



CROSSLAKE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Minutes – February 4th, 2026 9:00AM

Attendees: Rob Kniefel, Bob Heales, Aaron Herzog, Kevin Lee, Rob Almendinger, Ryan Quirin, Chip Lohmiller, Jake Maier, Robin Sylvester, Cindy Myogeto, Brittany Davis, Mallory Goerges and Kara Schaeffer

1. Call to Order – 0903

2. 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade

- Crosslake Chamber of Commerce Director Cindy Myogeto introduced herself, Brittany, Mallory and Kara, as organizers of the St. Patrick's Day parade and Clover Dash. Cindy passed out the parade map to the group. The parade is the same route as 2025. Line up starts at 10am. Sponsors line up first. General line up starts at 11:30am. They will sit in their vehicles on Swann Dr, in case emergency vehicles need to get through. Fire trucks from surrounding agencies come in on Ostlund Ave and park in "red area" on the map. Parade was scheduled to begin at 1pm but due to a conflict with the post office and mail pick up at 1:30, the parade will begin at 1:15pm. The Legion starts the parade. They march at their own cadence and move very fast. They are always far ahead of the rest of the parade. The rest of the parade won't get to the roundabout until 1:30. Judges will be sitting in the roundabout on the sidewalk apron. Shuttle will be running from the Log Church to the drop off at the school before the parade. Rob K asked Jake if he was satisfied with manpower. Jake said the biggest issue he foresees is crowd control. He has reached out to Crow Wing County Mounted Patrol and Pequot Lakes Reserves and he hasn't heard back. Chip commented that crowd control is not the police department's responsibility rather it is the promoter's responsibility. Chip stated there were five DNR officers present last year to assist. Rob raised his concerns stating that just because previous events have gone well, doesn't mean that something can't or won't happen in the future. Discussion ensued. Chip stated the drone team will be there. Jake stated if a large incident happened, agencies from all over the county would

respond. Cindy added there will be volunteers present that would be able to assist with minor crowd control issues. Cindy stated they have tried gates and barricades in the past, but they haven't been very helpful. Every year is a different challenge. The parade should take last one hour. It is one of the largest tourist events in Crow Wing County. It provides a big economic boost to our community, and it puts Crosslake on the map in a good way. Cindy thanks everyone for their assistance. Next, Kara spoke on the Clover Dash. Route is the same as last year. Kids run begins at 8:30am and 5k begins at 9, near Whitefish at the Lakes. Kara requests police and/or fire on the corner of Co Rd 37/Co Rd 3. That is where participants need to cross the road. Kara asked about how to request cones and plowing if necessary. Volunteers will be present. They are familiar with traffic control. Cindy spoke highly of the Clover Dash being a great addition to the annual festivities. After Cindy, Brittany, Mallory and Kara left, Rob K again voiced his safety concerns. He understands there would be a lot of agencies to assist but he is most concerned about the aftermath of a large-scale incident.

3. Approve Minutes December 3, 2025 – **Motion by Herzog, seconded by Heales – MOTION CARRIES**
4. PSA with North Ambulance Update
 - Chief Lohmiller stated they are in limbo. No meetings scheduled until March. Discussion tabled.
5. New Business/Roundtable
 - Aaron asked about parking on Co Rd 66 in front of the Railroad Museum. Jake explained that they had asked people not to park there for a day while they plowed, then they just continued to park on the street. The issue corrected itself.
 - Jake stated the PD received a \$15k donation from the Lions Club that will be used to build a gym. The Legion is expected to donate money, and that will be used to upgrade the department rifles and optics.
 - Chip stated there are a few new members of the FD. The new tender will be built this year. Cold storage is being transitioned into warm storage.
6. Motion to Adjourn at 0941 – **Motion by Sylvester, seconded by Maiers**