

**Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee**

**DATE:** November 8, 2021

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

**EXCUSED:**

**NOT**

**PRESENT:**

**OTHERS** David Patton, Bill Clendenning, Trent Miner, Ed Newton, Erik Engel, Kelli

**PRESENT:** Trzinski, Quentin Ellis, Ted Ashbeck, Charlie Hoogesteger, Shawn Becker, Lori Heideman, Sarah Christensen, Nanci Olson, Alexa Acker

**LOCATION:** Wood County Courthouse

**1. Call to Order:**

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Review minutes of October 11, 2021:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Public Comments:**

No Public Comments.

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

**December 13, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Wood County Courthouse Room 114**

**5. Communications Department:**

**a. Communications October 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications October 2021 claims. Clarification was given on tower payments to the City of Nekoosa.

**b. Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the report.

**6. Emergency Management Department:**

**a. Emergency Management October 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management October 2021 claims.

**b. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Talked about the involvement with municipalities in getting grant money from the August 2021 storms. Elaborated on the Domtar wastewater spill, stated it was a leak for an unknown amount of time and was white wash.

**7. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch October 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch October 2021 claims.

**b. Dispatch Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Elaborated on the item on Grand Rapids paging along with night staff complaints.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner reports.

**b. October 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner October 2021 claims.

**c. Discuss Coroner & Deputy Coroner Wages/Per Diem:**

A resolution will be brought before the Committee regarding the addition of the \$135.00 per diem for cases over four hours for the coroner and the increase of cremation permits and death certificates from \$100.00 to \$125.00.

**9. Humane Officer**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer Report.

**b. Human Resource Report**

Will be discussed at December's meeting.

**10. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondences:**

Sheriff Becker discussed the COVID-19 cases in the jail and among staff members.

**b. Wood County Rescue:**

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

**c. Crime Stoppers:**

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

Sheriff Becker stated the PAC fundraiser turnout was excellent.

**d. K-9 Project:**

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

**g. October 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department October 2021 claims.

**h. Hiring Process:**

Sheriff Becker stated a conditional offer was presented to Christopher Downs. Christopher is coming to our Department from Clark County Sheriff's Department and Princeton Police Department.

**i. Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol:**

The Committee reviewed the Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol report.

**j. Overtime:**

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

**k. Courthouse Security:**

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security report.

**l. Jail Items**

- i. Inmate Daily Population: Reviewed.
- ii. EMP: Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers: Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report: Reviewed
- v. Body Scanner: Reviewed
- vi. Maintenance: Nothing to Report
- vii. Inmate Programs: Nothing to Report
- viii. Jail Study: Sheriff Becker stated the new jail plans are coming along nicely. He stated the County is almost done working with the City of Wisconsin Rapids on rezoning and vacation of Avon Street.

**11. October 2021 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the October 2021 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

**12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

Human Resource report pertaining to Humane Officer Evaluations

**13. Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.**

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