

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: December 14, 2020

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

EXCUSED:

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PRESENT:

OTHERS Steve Kreuser, Scott Brehm, Shawn Becker, Lori Heideman, Kelli Trzinski, Erik

PRESENT: Engel, Bill Clendenning, Lance Pliml, Sarah Christensen, Nanci Olson, Quentin Ellis, Kim McGrath, Randal Dorshorst, Amy Falk, Ali Benda,

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of November 9, 2020:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

January 11, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse EOC

5. Local Pandemic Update:

Dr. Falk presents information on the local pandemic. Death tolls are increasing. Hospitalizations are slightly better. 5 of 8 ICU beds are taken up with Covid 19 patients at this time. They are discharging patients sooner than normal for space needs. Also sending people home if they are ill and would have previously been admitted. Gave updates on the vaccine distribution and who will most likely get it when. Will need 75-80% vaccination rate to be successful. This vaccine will not stop the pandemic for approximately a year or so. Yes, even if you have had Covid you should get the vaccine. Community spread is the most prevalent. Only 7 cases of school children were found to be transmitted through the school.

6. Communications Department:

a. Communications November 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications November 2020 claims.

b. Communications Report:

The Committee reviewed the report.

7. Emergency Management Department

a. Emergency Management November 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management November 2020 claims. Steve answered questions on the claims.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. We received the money from the Routes to Recovery program. Talked about the EMPG supplemental grant for some salary reimbursement. PPE numbers are increasing. Will be starting with vaccination supplies this next survey. Talked about the Community Safe Room grant and the completion of that grant. Answered questions on the work relief program and that we are not taking workers out of jail at this time.

8. Dispatch Department:

a. November 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch November 2020 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Received some reimbursement for NextGen 911.

c. Phone Outage:

Talked about the major phone outage. On Solarus' end with their equipment. Was a catastrophic power outage that took out every Solarus phone. They were without 911 calls for many hours. They made many calls to various agencies to get them numbers that they could call in the interim. This went on for 4 days.

9. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. November 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner November 2020 claims.

10. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Human Officer Report.

11. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker informed the Committee that Captain Quentin Ellis was promoted to Chief Deputy and will assume the position after Randy Dorshorst's retirement.

Sheriff Becker stated the promotional process for Operations Captain will be starting this month.

Sheriff Becker thanked Lori Heideman, the dispatch staff, and the Sheriff's Department staff for their help with Toys for Tots.

b. Resolution to Address the Departmental Wage Compression:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to address the wage compression in the Wood County Sheriff's Department that is continuing due to the existing union contract and the implementation of the new wage plan. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

d. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

e. K-9 Project:

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

f. November 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department November 2020 claims.

g. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated the Civil Service Commission is done with their interviews and internal interviews have been set up for later this month.

h. Boat/ATV/UTV Patrol:

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

i. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime report.

j. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security monthly and yearly reports.

k. 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 suggested putting an AD-HOC committee together for the jail study. He stated he feels this would be valuable to the county. Lance Pliml stated there will be an AD-HOC committee in place by January.

12. November 2020 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:

Motion by Polach, second by Hamilton to approve the November 2020 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

None

14. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c), the Committee may go into closed Session for performance evaluations of the department heads/employees the committee oversees.

Motion by Feirer, second by Zurfluh to go into closed sessions at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Winch-Yes, Polach-Yes, Zurfluh-Yes, Feirer-Yes, Hamilton-Yes

15. Return to open session

Motion by Feirer, second by Zurfluh to return to open sessions as 10:50 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Winch-yes, Polach-yes, Zurfluh-yes Feirer-yes, Hamilton-yes

16. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.

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