

## Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

**DATE:** August 13, 2012

**PRESENT:** Bill Winch, Dennis Polach, Mike Feirer, Gary Allworden, William Murphy

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Kreuser, Randy Dorshorst, Nanci Kinney, Sarah Christensen, Thomas Reichert, Kelly Zenz, Gabor Holczar, Kenneth Curry, Anne Arendt

**LOCATION:** Biron Municipal Center

### 1. Call to Order:

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

### 2. Review minutes of July 9, 2012:

**Motion by Murphy, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

### 4. Emergency Management Department:

#### a. **Communications July 2012 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Communications July 2012 claims.

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

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

#### c. **Update on Communications Towers/Narrowband Project**

Steve Kreuser stated that everything should be in place shortly with the tower projects. The tower project is currently on budget. The repair on the Nekoosa tower is completed and submitted to the insurance company.

#### d. **Emergency Management July 2012 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management July 2012 claims. Discussed SuperLube charges and what the Town of Hiles project consisted of.

**e. Emergency Management Activity Report**

Steve Kreuser discussed the ongoing exercises that will be occurring this year. Steve also informed the committee that we are currently working with Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids HazMat teams to renegotiate the contract. Dennis Polach had a question about fatal crashes and notified Steve that it had been reduced by 10. Steve also informed the committee that we are currently working on notifying over 400 residents of the address change that will be occurring next week due to the State Hwy name changes.

**5. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch July 2012 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch July 2012 claims. Questions were answered about training claims and annual maintenance fees.

**b. Dispatch Report**

Kelly informed the committee that the 2 new hires are still in training. Overtime is over budget, but the overall budget is good as they have been short handed. Phone system upgrade may be less expensive than what was originally expected. They are working on customizing an upgrade with only the features that we request.

**6. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Report**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Dog bites continue to be a problem. Humane Officer Kinney predicts that the winter may be interesting due to the increase in hay prices. We may incur more costs due to this. Humane Officer Kinney answered questions and explained the procedure for a bat bite and the cat then ingesting the bat.

**b. July 2012 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer July 2012 claims.

**7. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Deputy Coroner reports that it has been quiet and he believes there was only one autopsy from the Marshfield area.

**b. July 2012 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner July 2012 claims.

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

### **a. Correspondence:**

Sheriff Reichert stated that there has been one new hire in the Department with a start date of September 2012. Sheriff Reichert also stated he has received a resignation from one of the deputies and that they are looking at a November 2012 start date for that replacement.

The Sheriff's Department was awarded a traffic grant by the Department of Transportation. The grant was discussed and approved by the Committee.

**Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the unanticipated funds. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **b. Horse Manure/Amish Buggy Markings:**

After discussion by Chief Deputy Dorshorst detailing the problems with other Counties trying to enforce ordinances dealing with manure on the road it was decided that was not the way to go. Discussion was had about meeting with the elders and hearing both sides and maybe asking them to police themselves. It was decided that Bill Winch and Sheriff Reichert will go one day next week and attempt to talk to the Bishop about the problem.

Bill Winch brought in the ordinance/statute from Ohio regarding buggy signage and reflectors. It is unknown if there is something similar in Wisconsin.

Both of these items to be kept on the agenda for next month.

### **c. K9:**

Sheriff Reichert informed the committee of a benefit held over the weekend with the proceeds of that benefit going to purchase and maintain a tracking dog for the Department. The fund would be a sustaining fund to care for the animal in the future.

### **d. Updates:**

**Crimestoppers:** None

**Safe Ride Initiative:** None

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** None

### **e. Jail Items:**

All jail reports were reviewed.

The Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) had a savings of \$42,718 for the month of July.

**9. July 2012 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:**

**Motion by Murphy, second by Winch to approve the July 2012 claims of all the Public Safety Committee departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**Budget meeting      August 28, 2012  
Sheriff's Department Room 210B  
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494**

**Committee Meeting    September 10, 2012  
Marshfield City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room  
630 S Central Ave  
Marshfield WI 54495**

**11. Adjourn:**

**Motion by Polach, second by Allworden to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes taken by Emergency Management Department

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William Winch, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee