

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: March 14, 2022

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

EXCUSED:

NOT

PRESENT:

OTHERS Bill Clendenning, David Patton, Erik Engel, Lori Heideman, Quentin Ellis, Shawn

PRESENT: Becker, Ted Ashbeck, Kelli Trzinski, Lance Pliml, Nanci Olsen, Brooke Baierl, Sarah Christensen, Reuben Van Tassel, 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 February 14, 2022:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments.

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

April 11, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse Room 114

5. Communications Department:

a. **Communications February 2022 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications February 2022 claims.

b. **Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the report. Erik stated there is ongoing discussion about building a new tower on Powers Bluff by a cellular carrier; communication is only preliminary at this time. Erik met with Reuben in maintenance on new space for his office. Reuben stated that there will be a parking garage for a temporary workspace to work on vehicles. Reuben also stated there will be a need for space for what is in the current Red Owl building. There is a possibility of the Highway Department taking over the Emergency

Management/Maintenance/Sheriff's Rescue garage, which would leave room to possibly expand to a new place that could include room for the Communications Department.

6. Emergency Management Department:

a. Emergency Management February 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management February 2022 claims.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Clarification was given on the unknown spilled amounts in various municipalities. Sarah stated department is waiting on word from the state on the Safe Room project that would be about \$650,000 and funded on mostly grant money. The county could then use that building as a storm shelter along with another site rental for the parks.

c. Emergency Management Wisconsin Mutual Aid Compact:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Wisconsin Mutual Aid Compact. Stated these have not been used often, and would like to enter into the state agreement. Will need to be approved by the county board. The Mutual Aid Compact would allow for Emergency Management to request the assistance of any county in the State in the event of a major disaster. This would also allow other Counties to request the assistance of Wood County if there is a major disaster in their area. Corporation Counsel was consulted, and sees no reason that it would not be ok to enter into the State Mutual Aid Agreement.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Feirer to approve the Emergency Management Wisconsin Mutual Aid Compact as presented and move this to County Board for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch February 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch February 2022 claims.

b. Dispatch Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Lori stated she was gone for about two weeks and asked the Sheriff's Department to assist in operations while she was absent. Stated it was a good opportunity for collaboration. A question was raised about a Dispatch Deputy Director; Lori said nobody wants to make decisions on Lori's behalf without getting paid for it. Lori talked about the hiring process, she said two new hires have started, one will not need as much training due to her background but both new hires are working out well. She also stated there will be two new hires in the upcoming weeks and will be at full staff once they are trained.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner reports.

b. February 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner February 2022 claims.

c. Repayment of Overpayment of Wages of Former Coroner

Issue resolved per Chairman Feirer.

9. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer reports.

b. February 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer February 2022 claims.

10. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker stated last week the 11th CIT training was held at East Junior High School and the department sent three employees.

Sheriff Becker stated our department is working with other agencies and is executing several search warrants to try to combat the drugs and drug overdoses in our communities.

Sheriff Becker recognized Chief Deputy Ellis for his 20 years of service with the department.

b. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

c. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

d. K-9 Project:

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

e. February 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department February 2022 claims.

f. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated he met with the Civil Service Commission last week March 8, 2022. He stated a new deputy eligibility list would be started in the next two to three months. He also stated the jail hired two new corrections officers.

g. Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol:

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

h. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

i. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security report.

j. 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: Nothing to Report
- vii. Inmate Programs: Nothing to Report
- viii. Jail Study: Sheriff Becker stated the project should go out for bids in the next two to three months.

11. February 2022 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to approve the February 2022 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

None

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.

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