

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: December 8, 2014

PRESENT: Dennis Polach, Mike Feirer, Brad Hamilton, Bill Winch, Joe Zurfluh

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Christensen, Tom Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Steve Kreuser, Laura Clark, Charles Evans, Bill Clendenning, Dara Hamm, Lance Pliml, Nanci Kinney

LOCATION: Alexander House Port Edwards, WI

1. **Call to Order:**

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

2. **Review minutes of November 10, 2014:**

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comments

4. **Emergency Management Department:**

a. Communications November 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications November 2014 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

Steve informed the committee that the base units for the two towers are all in. Power is installed in the Marshfield tower and should be done on the Lincoln tower this week. Communication buildings should be installed the week of Dec 26th and the towers will be put up the week of January 12th.

Talked about working with the Wisconsin Rapids Fire and Police Departments on tower advising. Talked about a vendor that wants to go on the Bluff tower and tower capacity.

d. Emergency Management November 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management November 2014 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch November 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch November 2014 claims.

Randy talked about another train that was blocking the road for 12 hours with nobody in the train. He made some calls and reports that there is a status conference soon to discuss the next steps with the citations that have been written.

Lori is working with Mike Martin on the budget. Richfield Fire Department now has First Responders on the team. Lori also discussed the 911 ordinance. The Policy and Procedure manual is completed and will be considered a work in progress with things to be added as they come up. It is currently being reviewed by her staff and then will come before the Committee.

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

**January 19, 2014
1:00 p.m.
Wood County Courthouse
Room 115
Wisconsin Rapids, WI**

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Humane Officer Kinney spoke of the cat issues that are ongoing in Arpin.

b. November 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer November 2014 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Newly elect Coroner Dara Hamm was present. She was asked what her plans are for the Coroner's Officer. Dara indicated she plans to have

her Deputy Coroner's named within a week or so. She planned to run status quo but will be making changes in time. One thing she was adamant about is having an office within the courthouse, as she plans to hold office hours in the future.

b. November 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner November 2014 claims.

9. **Sheriff's Department:**

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert stated Inv. Sgt. Wayne Schulz has announced his retirement in February 2015. He also stated the wall in the Marshfield office for the evidence room was approved by the State. Maintenance will be starting construction on the wall.

Supervisor Polach stated Deputy Simon did a great presentation with K9 Rex at the Town's Association meeting last month.

b. Amish Safety Concerns:

Supervisor Winch talked about the serious safety concerns of the Amish in regard to the lack of education regarding traffic laws and the fact they don't follow any of them. County Board Chairman Pliml stated he is meeting with the Secretary of Transportation at the end of the week and will discuss these concerns with him.

c. November 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff November 2014 claims.

d. Updates

Crimestoppers: Sheriff Reichert commented about the bumper stickers that have been applied to each squad car. He stated they are not very attractive and simply don't look good on the squads. He stated there is just too much information on the sticker. CB Chairman Pliml stated he would look into those issues.

Safe Ride Initiative: Sheriff Reichert stated he will once again participate in the New Year's Eve Ride Home Program.

Criminal Justice Task Force: Sheriff Reichert stated he has a meeting with the Wood County Judges on Thursday to discuss electronic monitoring/OWI issues.

K9: Sheriff Reichert stated fundraising efforts are continuing, with magic shows scheduled for February.

e. Jail Items: All jail reports were reviewed.

10. **November 2014 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:**

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the November 2014 claims of all the Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Agenda items for next meeting:**

Amish Safety Concerns

12. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Winch, second by Hamilton to adjourn at 2:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by the Wood County Emergency Management & Wood County Sheriff's Department.

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee