

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: June 17, 2013

PRESENT: Dennis Polach, Mike Feirer, William Murphy, Bill Winch, Gary Allworden

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Erik Engel, Randy Dorshorst, Sarah Christensen, Laura Clark, Lance Pliml, Karen Madden, Gary Kronstedt

LOCATION: Rudolph Village Hall

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of May 13, 2013:

Motion by Murphy, second by Winch to approve the minutes of May 13, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

There are no public comments

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications May 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications May 2013 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communications

Steve has indicated that there is still a lot of groundwork to be done regarding the new tower locations. They have been in contact with vendors, municipalities, the Federal Aviation Administration, Etc. Steve and Erik will be attending the space needs committee meeting as they will need to know what is going on with the Norwood building in order to present the tower proposal to the City of Marshfield.

d. Emergency Management May 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management May 2013 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report.

f. Emergency Management Update

Steve relayed to the committee that our office is in the process of updating approximately 6000 address signs with some municipalities, redoing the 13 annexes (plans) for the State into an ESF (Emergency Support Functions) format as opposed to the current format for State/ Federal guidelines for 2nd half of 20013 and first half of 2014, working with red cross to update the Wood County shelters list.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch May 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch May 2013 claims.

b. Dispatch Update

Chairman Feirer stated that the committee has received Kelly Zenz's resignation. There is a meeting set up with Mike Feirer, Trent Minor and fire chiefs tomorrow, June 18, 2013, to discuss their views and opinions about the future of the department. Lance Pliml indicated that the priority at this time is to get the Dispatch center fully staffed, along with hiring a dispatch manager. All of the options will be discussed in the near future as to how to proceed with the department. There will still need to be input from the users group. Discussed potential new training options so that retention may be improved. The committee will also look at possible schedule changes to help alleviate some of the overtime. Discussed the policy regarding notice to be given when leaving the employment of the county.

6. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Reports

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer reports. Humane Officer Kinney was not present, therefore May's report will be discussed at next month meeting along with the June report.

b. May 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer May 2013 claims.

7. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Coroner Kronstedt stated all staff will have to attend a mandatory training referencing death certificates. This training will be soon.

b. May 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner May 2013 claims.

c. Medical Examiner Position

Discussion held about the medical examiner. Coroner Kronstedt stated he has records at both his home as well as the Courthouse Annex building in the basement. He stated it is very unsafe, as most light bulbs are burnt out. Supervisor Murphy asked if Medical Examiner Mark Witeck could attend the next meeting or do a phone conference call to answer all questions of the committee.

8. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert stated he was just at the Deputy Labor Contract talks and a tentative agreement was reached. He stated he feels it was a fair agreement for both sides.

b. Horse Manure on Roadways/Additional Horse Problems:

Discussion was held regarding horse manure on roadways in the townships of Hansen, Arpin, and Sherry. It was decided Supervisor Winch and Sheriff Reichert would again talk to the Bishop, as Sheriff Reichert, Supervisor Winch, along with other township officials, had met with the Bishop a few months back regarding the marking/tail lights on their buggies. Chairman Feirer stated he would talk to Corporation Counsel about this issue as well.

Supervisor Winch stated he had received calls regarding horses being staked out in ditches. Sheriff Reichert encouraged all committee members to advise their constituents who call about these issues to contact Wood County Central Dispatch to report these occurrences. This can be very hazardous.

c. Sheriff's Office Auxiliary:

Sheriff Reichert stated he has appointed Sgt. Scott Drew to be the head of the Sheriff's Office Auxiliary. The focus of the Auxiliary is the idea of a neighborhood watch program.

d. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Sheriff Reichert stated they are working on the kennel at Deputy Pidgeon's residence for K9 Toro.

e. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed. Sheriff Reichert stated the EMP Program had a savings of \$41,180.15 for the month of May.

9. May 2013 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the May 2013 claims of all the Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

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

July 22, 2013

1:00 PM

Wisconsin Rapids Courthouse

Room 115

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Paying out Dispatch Manager benefits.

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Polach, second by Allworden to adjourn at 2:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee