



Association of Minnesota Counties

Public Safety Policy Committee

December 6, 2021

AMC Annual Conference

Bloomington, Minnesota

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Anderson, Cottonwood County
Rick Anderson, Lyon County
Ron Antony, Yellow Medicine County
Thomas Barry, Beltrami County
Elliot Belgard, Martin County
Marv Bodie, Carlton County
Julie Braastad, Anoka County
Jeff Docken, Rice County
David Ebinger, Clay County
John Fahey, Carver County
Linda Flanders, Goodhue County
Neal Gaalswyk, Cass County
Jared Gapinski, Benton County
Matt Gilbertson, Chippewa County
David Harguth, Waseca County
Ted Herman, Freeborn County
Jeffrey Jelinski, Morrison County
Michael Kaczmarek, Wright County
David Kenworthy, Dodge County
Molly Malone, Murray County
Mary Jo McGuire, Ramsey County

Bill Miller, Watonwan County
Sheldon Monson, Wadena County
Kurt Mortenson, Otter Tail County
Susan Morris, Isanti County
Joe Nagel, McLeod County
Rollie Nissen, Kandiyohi County
David Oslin, Mille Lacs County
Bruce Lawrence, Pennington County
Joe Perske, Stearns County
Chris Pelzer, Todd County
Jerry Rapp, Douglas County
John Roper, Faribault County
Dallas Roskamp, Pipestone County
David Salberg, Traverse County
Dewey Severson, Houston County
Steve Schmitt, Meeker County
Warren Strandell, Polk County
Jack Swanson, Roseau County
Stacy Tufto, Lac qui Parle County
Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin County
Donny Wohlers, Stevens County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Midge Christianson, MACCAC
Becky Bales Cramlet, Stearns County
Sam Hansen, Brown County
Kris Kohn, Mower County

Kathy Langer, Todd/Wadena
Josh Milow, Blue Earth County
Matt Smith, Dakota County
Carli Stark, AMC Staff

I. Call to Order - Public Safety Committee

Chair and Roseau County Commissioner Jack Swanson called the Public Safety Policy Committee to order at 8:03 AM. Members said the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Swanson facilitated introductions of the meeting participants.

II. Approval of Minutes

Isanti County Commissioner Susan Morris moved approval of the September 2021 meeting minutes. Kandiyohi County Commissioner Rollie Nissen seconded, and the motion carried.

III. Vice Chair Election

Chair Swanson opened the floor for nominations for the committee Vice Chair position. Morrison County Commissioner Jeff Jelinski nominated Meeker County Commissioner Steve Schmitt, second by Kandiyohi County Commissioner Rollie Nissen. Martin County Commissioner Elliot Belgard nominated Watonwan County Commissioner Bill Miller, second by Houston County Commissioner Dewey Severson. Roseau County Commissioner Jack Swanson nominated Hennepin County Commissioner Jeffrey Lunde, second by Yellow Medicine County Commissioner Ron Antony.

Seeing no further nominations, Chair Swanson closed the floor. All nominees were given an opportunity to address the committee. The committee took a hand vote for each nominee. Meeker County Commissioner Steve Schmitt was elected Vice Chair of the Public Safety Policy Committee.

IV. Results of Minnesota Supervision Assessments and Update on H.F. 63 (Probation Working Group)

Grace Call from the Council of State Governments gave an update on the results of the data collection effort of the Justice Reinvestment project. One of the findings is that Minnesota spends the least amount of general fund money in the United States on corrections. Only about 2.5% of the general fund is spent on corrections, with a large proportion of those funds going towards correctional institutions. In addition to the funding shortfalls of the probation system in Minnesota, committee members also discussed early interventions, jail programming, and public safety workforce issues.

V. Adjourn

Vice Chair Steve Schmitt adjourned the meeting at 9:49 AM.