



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes
Fire Department Training Room
205 S. Lincoln Avenue
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
5:00 PM

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

President Thea O'Connor called the meeting to order at 5:00, commission members in attendance were Rebecca Robbins, Mike Stephens, Bill Lafler and Therese White. Also, present were Mayor Marck, Chief Wesle and Chief Kreuziger.

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Discuss and take action on the November 11 meeting minutes.

Motion by Robbins to approve the November meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Stephens. Motion carried by acclamation.

3) Presentations & Reports

- a) Mayor's Comments

- The city continues to face questions concerning the data center.
- John Neumann, the Parks and Forestry supervisor, is retiring after 28 years. There is a luncheon planned. Interviews are being conducted for his replacement.
- Someone is interested in purchasing the last lot in the Hwy 151 industrial park. This means the buildings will need to come down. The Rotary was offered to keep the building that they store their lights in, but it will need to be moved. If anyone has a lead on either moving the pole shed or a new place to store the lights, please contact either herself or the Rotary.

- b) Presentation on the "Wrap Restraint" by Chief Kreuziger and Officer Ebert.

Sergeant Russ Ebert gave a presentation on "The Wrap" restraint device, which is designed for safely restraining individuals who are emotionally disturbed, combative, or under the influence. The device provides a secure and controlled way to manage high-risk subjects while minimizing the potential for injury. This is a new system, and BDPD is currently the only agency in Dodge County using it. Officers receive a 3–4 hour training session before being authorized to deploy the device.

- c) Report by Captain Wesley Jahnke on his deployment to Texas with WI Task Force 1.

Captain Wesley Jahnke provided an update on his deployment to Texas with Wisconsin Task Force 1 in response to the July 4th flooding. He served as part of a 16-member Swift Water Rescue Team deployed from July 11 to July 29. Wisconsin Task Force 1 covered approximately 120 miles during search and rescue operations and conducted wide-area searches, as well as supporting a county sheriff's marine unit. Captain Jahnke noted the strong support received from local residents. He emphasized that the experience reflects the high level of training he and Lt. Weidler have received as part of WITF1, and the value of

the additional skills and resource networking they are able to bring back to the department.

4) Fire Department Business

a) Update commission on the operations of the Fire Department

- POC interviews are being conducted. The goal is to have them on board in January.
- Full-time interviews will be conducted on Monday.
- The final facility study will be on Dec 17 at 10:00. January 8th is the tentative date that the committee will be touring Watertown and Jackson fire departments.
- Shifts have toured the Project Wave site and are working with the safety team. The tornado siren will be installed and paid for by the data center. It will be solar-powered.
- The FD will be over on salaries and wages for 2025. The biggest reason is the comp time pay out. This is about a \$197,000 impact. The Texas deployment came to about \$35,000 which we do get reimbursed for and although it came out of salaries and wages, the reimbursement goes back into the general budget.

b) Discuss and take action on approving the contract for a new ambulance.

Motion by Lafler to approve the contract for a new ambulance at the cost of \$434,436.00 This is through Sourcewell and is projected to be here in 2 years. Seconded by Robbins. Motion carried by acclimation.

c) Discuss and take action on approval of purchasing computers needed in conjunction with the CAD system.

Motion by Stephens to accept the bid by InterQuest of \$23,919.60 to outfit 8 apparatuses with computers for the CAD system, seconded by White. Motion carried by acclimation. This purchase is already built into the 2026 budget.

d) Discuss and take action on the approval to purchase a Lucas 3 Chest Compression System.

Motion by White to approve the purchase of a Lucas 3 Chest Compression System, funds will come out of the paramedic equipment budget at the cost of \$23,074.08, seconded by Lafler. Motion carried by acclimation. There is a credit of \$3,400 for the monitors which will help off-set this cost.

e) Discuss and take action on the quote given from Knox for the Knox Key Secure 6 system.

Chief Wesle shared information about the Knox KeySecure 6 system. It has a key compatible with the current Knox Box key system, and it has an electronic access record of each use. Each truck will need its own eLock system. This has already been approved for purchase in the 2026 budget.

Motion by Robbins to accept the quote of \$19,989.00 for the Knox KeySecure 6 System, seconded by Lafler. The motion carried by acclimation.

5) Police Department Business

a) Update commission on the operations of the Police Department

- No questions on the calendar.

- He was able to talk to the representatives from The Wrap restraint system at the International Association of Police Chiefs conference and that is where he got the idea to bring this to the BDPD.
- There have been several high profile cases recently. The missing 3-year-old which ended with him being found. The adult who's been missing since May; several agencies are involved in this case. The last one was a large animal neglect case.
- Our newest hire, Savannah Barton, who came to us from Columbia County Sheriff's Office, started in November and is doing very well. Hiring her puts us at full staff and we actually have a few interested candidates but no openings.
- Officer Jay Reyna is graduating from the academy on Friday.
- The DOJ recently conducted two audits—one focused on juvenile procedures and the other on the hiring process—and the department passed both with flying colors. Changes have been made over the last 10 years to the juvenile process.
- There have been several meetings on security and safety at the new data center.
- Had a meeting with the DOT about the reconstruction of Hwy 151 planned for the future.
- Had a Christmas Parade briefing. The parade went very well, and he can't thank DPW enough for their help putting this together.
- Monitoring the department's budget, which is at 80.84%. Equipment replacement is being considered to maximize the budget.

6) Any Other Business for Placement on Future Agenda

None.

7) Closed Session

- a) Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute SEC. 19-85(1)(c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, in particular to discuss the status of a fire department employee.

The open session was no longer needed.

- b) Commission may reconvene in open session to act upon any/all items discussed or deliberated during closed session.

Not applicable.

8) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Lafler, seconded by Robbins. Motion carried by acclamation. Meeting ended at 6:42 pm.