

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: August 9, 2021

PRESENT: Bill Clendenning, Bill Winch, Mike Feirer, Dennis Polach, Lance Pliml, Brad

EXCUSED: Hamilton

NOT

PRESENT:

OTHERS David Patton, Sue Kunferman, Erik Engel, Quentin Ellis, Shawn Becker, Lori

PRESENT: Heideman, Reuben VanTassel, Charlie Hoogesteger, Ted Ashbeck, Sarah Christensen, Nanci Olson, Alexa Acker

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Review minutes of July 12, 2021:

Motion by Polach, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

September 13, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse Room 114

5. Review Departmental CIP Requests:

Noted that \$1.5 million needs to be made up somewhere in order to be on track. Quentin Ellis stated the Sheriff's Department had received funding related to Covid-19 related expenses that have offset/replaced other revenues. Quentin Ellis suggested their department use revenues from this year in next year's budget to finance the \$290,000 that would have been borrowed for CIP.

Motion to transfer the funds to the following year by Hamilton, second by Winch. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications department stated they could drop the vehicle request of \$36,500 for another year.

**Motion to transfer CIP to a following year motion by Hamilton, second by Feirer.
Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Communications Department:

a. Communications July 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications July 2021 claims. Clarified what the Nekoosa Tower Rent was. Bill Winch suggested the topic of renegotiation. For clarification, the City of Nekoosa receives half of the tower rent because they let the county put up a tower on their land.

b. Communications Report:

The Committee reviewed the report.

7. Emergency Management Department:

a. Emergency Management July 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management July 2021 claims. Clarified what trailer chairs were for. Sarah explained the trailer did not come with any furnishings and there is money through a grant for anything trailer related.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report.

8. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch July 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch July 2021 claims.

b. Dispatch Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Lori states their department lost one dispatcher and will now need to hire 2 more people to make a full department.

9. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

David requested a per diem of \$100.00 per pay period to offset the time that is being used to do coroner duties. The Committee wants to make sure it's legal first before making any solid decision.

The motion to have \$100.00 per pay period to offset coroner duties is approved pending the legality by Hamilton, second by Polach. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Coroner July 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner July 2021 claims.

10. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

Nanci answered questions about follow up calls on the report. The question was brought up about sending letters to municipalities about the suggestion of having Humane Society contracts. It was requested by Bill Clendenning that Nanci attends the township meeting to discuss these suggested contracts along with what to do with strays once found, seeing what the protocol is for different municipalities, and recommending protocols of what should be done.

11. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker wanted to thank Quentin Ellis for the idea of foregoing the CIP funds due to the offset by unanticipated revenue funds.

b. Deputy LaVonne Zenner Memorial Bridge:

Sheriff Becker mentioned Sarah McCormick has been taking on this project for years. Wanted to have the site of the fatality named after Zenner but it is already dedicated to the Vietnam Veterans. New idea was posed that a bridge be named after Zenner instead. It is already at the state level but would like a resolution for support by the Committee.

**Motion for a resolution for next month by Polach, second by Hamilton.
Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Recreational Deputy Position:

Recent actions of UTV/ATV on county highways has been established. Sheriff Becker would like to reassign someone as a supervising rank, most likely Sergeant, to supervise recreational patrols for the use of UTV, ATV, boats, and snowmobiles. This individual will still have access to a squad car but will also be able to use boats, UTV's or snowmobiles that are currently owned by the Sheriff's

Department. During the slow months, this individual can help with grant applications, office duties and others as needed.

Motion to reassign a position as a supervising rank by Winch, second by Hamilton.

d. **Wood County Rescue:**

Reported the Car Cruise went well despite the rain.

e. **Crime Stoppers:**

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

f. **K-9 Project:**

The Committee Reviewed the K-9 report.

g. **July 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department July 2021 claims. Reported that 3 of the 5 new vehicles are in. Dealerships are having a difficult time obtaining vehicles but Johnson and Sons has been great to work with so far.

h. **Hiring Process:**

Sheriff Becker stated there was nothing to report.

i. **Boat/ATV Patrol:**

The Committee reviewed the Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol report.

j. **Overtime:**

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

k. **Courthouse Security:**

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security monthly report.

l. **Jail Items:**

- i. Inmate Daily Population: Reviewed.
- ii. EMP: Reviewed.
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers: Reviewed.
- iv. Kitchen Report: Reviewed.
- v. Body Scanner: Reviewed.

- vi. Maintenance: Reviewed.
- vii. Inmate Programs: Reviewed.
- viii. Jail Study: Reviewed.

12. July 2021 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner and Humane Officer

Motion by Polach, second by Hamilton to approve the July 2021 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Budget discussion

14. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management.