and Jail Committee and the Emergency Management Committee into a new Public Safety Committee that would oversee both law enforcement and emergency response efforts for Juneau County; and

WHEREAS, The Public Safety Committee shall consist of 5 county board members appointed by the county board chairperson and approved by the executive committee.

WHEREAS, The Public Safety Committee's role will be to provide oversight and make recommendations on matters related to public safety, including the Sheriff's Office, Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), Jail operations, and County Emergency Management. It will ensure the proper coordination of emergency response and law enforcement resources in the county; and

- 1. WHEREAS**, This consolidation will:

- a. Improve communication and collaboration between the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management;
- b. Provide a unified approach to public safety and emergency preparedness;
- c. Reduce administrative redundancies and streamline decision-making processes; and
- d. Ensure the county's resources are allocated efficiently for both routine law enforcement and emergency situations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Juneau County Board of Supervisors shall and hereby does amend the Juneau County Code of Ordinances:

1. To repeal Subdivision VI (Secs 2-268 and 2-269) regarding the Emergency Management Committee;
2. To repeal Subdivision XI (Secs 2-392 and 2-393) regarding the Sheriff & Jail Committee;
3. To create a new Subdivision VI (Secs. 2-268 et seq.) creating a new Public Safety Committee to read as follows:

Subdivision VI. – Public Safety Committee*

***Footnotes:**

State Law reference— Emergency management committee, Wis. Stats. § 323.14(1)(a)3; State Law reference— Law enforcement, telecommunications terminal, Wis. Stats. § 59.54(9); care and control of dogs, Wis. Stats. § 174.001 et seq.; emergency medical services, Wis. Stats. § 256.01 et seq.

Sec. 2-268. - Created; membership.

(a) This committee shall be the emergency management committee mandated by Wis. Stats. § 323.14(1)(a)3.

(b) The public safety committee shall consist of five county board members.

Sec. 2-269. - Duties.

The duties of the public safety committee shall be to:

- (1) Review and recommend annual budgets for assigned departments.
- (2) Review financial reports of each department under the committee's oversight.
- (3) Guide policy direction and accountability of departments within their jurisdiction.

- (4) Approve departmental policies.
- (5) Review and recommend staffing levels and work hours.
- (6) Review and recommend grant applications and acceptances.
- (7) Approve fee schedules not governed by other laws.
- (8) Review and recommend short- and long-range departmental goals.
- (9) Approve and present intergovernmental agreements and contracts as needed.
- (10) Approve and present resolutions and ordinances to the county board.
- (11) Grant any county board member the right to review county financial records, within HIPAA and confidentiality constraints.
- (12) Provide oversight for the Sheriff's Office, Jail, Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), and Emergency Management Department, offering advisory recommendations as necessary.
- (13) Recommend to the county board the appropriate number of deputy sheriffs.
- (14) Review operations and establish internal policies for their administration.
- (15) Review and approve or make recommendations regarding requests for supplies, equipment, services, and compensation.
- (16) Monitor enforcement of Wis. Stats. ch. 174 regarding stray dogs.
- (17) Oversee installation, maintenance, and operation of emergency 911 and tower communication systems under Wis. Stats. §§ 59.54(9) and 256.35, and the rural numbering system per Wis. Stats. § 59.54(4).
- (18) Ensure humane officer duties are carried out as mandated by law.
- (19) Ensure coordination with the State Office of Emergency Management and local emergency officials.
- (20) Make recommendations to the county board on emergency management responsibilities as per Wis. Stats. § 323.14(1)(a)3.
- (21) Collaborate with the emergency management director to assess and improve the county's disaster and emergency preparedness.
- (22) Recommend an annual emergency management budget to the Finance Committee and county board.

INTRODUCED AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Timothy J. Cottingham, Chairperson

Judith Kennedy

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Roy Granger

Tom Winters

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of
Juneau County on February 18, 2025.

Terri Treptow, Juneau County Clerk