

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: January 19, 2015

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, Bill Clendenning, Dara Hamm, Lance Pliml, Garry Kronstedt

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. **Call to Order:**

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

2. **Review minutes of December 8 and 16, 2014:**

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the December 8 and 16, 2014 meetings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comments

4. **Emergency Management Department:**

a. Communications December 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications December 2014 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

Steve informed the committee that beginning Monday the 26th the towers will be going up. The footings and buildings are already in place and power still needs to be hooked up this week. Equipment is starting to come in. It will take about 2 months for total completion of the towers.

d. Emergency Management December 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management December 2014 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

f. Emergency Management Budget Resolution

Steve presented the budget resolution to the Committee.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the Emergency Management Budget resolution and forward on to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch December 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch December 2014 claims.

Lori discussed some end of the year statistics with the committee. Working with Grand Rapids on some radio issues. Lori talked about her budget resolution and the need for it. Talked about the siren computer and software that is needed. Question if there has been any response to the 911 ordinance yet. Lori stated that there has not been any at this time. Lori also discussed that there is still work being done with the Space Needs Committee.

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Polach to approve the Dispatch Department Budget resolution and forward on to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

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

February 16, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Wood County Annex & Health Center

1600 N Chestnut Ave

Marshfield, WI

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

b. December 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer December 2014 claims.

8. **Coroner:**

a. Coroner Reports

The Committee reviewed the Coroner reports. Retired Coroner Garry Kronstedt was present and thanked the Committee for all their hard work and dedication to him over the years. He asked the Committee to give the same consideration to the newly elect Coroner Dara Hamm.

Coroner Hamm stated she is working on finding office space within the courthouse so she can have set hours to be available to the public. She stated she has named Sue Anderson, Charles Evans and Jason Joling as her Deputy Coroners. She also stated she is working with Systems so she can save reports on the computer, etc.

b. December 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner December 2014 claims.

9. **Sheriff's Department:**

a. Correspondence

Sheriff Reichert stated Investigator Sergeant Wayne Schulz will be retiring at the end of February 2015. Investigator Sergeant Schulz has been working on a big burglary case and it has now been given to the courts. Sheriff Reichert stated Investigator Sergeant Schulz did a great job for our department and he will be missed.

Sheriff Reichert announced that Deputy Joseph Zurfluh Jr. will be the new Investigator Sergeant in the north office. He stated three individuals went through the promotional process.

b. Amish Safety Concerns

County Board Chairman Pliml said he met with the State people and will be meeting with them again. Supervisor Clendenning stated he and Chairman Pliml will be at a Legislative Exchange on February 3rd and 4th and would talk to a couple of them to see if it is possible to get them to come to our February meeting so they can hear the committee's concerns.

c. Traffic Grant Resolution

Chief Deputy Dorshorst explained the resolution, which is to provide for unanticipated revenue from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation to finance additional patrol for OWI enforcement through September 2015.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the Traffic Grant Resolution and forward on to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Department Reorganization Update

Sheriff Reichert explained to the Committee that the deputies in the jail are losing their protective status in the Wisconsin Retirement System, which will change their retirement. He also shared his plans to reorganize the Department to an “Officer in Charge” model.

e. December 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff December 2014 claims.

f. Updates

Crimestoppers: Nothing to report.

Safe Ride Initiative: Sheriff Reichert explained he was not available New Year’s Eve to do the Safe Ride program. Deputy Joseph Zurfluh and Dave Hahn did work that evening; however no rides were given.

Criminal Justice Task Force: Electronic monitoring is being questioned by a couple of the Judges.

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

g. Jail Items: All jail reports were reviewed.

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

Motion by Polach, second by Winch to approve the December 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 Polach, second by Winch to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Signed electronically by Mike Feirer 1-29-15.

Mike Feirer, Chairman
Public Safety Committee