

## **Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee**

**DATE:** July 11, 2022

**PRESENT:** Joe Zurfluh, William Voight, Bill Winch, Dennis Polach, Brad Hamilton

**EXCUSED:**

**NOT**

**PRESENT:**

**OTHERS** Sarah Christensen, Jeff Penzkover, Dave Patton, Erik Engel, Shawn Becker,

**PRESENT:** Quentin Ellis, Kelli Trzinski, Lori Heideman, Kim McGrath, Charlie Hoogesteger,  
Ted Ashbeck, Lance Pliml, Alexa Acker, Brooke Baierl, Matt Susa

**LOCATION:** Wood County Courthouse

### **1. Call to Order:**

Joseph Zurfluh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **2. Review minutes of June 13, 2022:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Voight to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **3. Public Comments:**

No public comments.

### **4. Set date, time and location of next meeting**

**August 8, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Wood County Courthouse Room 114**

### **5. Communications Department:**

#### **a. Communications June 2022 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications June 2022 claims.

#### **b. Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

**6. Emergency Management Department:**

**a. Emergency Management June 2022 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management June 2022 claims. Clarification was given on the charges to Rent-a-Flash, stated it will come back once billed to municipalities.

**b. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Stated work has been taking place on multiple grants along with computer hazmat being due. Waiting on word from the state on the Safe Room Grant, have been on hold since May. Clarification was given on the work done for the City of Wisconsin Rapids with the work program.

**7. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch June 2022 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch June 2022 claims.

**b. Dispatch Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Stated there is still work being done with staffing.

**c. PSAP Grant Funding Resolution**

Communication has taken place between the Department of Military Affairs, County Clerk, and County Attorney to come up with resolution. This will allow grant applications to take place for the NextGen911 software.

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the PSAP Grant Funding Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner reports.

**b. June 2022 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner June 2022 claims.

**9. Humane Officer**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer reports.

**b. Discuss Oversight of Humane Officers:**

Chairman Pliml supports the decision for the Humane Officer positions to be under the Sheriff's Department.

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Voight to move the Human Officer positions under the control of the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondences:**

Sheriff Becker discussed the upcoming Lavonne Zenner bridge dedication on August 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Sheriff Becker discussed the Battle of the Badges at Gold Sands Speedway on July 8, 2022.

**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. June 2022 Claims:**

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

**f. Hiring Process:**

Sheriff Becker discussed why employees are leaving the jail for the private sector. He stated a survey was given to the jail employees a few months back with positive and negative feedback.

**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. Part-time Wages:**

Sheriff Becker discussed raising the part-time deputy wages to \$20.00 an hour for next year to be more competitive with the Department's wages. He discussed step increases for years of service with a cap on the wages.

**k. 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: Sheriff Becker discussed the types of programing in the jail.
- viii. Jail Study: Nothing to Report

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

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the June 2022 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

**12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

Part-time Wages

**13. Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m. by Chairman Zurfluh.**

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