

The Florence County Personnel, Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, and Emergency Medical Service Committee met at the Courthouse on May 15, 2025. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00p.m. A quorum of committee members was present.

Supervisors present: Brunette, Johnson, Mills and Modschiedler.

Supervisors Excused: Hedmark

Absent: None

Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Brunette to approve the agenda, as presented.

Motion Seconded by Supervisor Mills.

Motion carries, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Sheriff Monthly Reports

Sheriff Chrisman asked to be excused and sent the Committee the month of March 2025 report and latest updates for the department.

Citizen contacts: 914 calls for service; 911 calls received 132

Activities on the road and in the jail: arrest totals 13, jail log of activities 7,558, written incident reports by Deputies 77, citations 14, traffic stops 148, vehicle accidents 6, deer/vehicle accidents 12, inmate average daily population 7.13

Sheriff reported- set up Corrections Officer position interview on June 16.

It has been difficult for everyone with the passing of District Attorney Mike Scholke.

The report read - Deputy Nate Krueger handler and K9 Deputy Rajzi's did 12 training exercises with blank traffic stops, bite sequence, dope work in buildings, building search for a man, civil and with a bite, recalls and outing, tracking, and obedience. Rajzi had 4 deployments with para and Narcan being found, just no product. The other stop was 2 known drug users resulting in 1 arrest.

The report read - Deputy Windell handler and K9 Deputy Rambo had 11 deployments for narcotics. 8 positive alerts with no narcotics located but 5 of those deployments were known drug users. 1 deployment did not find narcotics but officers found illegal prescription drugs leading to an arrest.

2 positive alerts resulting in finding cocaine residue and other paraphernalia and the other located meth residue for Niagara. Rambo had 17 training exercises for bite obedience, building search for suspect, building search for drugs, vehicle search for drugs, mock traffic stops with "blank" vehicles, basic obedience, and article search. Rambo and Eric were able to go to Oconto for the Karl Zeitler Memorial Law Dog competition and won the Apprehension Challenge and the Top Dog Award with 19 other dogs in the competing.

No action.

2025 Jail Inspection Process

Sheriff Chrisman handed supervisors the 2025, 4-page Jail Inspection, showing the intense process Jail Administrator Pataconi follows. She explained some of the process and commended Pataconi and her Correction Officers for a job well done.

Sheriff/Jail Bills

None at this time

Emergency Management Monthly Report

Amanda Mulvey, Emergency Management/EMS Director, reported:

Hazmat: Meeting set for June 5. No incidents to report. CHREG Grant FY24 extension for closeout due 5/16/2025.

LEPC: Next regular meeting TBD

EMPG/EPCRA: FY24 Appeal for reporting extension submitted.

Other: Daily User WISCOM Grant completed and award letter received for 1.4 million. Deliverables for FY25 underway. Community outreach to all municipalities and public works for ice storm relief from WI DRF. CodeRED testing to be performed in June to identify lingering gaps in communication network outlined with ice storm messaging. EM Director established monthly recurring meeting to begin in June with Finance Director to improve awareness of EM/EMS department financials and operations.

Sheriff Chrisman commended EM Coordinator Mulvey and former Sheriff Miller for all the work they did to receive the radio grant.

Emergency Medical Monthly Report

Number of calls received 58 for ambulance service in April 2025:

Aurora: 7	Long Lake: 2
Commonwealth: 1	Tipler: 0
Fence: 1	Contracted Areas: 0
Fern: 0	Mutual Aid: 1
Florence: 33	Inter Facility Transfers: 0
Florence Health Services: 13	

State of Wisconsin license level upgrade to full ALS(Paramedic) flex was approved on May 9, State of Wisconsin interfacility Transfer license upgrade application submitted, 1 casual to a full-time employee transfer, interviews continue for general staffing position vacancies, EMS partners with the ADRC to provide on-site medical coverage during the nature hikes from May – October, May 18 – 24 is National EMS Week. Will add a Registered Nurse job description.

EMS Buildings

Forward progress continues with Boldt on the construction of all 3 stations. An aggressive schedule has been proposed with all buildings anticipated to be completed before January 1, 2026

Emergency Management (EM) and Emergency Medical System (EMS) Bills

Moved by Supervisor Mills approval to pay EM and EMS monthly bills and add to monthly bill list.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler.

Motion carried, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

Offer of Employment

Moved by Supervisor Brunette approval to offer employment to 6 – LTE CBCW Watercraft Inspector positions with 1 being an alternate position for a total of 7 as approved by the Land Conservation Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler.

Motion carried, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

New ADRC Job Position and Job Description

Moved by Supervisor Mills to approve a new part-time ADRC Financial Assistant job description and position.

The new job position will be sent to the A&B committee for budget approval and then on to County Board for final approval.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler.

Motion carried, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

Closed Session

Moved by Supervisor Mills to adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to the following:

- WI State Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c). Consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The purpose of the closed session is to discuss employee FML.

Motion Seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler.

Motion carries, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

Open Session

Moved and approved on a voice vote to reconvene to Open Session to take action, if appropriate, on matters discussed in Closed Session.

Moved by Supervisor Brunette to approve Employee FML for up to 12 weeks.

Motion Seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler.

Motion carries, with all voting “Aye” on a voice vote.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 6:23p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Trudell,
County Clerk/
Administrative Coordinator