

## Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

**DATE:** January 14, 2019

**PRESENT:** Dennis Polach, Joe Zurfluh, Mike Feirer, Jason Zaleski

**EXCUSED:** Bill Winch

**NOT**

**PRESENT:**

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

**PRESENT:** Bell, Amy Kaup, Lisa Keller, Rueben VanTassel, Adam Fischer, Ted Ashbeck,

Randy Dorshorst, Bill Clendening, Erik Engel, Nanci Olson

**LOCATION:** Wood County Health and Annex

### 1. Call to Order:

Dennis Polach called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### 2. Review minutes of December 10, 2018:

**Motion by Feirer, second by Zurfluh to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. Public Comments:

None

### 4. Discuss Printer Management Program:

Amy Kaup, from IT, talked about the contract with EO Johnson expiring in the next few months. Amy stated the cost of equipment will come from IT and the departments should see cost savings in 2020. Lori Heideman and Steve Kreuser stated this program will save their departments money.

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

**February 11, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Wood County Courthouse**

### 6. Emergency Management Department:

#### a. **Communications December 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications December 2018 claims.

**b. Communications Report:**

Erik talked about the licensed and unlicensed Spectrum. Eric stated he signed a petition to stop unlicensed devices on the network.

**c. Emergency Management December 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management December 2018 claims.

**d. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The committee reviewed the Emergency Management report.

**e. Resolution for Carryover of Microwave Replacement Monies:**

**Motion by Feirer, second by Zaleski to amend the 2019 budget to include monies that were budgeted in 2018 for microwave replacements, but were not used during that budget cycle.**

**7. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

**b. December 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer December 2018 claims.

**c. Humane Officer Resolution Pertaining to Monthly Meetings**

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Zaleski to table a motion to require the Humane Officer to attend all regular Public Safety meetings. The Humane Officer should be paid mileage for all meetings. Motion carried unanimously.**

This item will be brought back for the February's meeting with Peter Kastenholz.

**8. Dispatch Department:**

**a. December 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch December 2018 Claims.

**b. Dispatch Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Lori stated she has hired two dispatchers in the month of January.

**c. Phones:**

Lori stated Raycom requested a meeting and the company stated they sold the hardware to another company, but kept the software. Lori stated this means the new phone system is unsupported. Lori and Erik stated they have parts and pieces if the phone system would go down; however if there is a major catastrophic failure the lead time could be a couple of months. Lori stated if something does happen to the phone system the backup goes to Portage and Adams County.

Joe Zurfluh stated this item needs to be brought back for February's meeting and he stated he wanted Lori and Erik to get quotes for new phone systems.

Erik also stated if a new phone system was purchased the committee could think about putting the old system at Norwood for emergencies.

**9. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

**b. December 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner December 2018 claims.

**c. Current Coroner Comments:**

Coroner Scott Brehm stated he will be keeping the current Deputy Coroners.

**10. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondences:**

Sheriff Becker stated he is looking forward to working with everyone. He stated his Administrative staff will be attending the meetings going forward.

Sheriff Becker talked about a search warrant in the Town of Sherry.

Sheriff Becker talked about Deputy Douglas Christianson receiving CIT Officer of the Year for his involvement in the CIT program, which is a community initiative designed to improve the outcomes of police interactions with people living with mental illnesses. He stated the award will be displayed in the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Becker recognized Tony Kuhlka for his 25 years of service with the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Becker stated at this time there is no snowmobile patrol due to having no snow.

Sheriff Becker stated he will be meeting with the Civil Service Commission regarding a new Deputy Sheriff eligibility list.

**b. December 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department December 2018 claims.

**c. Updates:**

**Crimestoppers:** See Report.

**K9:** Sheriff Becker stated K9 Toro would be retiring in late summer 2019. Sheriff Becker also talked about the ACACIA foundation and bringing other agencies aboard.

Jason Zaleski asked about a lapse in services when K9 Toro leaves. Sheriff Becker stated this may happen due to the availability of training.

**Courthouse Security:** Sheriff Becker talked about staffing the new security once it is in place with the Sheriff's Department or a private company. Sheriff Becker stated he has a quote from Per Mar Security Services regarding staffing the new security. Sheriff Becker stated the drawback of staffing privately is no arrest powers.

Rueben VanTassel, Maintenance Department, stated he hopes by early summer the main entrance will have an X-Ray machine, metal detectors, and an office for personnel. He stated in the next three months people should start seeing some changes.

Joe Zurfluh stated he would like to see law enforcement doing the courthouse security.

Jason Zaleski agreed with Joe Zurfluh and asked Sheriff Becker about pricing with Per Mar Security Services.

Mike Feirer and Dennis Polach both agreed they would like to see law enforcement doing the courthouse security.

**d. Jail Items:**

See Reports for items i-v

**vi. New Jail:** The Committee discussed where to start the talks about a new jail.

**vii. Space Needs in Jail:** Captain Ashbeck talked about how temporary housing works in the jail setting.

Chief Deputy Dorshorst talked about EMP. He said at times the Jail has to pay for inmates to be on EMP on account of overcrowding and the inmates not being able to pay to be on the program. He noted that the strategy resulted with a considerable cost savings versus contacting additional housing.

Rueben talked about the money being spent to fix the infrastructure and the equipment in the jail now and in the future. He stated money spent could be allocated for the new jail instead of fixing the old jail.

**11. Leave of Absence for Sheriff Resolution:**

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Feirer to grant a political leave of absence to Wood County Sheriff, Shawn Becker, for the term of January 7, 2019 through January 2, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.**

**12. Choose Member to Attend Courthouse Security Discussion:**

Joe Zurfluh nominated Mike Feirer as the member to attend the Courthouse Security discussion. Mike Feirer accepted.

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Zaleski to approve Mike Feirer as the member to attend the Courthouse Security discussions.**

**13. December 2018 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:**

**Motion by Feirer, second by Zaleski to approve the December 2018 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Jail Tour and Dispatch Phone System

**15. Adjourn**

**Motion by Feirer, second by Zurfluh to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes taken by Wood County Sheriff's Department.

***Signed Electronically by Jason Zaleski***

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Jason Zaleski, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee