

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: January 13, 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, Sarah Christensen, Peter Kastenzholz, Erik Engel, Nanci Olsen, Ted Ashbeck, Charles Evans

LOCATION: Wood County Annex Marshfield

1. Call to Order:

Dennis Polach called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Review minutes of December 09, 2019:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the December 09, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

February 10, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse

5. Communications Department:

a. Communications December 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications December 2019 claims. Erik answered questions about microwave project upgrade. He stated that the company shipped the product before the end of the year, so that it can be billed to 2019. Talked about the charges from BELCO for the squad installs. He states that is the best price that he can find.

b. Communications Report:

Erik answered questions on help to the Rescue staff. Erik talked about the Solar Farm and potential interference with communications. Erik collaborated with Corporation Counsel and suggested that wording be added to the contract that if there is interference they will pay to fix it.

6. Emergency Management Department

a. Emergency Management December 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management December 2019 claims. Steve explained the Computer/Hazmat grant monies to the Fire Departments.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Steve discussed Biron project and our involvement in addressing.

7. Dispatch Department:

a. December 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch December 2019 Claims. Lori talked about the charges to Police Legal Training and that it is for her dispatchers to get 12 of their necessary 24 hours of yearly training.

b. Dispatch Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report.

Lori talked about the letter received from Moducom stating that they were bought out and the new services that the new owner can provide.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. December 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner December 2019 claims.

c. Discuss Peter Kastenholtz's Letter

Attorney Kastenholtz stated he has been in contact with former Coroner Hamm, both verbally and in writing. Former Coroner Hamm said she could afford \$200.00 per month toward the \$3850.00 owed to Wood County. Attorney Kastenholtz said he would be sending a letter to former Coroner Hamm and have documentation for her to sign. Attorney Kastenholtz said if former Coroner Hamm defaults on her payments civil action would be taken against her.

9. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Human Officer Report.

10. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker shared with the Committee that Deputy Matthews returned to light duty on January 6, 2020 from his injury sustained in the Jail. He also said Sgt. Leigh returned to full duty mid-December.

Sheriff Becker stated the pink patch fundraiser for Breast Cancer raised \$1000 with \$500 going to Marshfield Hospital and Aspirus Riverview Hospital.

Sheriff Becker stated Captain Ellis is halfway through his Leadership training through the Department of Justice.

Sheriff Becker stated Lt. Zurfluh did an outstanding job during an ongoing death investigation on January 12, 2020.

Sheriff Becker stated he is working with the Department of Transportation on an effort to reduce the speed limit for a portion of State Highway 54. He stated the Department and Grand Rapids Police Department are providing extra patrol in that area.

Sheriff Becker let the Committee know the Polar Plunge is coming up on February 1, 2020, at The Ridges.

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 K9 report. Sheriff Becker told the Committee that K9 Toro would be retiring at a future date. Sheriff Becker also discussed the K9 Rex Memorial t-shirts the Department is selling to raise money for the K9 fund.

e. December 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the December 2019 claims.

f. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated that 25 applicants would be testing this coming Saturday, January 18, 2020, at Mid-State Technical College. He stated two deputies will be hired. They will start sometime mid-March.

g. Promotions:

Sheriff Becker stated Inv. Sgt. Andrew Simon may be going to DCI. He stated if this happens the Department will be using the current Inv. Sgt. list from the last process.

h. Snowmobile/ATV Patrol:

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

i. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

j. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security report. Sheriff Becker told the Committee that Lt. Bryan Peterson is doing an outstanding job as the Courthouse Security Lieutenant.

k. Jail Items:

- i. Inmate Daily Population-Reviewed
- ii. EMP-Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers-Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report-Reviewed-Captain Ashbeck and Sheriff Becker stated a new food service contract has been signed with Trinity Foods.
- v. Maintenance – Nothing at this time
- vi. Inmate Programs-Mid-State Technical College will be once again offering the GED Program to inmates.
- vii. New Jail Study-Sheriff Becker stated they toured Green Lake County on January 10, 2020. He stated this is a pod style facility built in 2009. Sheriff Becker stated they would be touring Eau Clair County Jail on January 17, 2020. Sheriff Becker thanked Chairman Winch and Vice Chairman Polach for their attendance at the jail tours.

11. December 2019 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:

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

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Nothing at this time.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Feirer, second by Zurfluh to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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