

## Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

**DATE:** August 10, 2020

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

**EXCUSED:**

**NOT**

**PRESENT:**

**OTHERS** Steve Kreuser, Scott Brehm, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Kelli Trzinski,

**PRESENT:** Erik Engel, Bill Clendenning, Lance Pliml, Quentin Ellis, Ted Ashbeck, Shawn Becker, Nanci Olson, Reuben Van Tassel, Adam Fisher.

**LOCATION:** Wood County Courthouse

### 1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### 2. Review minutes of July 13, 2020:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

September 14, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse

### 5. Communications Department:

#### a. Communications July 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications July 2020 claims. Answered questions on the squad repair charges.

#### b. Communications Report:

Erik stated the vendor that is doing the microwave upgrades will be here this week.

### 6. Emergency Management Department

#### a. Emergency Management July 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management July 2020 claims.

**b. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Steve Kreuser talked about the CARES Grant. Steve stated the County was awarded 1.2 million payable at three different times during the year. Discussed the submission that already went in, and the upcoming projects they are considering.

Steve stated PPE is still ongoing with approximately 170 facilities being supplied. Orders from entities are going up as the cases in the County increase. Talked about the testing at Hilltop Grand Village and the Jail this week by the National Guard. Talked about the community testing event on Wednesday with the National Guard at Lincoln High School.

**7. Dispatch Department:**

**a. July 2020 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch July 2020 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report.

Lori stated that she is still working on staffing and the budget.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

**b. July 2020 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner July 2020 claims.

**9. Humane Officer**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Human Officer Report.

## **10. Sheriff's Department:**

### **a. Correspondences:**

Sheriff Becker stated he is currently working with Lori Heideman and Anthony Bastien with regard to Fail to Pay Warrants. The Department is examining the possibility of having them sent to collections as opposed to being entered for apprehension. He said this would save jail bed space and would also save the County money. Sheriff Becker said most counties are already doing this. He stated he will present the findings to the Judges and Clerk of Courts next month.

Sheriff Becker stated the Jail's body scanner, which was acquired through the CARES Grant, will arrive sometime during the week of August 17, 2020.

Sheriff Becker stated COVID-19 testing for inmates and employees will be conducted tomorrow, August 11, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. He stated the Department is working with the Health Department and the National Guard to facilitate the testing

Sheriff Becker addressed the mask mandate. He stated the Department is not enforcing the mandate; however the Department is working with the Health Department if they need assistance. He stated he has been working with Emergency Management to get masks in the squad cars for the deputies to hand out to those who need them.

### **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.

Sheriff Becker stated the Department has added a new K9. He stated Deputy Justus Arendt and K9 Timo will begin training next month. He said the Department will make a decision next week whether or not to add a fourth K9.

### **e. July 2020 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department July 2020 claims.

### **f. Hiring Process:**

Sheriff Becker stated the Department has hired two new deputies and will be talking with the Civil Service commission to establish a new eligibility list later this year.

**g. Traffic Grant Resolution:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach accept the Traffic Grant Resolution to provide for unanticipated revenue from the Bureau of Traffic Safety, housed with the Department of Transportation's division of State Patrol, to finance additional patrol for speed, seatbelt, and reckless driving enforcement through September 2020. Motion carried unanimously.**

**h. Boat/ATV/UTV Patrol:**

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

**i. Overtime:**

The Committee reviewed the overtime report.

**j. Courthouse Security:**

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security report.

**k. Jail Items**

- i. Inmate Daily Population: Reviewed
- ii. EMP: Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers: Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report: Reviewed
- v. Maintenance: Nothing to Report
- vi. Inmate Programs: Nothing to Report
- vii. Jail Study-Sheriff Becker stated the Jail Study presentation PDF was updated and he will make sure to email the final revised copy to the Supervisors.

**11. July 2020 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:**

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Polach to approve the July 2020 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- 2021 Budgets
- Jail Study-making decision

**13. Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.**

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