



Association of Minnesota Counties

Public Safety Policy Committee

Virtual Meeting

February 23, 2023

AMC Legislative Conference

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dale Anderson, Kandiyohi County
Larry Anderson, Cottonwood County
Ron Antony, Yellow Medicine County
Elliot Belgard, Martin County
Karla Bigham, Washington County
Marv Bodie, Carlton County
David DeLaHunt, Hubbard County
Bill Droste, Dakota County
Chris Dybevic, Nobles County
David Ebinger, Clay County
John Fahey, Carver County
Gregg Felber, Sherburne County
Linda Flanders, Goodhue County
Jared Gapinski, Benton County
Neal Gaalswyk, Cass County
David Hamre, Renville County
Jeff Jelinski, Morrison County
John Johnson, Itasca County
Mike Kaczmarek, Wright County
David Kenworthy, Dodge County

Bruce Lawrence, Pennington County
Mitch Lentz, Fillmore County
Matt Ludwig, Pine County
Scott McClure, Jackson County
Mary Jo McGuire, Ramsey County
Jackie Meier, Murray County
David Mills, Cook County
Kurt Mortenson, Otter Tail County
John Mueller, Mower County
Larry Olson, Mahnommen County
Joe Nagel, McLeod County
Laurel Podulke-Smith, Olmsted County
Dallas Roskamp, Pipestone County
Steve Schmitt, Meeker County
Jack Swanson, Roseau County
Laurie Westerland, Aitkin County
Paul Wildman, Pope County
Scott Windschitl, Brown County
Donny Wohlers, Stevens County

GUESTS PRESENT:

Kelly Asche, CRPD
Becky Bales Cramlet, Stearns County
Cate Duin, Ramsey County
Phill Greer, ARC
Grady Harn, Larkin Hoffman
Tom Jensen, Fillmore County
Adam Johnson, Rice County
Krista Jones, Crow Wing County

Mark Jones, MRHA
Steve Larson, Clay County
Tami Jo Lieberg, Kandiyohi County
Josh Milow, Blue Earth County
Ioana Morar, Humphrey School
John Ongaro, St. Louis County
Jill Suurmeyer, AMC
Patrick Waletzko, Otter Tail County

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Meeker County Commissioner Steve Schmitt called the Public Safety Policy Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed members. Members said the pledge of allegiance.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dodge County Commissioner David Kenworth made a motion to approve the December 2022 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Otter Tail County Commissioner Kurt Mortenson. Motion carried.

III. Rural EMS: Taking the Next Step

Kelly Asche from the Center for Rural Policy and Development and Mark Jones from the Minnesota Rural Health Association gave a presentation on issues affecting rural EMS services in Minnesota. After covering a brief history of EMS in Minnesota for context, the presentation focused on three key themes: (1) professional management and sustainability; (2) growing the pool of available resources through collaborations and consolidations; and (3) a nuance approach to transforming EMS. Members discussed challenges with emergency services in their counties and how the policy recommendations in the presentation would work in different areas.

IV. Legislative Session Summary and Discussion

AMC Policy Analyst Carli Stark presented an overview of activities in the current legislative session, specifically highlighting the progress with the committee's priorities including ARMER radio funding and community supervision formula changes. The committee engaged in a discussion on a bail reform proposal, youth interventions, and ARMER radio funding.

V. Adjourn

Chair Schmitt adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.