

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: March 14, 2012

PRESENT: Bill Winch, Dennis Polach, Mike Feirer, Gary Allworden

EXCUSED: Jeff Conradt

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Kelly Zenz, Randy Dorshorst, Nanci Kinney, Laura Clark, Sarah Christensen, Gary Kronstedt, Eric Engel, Tom Reichert

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

Gary Allworden called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Review minutes of February 15, 2012:

Motion by Polach, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications February 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications February 2012 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communications Towers/Narrowband Project

Steve Kreuser stated that the 2 tower projects (Sherry & Dexter) are on schedule and should be completed in early Summer. Equipment is starting to come in for the towers. Discussion is ongoing with Parks to possibly put a camera on the Dexter dam for them to monitor high water flow at Dexter Lake. This would save time and money because they would not need to page someone out multiple times a day to check on the status of the river.

d. Emergency Management February 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management February 2012 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

Discussion was had on the vehicle purchase by emergency management. V&H was the lowest bid. They bid around \$16,800, which is lower than the \$22,000 budgeted for this vehicle purchase.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch February 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch February 2012 claims.

b. Dispatch Report

Kelly Zenz reviewed the staffing in the dispatch center. They tested 48 people and are waiting for the test results. After they receive those they will begin setting up interviews and hopefully will have someone hired shortly after that.

6. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Humane Officer Kinney stated to the committee that a Clark County Deputy is requesting her assistance tomorrow morning, Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 8 a.m. to help him with a puppy mill in their county. Kinney stated she contacted Corporation Counsel Peter Kastenholz to get his opinion on what kind of liability that puts Wood County in, to which Peter responded that it could put the county in a liability situation if they were paying her as a county employee. Discussion was held on whether Nanci should go or not. It was decided she could help from a distance, through phone calls, paperwork, etc. and not to allow her to travel and spend the day in Clark County. Chief Deputy Dorshorst will be contacting Clark County to let them know she won't be coming to their county to help but she would be available for phone calls, etc.

Humane Officer Kinney stated bites are up this past month due to the nice weather.

b. February 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer February 2012 claims.

7. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Coroner Kronstedt stated there have been lots of cremations. He brought up the idea of raising the current cost of \$65 for signing the death certificates for cremations. This will be discussed further next month.

b. February 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner February 2012 claims.

8. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert stated he received a letter from Marshfield Clinic regarding inmate medical bills.

b. Review of County Board reports:

Sheriff Reichert stated it was asked of him by the County Clerk if all jail reports need to be in the County Board packet, to help save paper. After discussion it was decided all reports would remain in the packet, as it is good for all to see what is happening in the department.

Sheriff Reichert also asked if the Committee wanted the meeting minutes put on the County website, to which all responded that would be fine.

c. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9 Project: The money received from the proceeds of the Magic Show has more than paid for the new dog and its training.

d. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

The Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) had a new department record with a savings of 60,102.85 for the month of February.

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

Motion by Feirer, second by Winch to approve the February 2012 claims of all the Public Safety Committee departments. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Agenda Items for next meeting:

Coroner – Raise Cremation Fees

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

**Public Safety Committee
Tuesday, April 3, 2012
1:30 p.m.
Marshfield City Hall
1st Floor Conference Room 108
Marshfield WI**

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Winch, second by Polach to adjourn at 4:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee