

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: April 14, 2014

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Christensen, Tom Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Lance Pliml, Laura Clark, Nanci Kinney, Erik Engel, Doug Machon, Peter Kastenholz

LOCATION: Wisconsin Rapids Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of March 10, 2014:

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications March 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications March 2014 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

Erik gave an update on the tower projects. The Town of Lincoln approved the permits needed for the tower. Talked about the meeting in Marshfield on 4/15 and that we are attending that meeting. The County Board will be voting on the tower funding on 4/15 as well. Erik answered questions on the Communications Report.

d. Emergency Management March 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management March 2014 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

There were no questions on the Emergency Management Activity Report. Discussed the potential declaration for frozen/burst pipes from this winter and the data collection that is going on with the state at this time.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch March 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch March 2014 claims.

Lori discussed that she is working with Everbridge to discuss their product (similar to Rapid Reach) as Rapid Reach is not working. Discussing railroad complaints and the number of calls they receive daily. The Sheriff's Department has already written four (4) tickets to the railroad. Discussed the call that was received this morning (4/14) about the train blocking a driveway for 3 hours. The callers wife could not get to work because the train was in front of the driveway.

Lori also discussed the lease price for printers.

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

**May 12, 2014
1:00 PM
Marshfield City Hall
1st Floor Conference Room 108
630 S Central Ave
Marshfield WI 54449**

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report and Officer Kinney answered all questions. Humane Officer Kinney stated she will be on vacation April 16th – April 23rd.

b. Humane Society Contracts & Billing of Service:

At the March meeting Humane Officer Kinney explained to the Committee concerns the South Wood County Humane Society (SWCHS) is having reference picking up dogs in towns and villages within Wood County that don't have a contract with them. The Humane Society is asking who is responsible for the bill for that service. Some municipalities have a contract with the Humane Society, but the ones that don't are the ones that need to be addressed.

Corporation Counsel Peter Kastenholz addressed the Committee regarding these issues. He stated there is nothing more we can do as the County can't make entities enter into a contract with the SWCHS or make them pay the bill. He said if the county contacts the SWCHS and asks them to provide services, then the SWCHS has a right to recover expenses therefore to the extent that the county contract with the SWCHS doesn't cover them. As to whose budget those costs are paid through is up to the committee. Wood County does have a contract with the SWCHS but that contract does not make it clear the extent of these services it covers, instead the contract is more of a funding mechanism for the Humane Officer and to a lesser extent the SWCHS. The dog fund was brought up as a possible way to pay such bills.

Stray dogs issues should be addressed by the town chair person. The SWCHS should be billing the town/village for such issues.

After some discussion it was decided that Humane Officer Kinney should write a letter in the local newspapers as to how these issues need to be addressed by townships/villages. It was felt that if residents understood the process of picking up stray dogs in their respective township/village, that the chair person would possibly handle these situations like they are supposed to.

c. March 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer March 2014 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. March 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner March 2014 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: None

b. Capital Improvement Plan:

Chief Deputy Dorshorst presented the Capital Improvement Plans of the Wood County Sheriff's Department. The first plan presented was for six squad cars and one jail transport van. The capital improvement plan is for the vehicles, switchover of equipment, registration and licenses.

The second plan presented was for a new Evidence Management System. He provided a memo from evidence technician Inv. Sgt. Jay Shroda in reference to the need for the

department. The amount asked for is for 5 years. After 5 years the annual maintenance fee is \$1,275 per year.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to accept the Capital Improvement Plan proposals for new squad cars and the Evidence Management System as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Range:

Sheriff Reichert stated the Airport Commission contacted the Sheriff's Department in regard to the Department having to vacate the airport range. The FAA does not like firearm ranges to be on airport property.

Sheriff Reichert stated he has been in contact with Wisconsin Rapids Police Department about working with them in using their range. He stated parts of their range is in disrepair but felt the Department could help with repairs in repayment for using the range. He said with both departments using one range it makes scheduling range times easier as officers/deputies can plan to attend range at more convenient times.

Sheriff Reichert stated he will work with Wisconsin Rapids Police Department to develop a Memorandum of Understanding. He is optimistic this will work out well for everyone.

Sheriff Reichert stated at this time the Department is still using the range at the airport and is unsure how much longer that will be permitted. The County owns the portion of the land the range sits on. Sheriff Reichert stated Corporation Counsel Peter Kastenholz is working on the legal portion of this issue.

d. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Sheriff Reichert stated both magic shows were performed in March. Overall approximately \$2,200 was raised from this fundraiser.

Discuss office space at Norwood for Sheriff: Sheriff Reichert stated he recently found out the personal lockers in the Sheriff's Department at City Hall are city property, not county property as once thought. Therefore lockers will need to be purchased for the new office space.

e. Jail Items: All jail reports were reviewed.

10. March 2014 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Allworden, second by Winch to approve the March 2014 claims of all the Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn:

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to adjourn at 2:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Signed electronically by William Winch – May 7, 2014

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee