

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: February 10, 2020

PRESENT: Dennis Polach, Joe Zurfluh, Mike Feirer, Bill Winch, Dawn Urban

EXCUSED:

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PRESENT:

OTHERS Steve Kreuser, Scott Brehm, Randy Dorshorst, Shawn Becker, Lori Heideman,

PRESENT: Kelli Trzinski, Erik Engel, Nanci Olsen, Ted Ashbeck, Bill Clendenning, Reuben VanTassel, Quentin Ellis

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse Room 114

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of January 13, 2020 meeting:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

March 9, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Annex

5. Communications Department:

a. **Communications January 2019 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications January 2019 claims. Erik answered questions about the credit card compromise.

b. **Communications Report:**

Erik talked to the committee about the microwave update.

c. **Resolution for Carryover**

Motion by Feirer, second by Urban to amend 2020 budget to include monies that were budgeted in 2019 for microwave replacement, but were not used during that budget cycle. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Emergency Management Department

a. Emergency Management January 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management January 2019 claims.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Steve stated money is coming in from FEMA for the municipalities effected by the storm this summer. He stated his department will be responsible for giving the money to the municipalities.

7. Dispatch Department:

a. January 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch January 2019 Claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Lori stated last Thursday, February 6, 2020, 27 applicants took the dispatcher test. She stated she will be hiring three dispatchers. She stated they will train two of them right away and after a month they will train the last one. She stated she hopes to be at full staff by the end of summer.

c. Phones

Lori stated everything is going good with her phones at this time.

d. End of Year Reports

Lori reviewed her end for the year reports with the committee.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. January 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner January 2019 claims.

9. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Human Officer Report.

10. Public Safety Committee Members Paid Per Diems for Jail Tours:

Motion by Polach, second by Feirer to allow Public Safety Committee Members to get paid per diems for jails tours they have attended or will attend in the future. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker stated eight members of the Sheriff's Department participated in the Polar Plunge at the Ridges. He stated they raised over \$5000 for Special Olympics.

Sheriff Becker wanted to thank the Riverkings Hockey Association for raising over \$2000 for Sgt. Nate Dean's family to help with his wife's battle with cancer.

Sheriff Becker stated Men in the Kitchen will be held on February 29, 2020. He stated he and members of the department will be cooking in this year's event that benefits the Family Center.

b. Recognizing CO April Krejcarek:

Sheriff Becker stated on February 4, 2020 CO April Krejcarek and corrections staff prevented a suicide in the jail. Sheriff Becker wanted her and the staff recognized by the committee.

c. Offer to Help Oversee the Criminal Coordinator:

Sheriff Becker volunteered the Sheriff's Department to help with the new Criminal Justice Coordinator position. He stated the Department could help oversee the position for six months and see that expectations are being met and the Position is receiving the help it needs.

d. COPS Grant Opportunity:

Sheriff Becker stated there is an opportunity to apply for a COPS Grant. He said this grant pays out up to \$125,000 over a three-year period. He stated there are two opportunities he would like to look at if approved to apply for the grant; another drug investigator or a Crisis Intervention Officer.

Sheriff Becker shared some drug statistics with the Committee, which included drug arrests and overdose deaths, as well as welfare checks and suicides. He pointed out the large increase in drug arrests and overdose deaths from years 2015 to 2019. He mentioned from the years 2015 to 2016 drug arrests nearly doubled. Furthermore, Sheriff Becker pointed out from the

years 2018 to 2020 deputies responded to over 1600 welfare checks. Either position would be an asset to Wood County.

Motion by Feirer, second by Urban to allow the Sheriff's Department to apply for the COPS Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Approval of Out of State Training for Lt. Scott Saeger Dept. of Homeland Security Leadership Academy in Glynco Georgia-Free Training, no cost to the County:

Motion by Feirer, second by Winch to allow Lt. Scott Saeger to attend the Homeland Security Leadership Academy on March 3 to March 13, 2020 with no cost to the County or the Department.

f. Medical and Mental Health Provider for Jail:

Sheriff Becker discussed with the committee the need for new Medical and Mental Health Providers as the current provider abruptly ended contractual services. The County is obligated by statute to provide these services for inmates. He stated the Department has decided to go with Aspirus Behavioral Health and Southern Health Partners for services. Sheriff Becker stated both companies are willing to hire the existing medical and mental health staff.

Chief Deputy Dorshorst stated there will be a budget shortfall due to the new medical and mental health contracts. He asked the committee to consider rolling over approximately \$80,000 of excess money from the 2019 budget to the 2020 budget to cover the unexpected costs of the new contracts.

Motion by Feirer, second by Winch to prepare a resolution for March's meeting to bring the excess money from the 2019 budget to the 2020 budget.

g. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

h. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

i. K-9 Project:

The Committee reviewed the K9 report. Sheriff Becker stated Whitetails Unlimited was giving the Department a \$10,000 donation towards the K-9 program. Eye Clinic of Wisconsin donated \$750. Sheriff Becker said the Department is looking to add another K9 this fall. He further stated that adding another K9 would be a good way to help address the current drug issues in Wood County. He praised LT Hoogesteger's fund raising efforts.

j. January 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the January 2019 claims.

k. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated 10 names will be going to the Civil Service Commission.

l. STH 54 Town of Grand Rapids Speed Limit Reduction Resolution

Motion by Feirer, second by Urban to recommend DOT lower the speed limit on STH 54 in the area of the intersection 80th Street, Town of Grand Rapids, Wood County. Motion carried unanimously.

m. Snowmobile/ATV Patrol:

The Committee reviewed the Snowmobile/ATV Patrol report. Sheriff Becker stated the snowmobile trails are not open at this time, but should be open soon.

n. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

o. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security report.

p. Jail Items:

- i. Inmate Daily Population-Reviewed
- ii. EMP-Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers-Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report-Reviewed-Captain Ashbeck and Sheriff Becker shared with the Committee that a new food service contract has been signed with Trinity Foods. They started service on February 1, 2020.
- v. Maintenance – Sheriff Becker stated the plumbing is the biggest issue in the jail at this time.
- vi. Inmate Programs-Sheriff Becker stated Smart Recovery will be graduating six inmates from the program. He stated Three Bridges will continue to monitor the inmates once they are released from the facility.
- vii. New Jail Study-Sheriff Becker stated they toured Green Lake County Jail on January 10, 2020. He said Supervisors Winch, Leichtnam and Polach also attended. He said they toured Eau Claire County Jail on January 17, 2020 and Supervisors Winch, Leichtnam, Clendenning, Polach and Fischer attended along with Ashley Normington from the Health Department. He said they toured Waupaca County Jail on January 30, 2020 and Supervisors Winch and Polach attended this tour along with Amelia Harju who is doing a fellowship with the Health Department. He stated all of the facilities are pod style. He stated a big difference between the facilities is the programming accommodations at the facilities.

Sheriff Becker stated they had a conference call with Venture Architects on February 5, 2020. He stated the planning step/space needs will be done in May with the cost step being completed in June. He stated there will be four options. He said Supervisors Winch and Polach as well as Reuben VanTassel participated in the conference call.

12. January 2019 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Feirer to approve the January 2019 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Nothing at this time.

14. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. by Vice Chair Dennis Polach

Minutes taken by the Wood County Sheriff's Department