

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: December 10, 2012

PRESENT: Bill Winch, Dennis Polach, Mike Feirer, Gary Allworden

EXCUSED: William Murphy

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Sarah Christensen, Laura Clark, Tom Reichert, Randy Dorshorst

LOCATION: Richfield Town Hall

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Review minutes of November 12, 2012:

Motion by Allworden, second by Polach to approve the minutes of November 12, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications November 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications November 2012 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communications Towers/Narrowband Project

Steve Kreuser stated that they are meeting with TwoWave to complete the two tower projects. Tait will be here the last week in December to fire up the towers and complete the project. Discussed a call received from Marshfield Police Department regarding the potential tower in the future. Discussed some narrow banding issues with both Marshfield Police Department and Wisconsin Rapids Police Department. The first step in a potential new tower is to get elevations.

d. Emergency Management November 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management November 2012 claims. There was a question regarding the payment to Camacho and Associates. Explained that this was paid with grant funds.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch November 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch November 2012 claims.

6. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

Humane Officer Kinney was not present, therefore the Humane Officer November Report will be discussed next month.

b. November 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer November 2012 claims.

c. Dangerous Dog Ordinance

A new copy of the Dangerous Dog Ordinance with changes made by Peter Kastenholz was handed out. This will be discussed next month.

7. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

No one representing the Coroner's Office was present, therefore the Coroner November Report will be discussed next month.

b. November 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner November 2012 claims.

8. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert stated the Town of Cary will be doing a vote on banning shining in their township sometime this week.

b. Jail Promotions:

Sheriff Reichert stated Andy Netz resigned as Jail Administrator. He has promoted Deputy Ted Ashbeck to that position. He stated Lt. Ashbeck will do a fine job for the department.

Sheriff Reichert stated Jail Sergeant Michael Christensen will be retiring on December 21, 2012. That position will be filled in the near future.

Sheriff Reichert also stated Anne Arndt, a secretary for the department, will be retiring as of December 26, 2012.

c. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None.

Safe Ride Initiative: Sheriff Reichert stated he will once again be providing safe rides home for people on New Year's Eve.

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: There is solicitation for the K9 fundraising magic shows going on now. To date the department has received approximately \$600+ from this fundraiser.

d. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

Sheriff Reichert stated the jail count is down. 166 inmates is the count for today. He stated EMP has about 25 to 30 people out at this time. Supervisor Polach commented about how good the overtime numbers are for the jail. Estimated EMP savings will be over \$500,000 for 2012.

9. November 2012 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Allworden, second by Winch to approve the November 2012 claims of all the Public Safety Committee departments. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Set date, time and location of next meeting:

**January 14, 2012
1:00 p.m.
Wood County Courthouse
Room 115
Wisconsin Rapids, WI**

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Dispatch Manager's Position
Dangerous Dog Ordinance

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Winch, second by Polach to adjourn at 2:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Sheriff and Emergency Management Departments.

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee