

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: March 13, 2017

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

EXCUSED: Brad Hamilton

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Christensen, Steve Kreuser, Bill Clendenning, Thomas Reichert (by phone),
Lori Heideman, Dara Hamm, Randy Dorshorst, Laura Clark, Amy Kaup

LOCATION: Wood County Annex and Health Center, Marshfield

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of February 13, 2017:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting with no changes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. **Communications February 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications February 2017 claims. Answered questions regarding Dispatch parts that were ordered.

b. **Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. **Emergency Management February 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management February 2017 claims.

d. **Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report. Steve talked about the flooding on the Yellow River in February regarding sandbagging and pumping out basements that Emergency Management personnel participated in. Discussed the DOT grants from the fall flooding, and that all were denied except one Township. We will be submitting to the State Disaster Fund in the hopes of recouping some money for the other

Townships. Talked about the hours that we have worked on the River Block project and what jobs we have completed.

Supervisor Winch requested that we provide a breakdown of the number of hours worked with the Parks Department in 2016. That will be provided, along with a copy to Chairman Feirer.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch February 2017 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch February 2017 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

Dispatch Manager Lori Heideman stated that a new Dispatcher will be starting March 20th, and that she has received a retirement notice effective May 3rd.

Demolition has begun on their new space on the second floor. Lori brought along pictures to share with the Committee.

911- Lori talked about checking for prices with other vendors. TDS is still doing some research to see if they are able to do what we need them to do. Charter has not returned phone calls so she does not have any pricing information at this time.

A draft copy of a Tow Policy was handed out and discussed at length. It was decided that the policy that is currently in effect will continue to be the policy that is used.

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

**April 10, 2017
1:00 p.m.
Wood County Courthouse – Room 114
Wisconsin Rapids**

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

b. February 2017 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer February 2017 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Discussion was held regarding indigent people and Coroner Hamm stated the County pays \$750 per person; however it is on a case by case basis.

b. February 2017 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner February 2017 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: Sheriff Reichert stated Michael Malooly has announced his retirement from the Sheriff's Department in May after 40+ years. He stated they are in the process of hiring his replacement.

Sheriff Reichert also explained the Department has changed the 12-hold for OWI arrests. He stated subjects brought into the jail on a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd offense OWI will be signed out to a responsible party; as this is being fiscally responsible and it is beneficial to the Department.

b. Courthouse Security: Nothing new

c. February 2017 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department February 2017 claims.

d. Updates:

Crimestoppers: Sheriff Reichert stated he knows that Crimestoppers is doing a music show at the end of August.

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None.

K9: Sheriff Reichert talked about the Acacia Foundation, which handles the K9 trust fund. He stated a new fundraising drive will begin to make the trust fund self-funded. Magic shows for the K9 fund are being held on March 24th and 25th.

e. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

10. February 2017 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Winch, to approve the February 2017 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

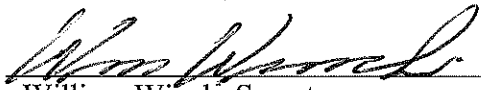
11. Agenda Items:

911 Phone System

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Polach, second by Winch, to adjourn at 2:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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



William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee