

## Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

**DATE:** December 11, 2017

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

**EXCUSED:**

**OTHERS** Bill Clendenning, Lori Heideman, Kelli Trzinski, Nanci Olson, Steve Kreuser,

**PRESENT:** Randy Dorshorst, Thomas Reichert (via telephone), Lance Pliml

**LOCATION:** Wood County Courthouse-Wisconsin Rapids

### 1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### 2. Review minutes of November 13, 2017:

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 meetings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. Public Comments:

No public comments

### 4. Courthouse Security Issues and Updates:

Sheriff Reichert stated he talked to the committee last month about the deputies staying for all of their court time to provide security to the third floor. Sheriff Reichert talked about using a lift/elevator to take inmates from the jail to the third floor. Sheriff Reichert stated he has had people ask him about security issues during his radio program.

Lance Pliml stated the biggest priority is securing the third floor and the courtrooms. Lance stated there has been discussion about blocking off the ends of the third floor and having someone at the center entrances to the third floor to monitor who is coming in and out. Lance stated the judges do not think we have a secure facility.

### 5. Education Reimbursement Policy

Joe Zurfluh is in favor of the education reimbursement policy; however he suggested capping the amount of money given. Joe stated the policy should determine years worked with county, cap on the amount of money given, and how it relates to an employee's job.

Bill Winch suggested having to be employed with the county for three to five years before money can be received.

Dennis Polach is in favor of the education reimbursement policy; however suggests it should be looked at again after these points have been brought up.

Lance Pliml suggested some sort of cap, year of employment requirement, and related to field of employment.

**6. Elimination of Recruiter Position-Discuss Effects to the Department this Committee Oversees**

Lori Heideman stated the loss of the recruiter position is going to have a huge impact on her department because she is the only person in her department who does the hiring.

Steve Kreuser stated the recruiter position could be the face of Wood County.

Sheriff Reichert stated the Sheriff's Department's interaction with the recruiter position is minimal and this will not have a big impact on the Department.

**7. Emergency Management Department:**

**a. Communications November 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications November 2017 claims.

**b. Communications Report:**

Steve discussed meeting with Marshfield Police Chief three or four times on the use of towers. Marshfield may need to have three tower sites.

Steve discussed the air conditioning unit going out at the Power's Bluff tower site.

Steve stated they lost JSM paging.

Steve discussed the grant with Juneau County regarding the ground water study in the Nekoosa area. This pertains to the flood damage in the Nekoosa area. This is at no cost to the county and it will be for four of the townships with flood damage in 2016.

Steve discussed the surplus property sales going online. Depending on who gets the property will depend on how much is charged. The county departments will be first, then the townships, cities, villages, etc., then Wood County residents, and then to the trash if not sold. All prices will be based on state rates or Blue Book pricing.

Steve discussed a small grant with Enbridge offering us a 2012-2013 mechanic truck to carry generators, sandbags, and then later the command post.

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

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management November 2017 claims.

**d. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report.

**e. Resolution to Amend 2017 Budget for Building Numbering:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to amend 2017 Budget for Building Numbering. Motion carried unanimously.**

**f. Resolution to Amend 2017 Emergency Management Admin Budget**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to amend 2017 Emergency Management Admin Budget. Motion carried unanimously.**

**8. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch November 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch November 2017 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch Report as presented.

**c. Staff Update:**

Lori thanked the Sheriff's Department regarding an incident that happened in November 2017.

Lori stated Dispatch is only one employee short at this time. The two new hires will be fully trained by the middle and end of January.

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

**January 8, 2018**

**1:00 pm**

**Wood County Annex-Marshfield**

**10. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

**b. November 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer November 2017 claims.

**c. Resolution to Amend 2017 Humane Officer Budget**

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to amend 2017 Humane Officer Budget. Motion carried unanimously.**

Nanci talked about Wisconsin Retirement System and her cellphone minutes counting towards her monthly minutes. Chairman Feirer stated he would talk to Human Resources regarding cellphone minutes.

**11. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner Report.

**b. November 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner November 2017 claims.

**12. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondence:**

No Correspondences

**b. November 2017 Claims:**

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

**c. Bond Electronic Monitoring:**

Sheriff Reichert stated the Bond Electronic Monitoring is going well. The department hit a new record high of 47 inmates on EMP. Sheriff Reichert discussed the number of inmates going into December has decreased; however the overall length of stay is going up.

**d. Consider Resolution & Ordinance Pertain to Use of Animal Drawn Vehicles:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to amend the resolution pertaining to the use of animal drawn vehicles to pass on to the Wisconsin Towns' Association. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the resolution and ordinance pertaining to the use of animal drawn vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.**

Dennis Polach asked the question if the Amish have to have a driver's license how are they going to get a license. Bill Winch stated they would need to go to the DMV and pass the written driving test.

Bill Clendenning stated seven counties in Wisconsin are involved with putting together buggy regulations.

**d. Updates:**

**Crimestoppers:** See Report.

**Safe Ride Initiative:** None.

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** None.

**K9:** See Report.

**Courthouse Security:** None.

**e. Jail Items:**

All jail reports were reviewed.

**13. November 2017 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the November 2017 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

**14. Agenda Items:**

**15. Adjourn:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to adjourn at 1:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes taken by Wood County Sheriff's Department.

***Signed Electronically by Bill Winch***

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Bill Winch, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee