

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: October 12, 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, Randy Dorshorst, Nanci Olson, Trent Miner

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of September 14, 2020:

Motion by Polach, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

November 9, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse

5. Discuss County Budget Shortfalls:

Lori Heideman stated she discussed with Chairman Feirer about not filling her current vacancy until June 1, 2021.

Sheriff Becker stated the Department was holding off on hiring one position and one squad car was cut out of the 2021 budget.

Steve Kreuser stated Emergency Management cut \$5000 from the budget for travel expenses.

Erik Engel stated Communications cancelled the vehicle request for next year.

6. Communications Department:

a. Communications September 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications September 2020 claims.

b. Communications Report:

Erik stated the vendor that is doing the microwave upgrades showed up this month with the equipment.

7. Emergency Management Department

a. Emergency Management September 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management September 2020 claims.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

Steve stated the Department is continuing with the CARES Grant and still giving out money to municipalities for last year's storms.

Steve discussed with the Committee the return of inmates to the Emergency Government program.

8. Dispatch Department:

a. September 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch September 2020 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report.

Lori discussed with the Committee her fears if she has a COVID-19 outbreak in the Department. Lori stated she would check with other counties and see what their contingency plans are.

9. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. September 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner September 2020 claims.

10. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Human Officer Report.

11. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker stated the Department has had five staff members that tested positive for COVID-19, three of which have recovered.

b. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report. Supervisor Winch initiated a discussion on Rescue. He said it was his understanding that Rescue was eliminated.

Chief Deputy Dorshorst reminded the Committee of the most recent Resolution allowing the Sheriff to decide the status of Rescue. Chief Deputy noted that Rescue is currently self-funded and that the County only pays for fuel and maintenance of the equipment, which is owned by the County.

Sheriff Becker stated that he supports Rescue and will not be eliminating it from the Department. Chairman Pliml also spoke in favor of Rescue.

c. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

d. K-9 Project:

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

e. September 2020 Claims:

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

f. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated the Department has two new hires coming to the Department. Oliver Pulsifer will begin in November and Terry Johnson will begin in December. Sheriff Becker stated this will cause an opening in the Jail due to Terry coming to patrol from the Jail. Sheriff Becker stated he discussed this with Lance and Lance approved the two new hires.

Sheriff Becker stated a new eligibility list was started and the test will be in November.

g. Mental Health Liaison Officer Resolution

Motion by Polach, second by Hamilton to accept the Legacy Foundation Grant funding and create a Mental Health Liaison Officer position. Motion carried unanimously.

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 report.

k. Jail Items

- i. Inmate Daily Population: Reviewed. Sheriff Becker noted that the inmate population is continuing to rise.
- ii. EMP: Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers: Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report: Reviewed
- v. Maintenance: Nothing to Report
- vi. Inmate Programs: Nothing to Report
- vii. Jail Study-Sheriff Becker stated the property committee is taking on this matter.

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

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

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Dispatch contingency plan in case of COVID-19 outbreak

14. Adjourn

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Sheriff's Department