



Association of Minnesota Counties

Public Safety Policy Committee

December 5, 2022

AMC Annual Conference

Bloomington, Minnesota

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Anderson, Cottonwood County
Rick Anderson, Lyon County
Ron Antony, Yellow Medicine County
Elliot Belgard, Martin County
Marv Bodie, Carlton County
Julie Braastad, Anoka County
Greg Burger, Rock County
Jeff Docken, Rice County
Linda Flanders, Goodhue County
Neal Gaalswyk, Cass County
Matt Gilbertson, Chippewa County
Rick Gnemi, Steele County
Nan Haggerty, Pope County
Mary Hamann-Roland, Dakota County
David Hamre, Renville County
Brian Harguth, Waseca County
Ted Herman, Freeborn County
Jeffrey Jelinski, Morrison County
Wayne Johnson, Washington County
Michael Kaczmarek, Wright County
David Kenworthy, Dodge County
David Kircher, Todd County
Nathan Kraulik, Kittson County
Dennis Larson, Wilkin County

Bruce Lawrence, Pennington County
Mitch Lentz, Fillmore County
Donald Linsen, Nobles County
Matt Ludwig, Pine County
Mary Jo McGuire, Ramsey County
Charlie Meyer, Douglas County
David Mills, Cook County
Kurt Mortenson, Otter Tail County
Susan Morris, Isanti County
John Mueller, Mower County
Joe Nagel, McLeod County
Rollie Nissen, Kandiyohi County
David Oslin, Mille Lacs 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
Barb Weckman-Brekke, Scott County
Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jeff Bertram, Stearns County
Wanda Cannon, Hennepin County
Midge Christianson, MACCAC
Stephen Larson, Clay County
Becky Bales Cramlet, Stearns County
Chase Burnham, Chisago County
Sam Hansen, Brown County
Eric Johnson, Carver County

Suwana Kirkland, Dakota County
Amy Lammey, Mower County
Kathy Langer, Todd/Wadena
Tami Jo Lieberg, Kandiyohi County
Josh Milow, Blue Earth County
Janet Reiter, Chisago County
Carli Stark, AMC Staff
Patrick Waletzko, AMEM

I. Call to Order - Public Safety Committee

Chair and Roseau County Commissioner Jack Swanson called the Public Safety Policy Committee to order at 8:00 AM. Members said the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Swanson facilitated introductions of the meeting participants.

II. Approval of Minutes

Cass County Commissioner Neal Gaalswyk moved approval of the September 2022 meeting minutes. Kandiyohi County Commissioner Rollie Nissen seconded, and the motion carried.

III. Chair and Vice Chair Election

Chair Swanson opened the floor for nominations for the committee Chair position. Isanti County Commissioner Susan Morris nominated Meeker County Commissioner Steve Schmitt, second by Martin County Commissioner Elliot Belgard.

Seeing no further nominations, Chair Swanson closed the floor. **Commissioner Schmitt was elected chair by voice vote.**

Chair Swanson opened the floor for nominations for the committee Vice Chair position. Martin County Commissioner Elliot Belgard nominated Goodhue County Commissioner Linda Flanders, second by Isanti County Commissioner Susan Morris. Pipestone County Commissioner Dallas Roskamp nominated Clay County Commissioner David Ebinger, second by Pennington County Commissioner Bruce Lawrence.

All nominees were given an opportunity to address the committee. The committee took a hand vote for each nominee. **Clay County Commissioner David Ebinger was elected Vice Chair of the Public Safety Policy Committee.**

IV. AMC Community Supervision Workgroup

Members of the Community Supervision Workgroup gave an update on the progress of their work. The American Probation and Parole Association is facilitating a workload study to determine the actual costs of supervision in Minnesota. The data will inform a new funding formula and appropriations request. The AMC Board of Directors endorsed the effort of the work group and are encouraging counties to adopt a resolution asking the legislature to pass a new formula.

Roseau County Commissioner Jack Swanson made a motion to endorse the resolution language and encourage counties to pass it. Pennington County Commissioner Bruce Lawrence seconded and the motion carried.

V. Platform Amendment Review

Chair Swanson asked Carli Stark to review the platform change process. Carli gave an update on the process for platform changes.

Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire presented an amendment to the victim services language of the platform. Dakota County Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland moved the following platform change:

- AMC supports full state funding of victims' services.

Goodhue County Commissioner Linda Flanders seconded, and the motion carried.

Nathan Zacharias, Director of the Minnesota County IT Leadership Association joined the committee to ask for support for a platform amendment in the 9-1-1 and Statewide Emergency Communication Interoperability section of the platform. Morrison County Commissioner Jeffrey Jelinski moved the following platform change:

- AMC supports dedicated funding for current County Geographic Information System mapping efforts related to Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) rollout. AMC also supports ongoing, dedicated funding to meet future cybersecurity and infrastructure needs of NG911.

Isanti County Commissioner Susan Morris seconded, and the motion carried.

Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire presented an addition to the platform related to bail reform in the Public Safety Systems Change section. After discussion by committee members, Dakota County Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland made a motion to amend the proposed amendment to the following:

- AMC supports continuous improvement of the bail system that balances equity and public safety.

Goodhue County Commissioner Linda Flanders seconded, and the motion to amend the proposed amendment carried by a 2/3 majority vote.

Kandiyohi County Commissioner Rollie Nissen made a motion to table the amendment. Douglas County Commissioner Charlie Meyer seconded, and the motion failed.

Cass County Commissioner Neal Gaalswyk made a motion to add the amended language to the platform. Isanti Commissioner Susan Morris seconded, and the motion carried.

VI. Adjourn

Fillmore County Commissioner Mitch Lentz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Houston County Commissioner Dewey Severson seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.