Call to Order
Chair Will Purvis Called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. The assembled members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Tusa moved for approval of the September minutes of the
Public Safety Policy Committee meeting. Commissioner Bigham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

II. **Dealing With Mental Illness Before Jail**
Phil Claussen & Angela Youngerberg from Blue Earth County and Angela Lockhart & Sheriff Tim Leslie from Dakota county presented to the committee on efforts in their respective counties to help divert those in mental health crisis from their jails and from criminal justice system more broadly. These are but two local efforts that seek address the issues that the Public Safety Committee has highlighted as priorities for counties.

III. **TPT Emergency Communications Initiative**
Lillian McDonald, the longtime executive director of the Emergency Community Health Outreach (Echo) program, presented to the committee on an effort she in undertaking with TPT related to multi lingual emergency communication and response. ECHO was started as a program within AMC and has since moved to TPT. This next project, highlighted for the committee by county emergency managers, is an extension of the work that started here and continues through TPT.

IV. **Platform Review and Changes**
Chair Purvis called on Ryan Erdmann to walk the committee through the proposed platform changes that had been submitted to the committee.

In the area of Emergency Management, the following changes were proposed:

- 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 and the agriculture disaster account should have the same ongoing funding as the disaster aid account.

- AMC supports increased funding for the local disaster assistance program to assist local governments recover from disasters that do not reach the federal threshold, but result in extreme hardships, AND to minimize the need for future special sessions of the legislature to provide State matching funds when a Presidential declaration is issued. AMC supports including utility cooperatives as eligible recipients but only if there is a sufficient increase to the fund to cover those costs.

- AMC supports a guaranteed minimum pass-through of Emergency Management Performance Grant funds to counties and cities of the first class, and an increase in legislative funding for the division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to make their budget less reliant on grant funding that should be coming to counties.

- AMC supports efforts to implement and expand multi-lingual communication platforms statewide to enhance Minnesota’s emergency response system.

Commissioner Schouweiler moved adoption, Commissioner Jelinski seconded and the motion carried.
In the area of Law Enforcement and Public Safety Collaboration, the following changes were proposed:

- AMC supports legislation to allow first responders to display more highly visible lighting that more clearly indicates that traffic should clear the path for the responder when responding to an emergency call.

- AMC supports legislation that clarifies the data classification, retention requirements, etc. related to the use of body cameras by law enforcement. The lack of clarity around these significant issues should not be a barrier to the implementation of this technology.

Commissioner Walter moved adoption, Commissioner Schouweiler seconded and the motion carried.

In the area of supervision, the following changes were proposed:

- AMC supports CPO counties having the added flexibility to supervise felons in their counties in order to have more options for the best possible local supervision of offenders.

- AMC supports clarification in statute to ensure that all Sentenced to Service (STS) participants continue to have their claims covered by the state claims process and not a county liability.

Commissioner Tusa moved that only the second item be adopted, Commissioner Stenson seconded and the motion carried.

V. Elections
AMC President and committee member Commissioner Jack Swanson provided the committee with some information about revisions to the AMC bylaws and a recommendation from the Board that, in the interest of some Board continuity, Chair Purvis be eligible to serve and additional term as chair rather than being term limited out. He closed his remarks by nominating Commissioner Purvis for a one year term as chair. Commissioner Schouweiler seconded and the motion carried. Chair Purvis then called for nominations for vice chair. Commissioner Schouweiler nominated Commissioner Bigham. Commissioner McMahon seconded and the motion carried.

VI. Adjourn
With no other business to be brought before the committee, a motion to adjourn was offered and the committee adjourned at 10:00 a.m.