



Association of Minnesota Counties

Public Safety Policy Committee

December 4, 2023

AMC Annual Conference

Bloomington, Minnesota

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT (listed by county name)

Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin County

David Meyer, Becker County

Jared Gapinski, Benton County

Scott Windschitl, Brown County

Marv Bodie, Carlton County

John Fahey, Carver County

Neal Gaalswyk, Cass County

David Ebinger, Clay County

David Mills, Cook County

Larry Anderson, Cottonwood County

Mitch Lentz, Fillmore County

Lyndon Stinson, Freeborn County

Linda Flanders, Goodhue County

Dewey Severson, Houston County

John Johnson, Itasca County

Dale Anderson, Kandiyohi County

Rick Anderson, Lyon County

Elliot Belgard, Martin County

Steve Schmitt, Meeker County

Genny Reynolds, Mille Lacs County

John Mueller, Mower County

Jackie Meier, Murray County

Chris Dybevic, Nobles County

Laurel Podulke-Smith, Olmsted County

Kurt Mortenson, Otter Tail County

Bruce Lawrence, Pennington County

Matt Ludwig, Pine County

Dallas Roskamp, Pipestone County

Warren Strandell, Polk County

Paul Wildman, Pope County

Mary Jo McGuire, Ramsey County

David Hamre, Renville County

Jeff Docken, Rice County

Greg Burger, Rock County

Jack Swanson, Roseau County

Barb Weckman-Brekke, Scott County

Gregg Felber, Sherburne County

Joe Kreger, Sibley County

Rick Gnemi, Steele County

Donny Wohlers, Stevens County

Barb Becker, Todd County

Ron Noon, Wadena County

Brian Harguth, Waseca County

Karla Bigham, Washington County

Dennis Larson, Wilkin County

Mike Kaczmarek, Wright County

Ron Antony, Yellow Medicine County

GUESTS PRESENT (listed by organization name)

Midge Christianson, 6WCC

Carli Stark, AMC

Matt Cook, AMC

Patrick Waletzko, AMEM

Evonn Westcott, Brown County

Chase Burnham, Chisago County

Tom Jensen, Fillmore County

Wanda Cannon, Hennepin County

Tami Jo Lieberg, Kandiyohi County

Becky Bales Cramlet, Stearns County

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I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Washington County Commissioner Karla Bigham moved approval of the September 2023 meeting minutes. Otter Tail County Commissioner Kurt Mortensen seconded, and the motion carried.

III. Public Safety Innovation in Minnesota

A panel on innovative public safety project, policies, and practices from counties throughout the state.

Ramsey County Attorney John Choi discussed the county's rethinking of non-public safety traffic stops, particularly license plate registration tabs.

Director Nikki Niles and Supervisor Alex Bunger of Dodge & Olmsted Community Corrections reviewed their office's Dosage Probation approach to community supervision.

Hubbard County Administrator Jeff Cadwell described the Law Enforcement Academy, a joint effort between local educators and law enforcement personnel to give students an opportunity to learn about law enforcement career paths.

The panelists took questions from the committee, including discussions of how to navigate barriers to change, measuring program success, and the unique challenges that smaller and larger jurisdictions face.

IV. Platform Amendment Review

Carli Stark reviewed the draft platform and the process for amendments. The amendments to the platform language (~~removed~~ and added) are shown below:

Proposed Amendment:

~~AMC supports infrastructure enhancements for emergency management including a new State Emergency Operations Center and the enhancement of the Camp Ripley training facility to include capabilities for training in planning for and responding to the myriad needs that may be posed by the derailment or other issue involving trains carrying oil and other hazardous materials.~~

Proposed Amendment:

~~AMC supports moving agriculture related items out of Chapter 12B and in to agriculture statute to align Minnesota Emergency Management policy with federal practices. Future emergency contingency actions for agriculture and livestock uses should be included in the agriculture statute and not reference the disaster assistance account. In addition, the agriculture disaster account should have the same ongoing funding as the disaster aid account.~~

Proposed Amendment:

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~~AMC supports the elimination of the minimum population requirement in the Community Corrections Act (CCA), thus allowing more counties the option to choose CCA for the corrections delivery system.~~

Proposed Amendment Text:

~~AMC supports movement to a single, needs-based state funding stream for corrections. In the absence of a single probation funding stream, AMC supports significant increases to the Community Corrections Act Subsidy and County Probation Officer Reimbursement, in order to maintain core probation services and move toward restoring the 50/50 state/county partnership.~~

AMC supports full funding of the community supervision funding formula.

Washington County Commissioner Karla Bigham made a motion to approve the platform. Steele County Commissioner Rick Gnemi seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Public Safety Policy Committee adjourned at 10:00 AM.