

## Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

**DATE:** January 11, 2021

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

**EXCUSED:**

**NOT**

**PRESENT:**

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Steve Kreuser, Lance Pliml, Quentin Ellis, Randy Dorshorst, Sarah Christensen, Bill Clendenning, Scott Brehm, Nanci Olson

**LOCATION:** Wood County Courthouse

### 1. Call to Order:

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

### 2. Review minutes of December 14, 2020:

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

### 3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

**February 8, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Wood County Courthouse Room 114**

### 5. Communications Department:

#### a. **Communications December 2020 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications December 2020 claims.

#### b. **Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the report.

### 6. Emergency Management Department

#### a. **Emergency Management December 2020 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management December 2020 claims. Steve answered questions on the claims. He talked about the BNI signs and updates that are coming up.

**b. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Steve talked about working with hospitals and nursing homes regarding PPE supplies. He discussed the Routes to Recovery money that we received to reimburse some expenses. The Emergency Response Trailer is on track and it should be received near the end of the month. A question was raised about the work program and not being able to use inmates. Emergency Management is pushing some work back until later, likely after vaccines are widely available.

**7. Dispatch Department:**

**a. December 2020 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch December 2020 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Lori discussed her department. Three people have had Covid and a few others were close contacts. Lori indicated iPaws is quite expensive. She is working with National Weather Service to see if we can get the ticker tape on the televisions. Lori discussed an incident at a residence. She said someone from outside the area is calling 911 from Virginia on a computer. The call is showing up as an address in the County and is falsely reporting emergencies.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

**b. December 2020 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner December 2020 claims. There was a big increase from last year. There have now been over 50 Covid deaths.

**9. Humane Officer**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Human Officer Report. Nanci answered questions about a call.

**10. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondences:**

Sheriff Becker talked about Chief Deputy Randy Dorshorst's retirement coming up on January 26, 2021 and thanked him for his dedicated service. John Matthews has been promoted to the

grant funded Drug Investigator position. Doug Christianson has earned the promotion to a grant funded Mental Health Investigator Sergeant. Two deputies were sent to Kenosha for mutual aid. Kenosha had requested assistance after the officer involved shooting decision announcement. There were no issues and the officers sent were released early.

**b. Wood County Rescue:**

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

**c. Crime Stoppers:**

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

**d. K-9 Project:**

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report. The return of a Canine was discussed. The Department has a credit with the vendor and is looking at April 2021 as a target to get a replacement.

**e. December 2020 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department December 2020 claims. Chief Deputy Dorshorst answered questions from the Committee about the claims.

**f. Hiring Process:**

Sheriff Becker stated the Civil Service Commission is done with their interviews and internal interviews have been completed. The Department is moving forward with four candidates and they will be doing the physical fitness portion soon. Hiring is anticipated for early February. Two Deputies should be hired in February, and two more potentially in March. Five candidates have applied for the Operations Captain position.

**g. Boat/ATV/UTV Patrol:**

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

**h. Overtime:**

The Committee reviewed the overtime report.

**i. Courthouse Security:**

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security monthly and yearly reports.

**j. 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: Sheriff Becker reported the Department has secured grant funding for technology to improve the availability of programming for inmates during Covid restrictions. He also noted two people have completed programs while incarcerated and are now out in the community doing well.
- viii. Jail Study-Nothing to Report.

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

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the December 2020 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Humane Officer Pay

**16. Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.**

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management