

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: April 9, 2018

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

EXCUSED:

OTHERS Bill Clendenning, Steve Kreuser, Sarah Christensen, Dara Hamm, Lori

PRESENT: Heideman, Lance Pliml, Melissa Siegler, Tom Reichert, Nanci Kinney

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

2. Review minutes of March 12, 2018:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments

4. Courthouse Security Issues and Updates:

The County Board passed a resolution to continue updating courthouse security as funds are available.

5. Discuss railroad crossing time limits in the City of Wisconsin Rapids:

Lori has her staff making complaints so that they are trackable.

6. Animal Drawn Vehicles:

Discussed the recent bill signed by the Governor requiring additional lighting on buggies.

7. ATVs on the Roadway:

No updates

8. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications March 2018 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications March 2018 claims.

b. Communications Report:

The Committee reviewed the Communications report. Steve discussed the pricing they received for the microwave links. They are quoted at about \$215,000 at this time. Currently pricing out a new generator for the Rapids tower location.

c. Emergency Management March 2018 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management March 2018 claims.

d. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report. Steve answered questions about the Town of Remington flooding disaster claims. Talked about possibility of using some carry over money for remodeling the EOC and our old EM space. Reuben is waiting on bids for the remodeling at this time.

9. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch March 2018 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch March 2018 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

Lori stated that the most recent new hire is doing really good and should be on her own by the beginning of June. The news media will be here on Wednesday to tie in National Telecommunications Week with the new dispatch center. Answered questions on her report.

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

May 14, 2018

1:00 pm

Wood County Annex and Health Center Marshfield

11. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Nanci answered questions on the dog bites that are received.

b. March 2018 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer March 2018 claims.

12. Coroner:

a. **Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Dara discussed that she will be providing more information after the election on potentially changing the Coroner to a Medical Examiner position. There was discussion on when the coroner has to be called and when they do not have to be called. Dara answered questions about her report.

b. **March 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner March 2018 claims.

13. Sheriff's Department:

a. **Correspondence:**

No correspondences this month. The Sheriff discussed the squads being equipped with Narcan and that they are saving lives with this.

b. **March 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department March 2018 claims. Answered questions about the claims. Talked about the pipe situation in the jail and how they are doing a few more cold meals while they are working on the repairs. Discussed the drug problem in the County and how we are combatting this.

c. **Updates:**

Crimestoppers: See Report.

Safe Ride Initiative: None.

Criminal Justice Task Force: None.

K9: See Report.

Courthouse Security: None

d. **Jail Items:**

All jail reports were reviewed. Discussed the leak in the jail. EMP numbers are up. They are expecting the highest number ever for cost savings this year. The jail and Waupaca are full, therefore they are putting more people on EMP. The Sheriff stated that a discussion on building a new jail should begin sooner rather than later. Talked about the entrepreneur program that will be starting in the jail soon. Lance talked about alternatives in housing prisoners.

14. March 2018 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to approve the March 2018 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

15. **Agenda Items:**

16. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management.



Bill Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee