

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: February 13, 2017

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Bill Clendenning, Thomas Reichert, Lori Heideman, Peter Kastenholz, Dara Hamm, Nanci Kinney

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse Room 114

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Review minutes of January 9, 2017:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting after changing Shawn Becker's title from LT to Captain. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. **Communications January 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications January 2017 claims.

b. **Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications report. Steve talked about the new batteries that were installed at the Bluff tower site. There is a service monitor that is not working at this time, and this will need to be replaced within the next year. The cost would be around \$20,000. We are currently working with a vendor that would like additional space on the Nekoosa tower. That tower is currently full, so we are working with a consulting firm on doing a load study to see if the tower can be upgraded to accommodate the vendor. The cost of the consultant/load study will be paid for by the vendor.

c. **Emergency Management January 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management January 2017 claims.

d. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report. Steve discussed the dog food manufacturing plant. We have been receiving a lot of calls on the odor that it is producing. He has a meeting set up with Joe Terry and the Health Department the week of February 20th.

Answered questions regarding battery purchases for the Bluff tower.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch January 2017 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch January 2017 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

Dispatch Manager Lori Heideman stated one of her new dispatchers has decided that this job wasn't for him and resigned his position. She is working with Human Resources to hire another dispatcher.

Lori explained that the tentative ship date of the new phone system is next week.

Questions were asked regarding the towing policy. Peter Kastenholz gave his opinion on the reason for having the longer towing policy. This agenda item will be moved to next month to allow for further review of the policy.

Lori stated that in 12 days the 911 system went down twice. In both instances it was Solarus equipment failures, not due to any failures of ours. Lori discussed the meeting that she had with Solarus. Solarus is now not doing the testing on moving the 911 backup to Portage County. They are not planning on doing this. The Committee asked what the alternatives to Solarus are. There has been discussion on possibly purchasing a couple of cell phones for dispatch in the event that the phones go down again. Lori will obtain some quotes from other telephone providers for the March meeting.

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

March 13, 2017

1:00 p.m.

Wood County Annex and Health Center

Marshfield WI

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Nanci discussed the horse case with the Committee. Discussed adding a general area where the complaints are from. Example: 4800 block of Smith Ave.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to add a general address location to the Humane Officer reports. Motion carried unanimously.

b. January 2017 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer January 2017 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Dara stated that she has made a couple of small changes to her report. She added calls and investigations into one line. She also talked about separating overdose calls.

b. January 2017 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner January 2017 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: None.

b. Courthouse Security: Nothing new

c. January 2017 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department January 2017 claims. Sheriff Reichert answered the Committee's questions on the claims regarding tire mounts and the TIME System. Sheriff also discussed drones and how many people in the department are qualified to operate them.

d. Updates:

Crimestoppers: Sheriff Reichert talked about the \$1500 donation to crime stoppers.

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None.

K9: Sheriff Reichert talked about the \$1500 donation to the K9 program.

e. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

10. January 2017 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch, to approve the January 2017 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

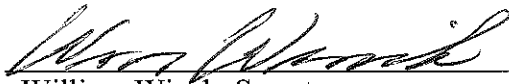
11. Agenda Items:

Wood County Tow Policy
911 Phone System

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh, to adjourn at 2:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management.



William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee