

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: July 11, 2016

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Roach, Bill Clendenning, Steve Kreuser, Thomas Reichert, Dara Hamm, Quentin Ellis, Joe Bachman, Dara Hamm, Nancy Kinney, Lance Pliml, Amy Kaup, Warren Kraft

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse Rm 114

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of June 6, 2016:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications June 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications June 2016 claims.

b. Communications Report:

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects:

Steve updated the committee. He stated that the towers are near completion

d. Emergency Management June 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management June 2016 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

Steve pointed out that we have tripled the work crew amounts since last year. He stated that we obtained more work as well as more workers to make this happen. Dennis Polach stated that he talked to the manager of the airport and the manager mentioned how very pleased he is with our work crew and the work they are doing for him.

f. Update of discussion with the Amish Community:

Steve gave an update to the committee. 3 Amish trailers are now outfitted with lights. Steve and Shawn Becker are working with the Highway department on ordering signs to put in Amish communities.

g. Surplus Property Policy:

Steve handed out the policy for the committee and gave an update on the revamped policy. Public sales will happen the last Wednesday of every month at the Emergency Management Shop on 17th Ave. The money from the sale will go back into contingency.

Motion made by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the policy of surplus sales as presented. Motion carried unanimously

6. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch June 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch June 2016 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

The committee reviewed Dispatch Report

c. Staff Update

Steve updated the committee stating that Dispatch is interviewing 15 people. All the leads are established and in place.

d. Space needs/ Move Update

Space needs are pretty much set in place. They are looking at pricing bids for the phone issues as well as having other counties take 911 calls. Steve mentioned the condensation issues on the pipes and that because of that water has done some damage to a few items in Dispatch. Polach mentioned that they should only take space that is needed.

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

August 8, 2016

1:00 PM

Wood County Annex and Health Center - Marshfield

8. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.
Nancy stated that all dog bites need to be called in to her.

b. June 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer June 2016 claims.

9. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Coroner Hamm mentioned that if autopsies continue we will be over budget. Majority are drug related, 9 drug related deaths this year.

b. June 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner June 2016 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert introduced Captain Quentin Ellis to the committee. Sheriff Reichert discussed the need for body cameras due to the recent events. He stated that he feels opposite what most feel about cameras as it can vindicate the officer as cell phone videos can be altered. Body Cameras were already purchased out of this year's budget to outfit all the road officers and some extras for investigators. Amy Kaup and Quentin Ellis are already working on getting those up and running. Amy discussed how the body cameras will have separate servers for backup.

Captain Quentin Ellis Addressed a question brought up about record retention. He stated that the statute for record retention as well as the policies that are currently in place and followed.

b. Courthouse Security:

Sheriff Reichert updated the committee on discussions with Reuben from maintenance on parts of the courthouse that may need to be remodeled. He stated he is waiting for the judges to schedule a meeting with the US Marshals. Committee Chairman Mike Feirer requested seeing the original report that the US Marshals did, Sheriff Reichert will provide that report. Amy Kaup mentioned that the judges did meet for a safety meeting. The committee agrees that the Sheriff department needs to be involved in courthouse security.

The committee would like to keep this item on the agenda until further review.

c. Out of State Training Request

Monitor staff invited to attend training in San Diego CA all expenses paid by monitoring company not by the county.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Feirer to allow out of state training. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Employment/ Recruitment/Retention Policy

The committee discussed at length the pros and cons of the policy. Discussion about oversight when hiring at a higher step as well as anything over a step 7 should come to committee first.

The committee supports moving forward with this as they are aware of the changes the workforce in general faces.

e. Prohibited Discharges Ordinance

County Board Chairman Lance Pliml discussed the ordinance.
Zurfluh would like to table until discussions with J & L and Steve Krueser.

f. June 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department June 2016 claims.

g. Updates

Crimestoppers: County Board Chairman Lance Pliml mentioned the progress with this as well as how it is a good movement for the County.

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Sheriff would like to discuss a donation to Acacia Foundation similar to the current donations to Crimestoppers. That Acacia Foundation is an organization dedicated solely to the Wood County Sheriff K9 Program.

h. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

10. June 2016 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Winch, to approve the June 2016 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Agenda Items:

Prohibited Discharges Ordinance

12. Adjourn:

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

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management

Signed Electronically by William Winch 7-20-16

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee