

## Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

**DATE:** November 13, 2017

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

**EXCUSED:**

**OTHERS** Bill Clendenning, Lori Heideman, Kelli Trzinski, Nanci Kinney, Steve Kreuser,

**PRESENT:** Sarah Christensen, Thomas Reichert

**LOCATION:** Wood County Annex and Health Center - Marshfield

### 1. **Call to Order:**

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

### 2. **Review minutes of October 9, 2017:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017 meetings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. **Public Comments:**

No public comments

### 4. **Emergency Management Department:**

#### **a. Communications October 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications October 2017 claims.

#### **b. Communications Report:**

Steve discussed microwave link from the Annex in Marshfield to the Courthouse. He discussed working with the City of Marshfield on a solution to the problems they are having with the coverage of their portable radios.

#### **c. Emergency Management October 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management October 2017 claims.

#### **d. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report.

**5. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch October 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch October 2017 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch Report as presented.

**c. Staff Update:**

Lori talked about the 2 new hires and that they are working out well. Discussed the 911 calls that “didn’t” come in. One was due to a non-working telephone on the callers end. Lori answered questions as to why the phones seem to be down, and then working quite a bit recently. She explained that it is because of the update to the data center and bugs that are getting worked out. Answered questions on her report regarding new alerting systems. Lori stated that they will be losing a dispatcher due to her husband accepting a position outside of the area. They are looking to hire that position in January.

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

**December 11, 2017**

**12:00 pm**

**Wood County Courthouse Room 114**

**7. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

**b. October 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer October 2017 claims.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

Coroner absent from meeting.

**b. October 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner October 2017 claims.

**9. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondence:**

Sheriff Reichert stated Bill Winch stopped by the Sheriff's Department and discussed the actions he is taking on the Amish buggy situation. Bill stated he has gone to Peter Kastenholz regarding passing a resolution and/or ordinance regarding Amish buggies. Bill would like to see bigger windows, driver's education for the Amish, license plates on buggies, age restrictions, and for the Amish to follow the rules of the road set in place by the State of Wisconsin.

Sheriff Reichert spoke to the committee about the upcoming trial regarding the lawsuit brought on by former employee Janis Waite.

Sheriff Reichert spoke to the committee about the grievance being filed by the Deputies' Association.

**b. October 2017 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department October 2017 claims.

**c. Bond Electronic Monitoring:**

Sheriff Reichert stated there has been a tremendous increase in electronic monitoring due to jail overcrowding/extremely high number of inmates. There are currently over 40 inmates on electronic monitoring and this is saving money for the county; however the jail is still crowded.

Sheriff Reichert spoke to the committee about all of the Huber inmates now being on electronic monitoring with the exception of a few who do not qualify for various reasons. The cells that were used for Huber inmates are now currently being used to house regular inmates.

Sheriff Reichert spoke to the committee about him and jail administration working with Probation and Parole on getting inmates in and out of the facility faster when available.

Sheriff Reichert spoke to the committee about him and jail administration looking into other options for housing inmates.

Sheriff Reichert and the committee discussed the long term solution to the jail overcrowding.

**d. Updates:**

**Crimestoppers:** None.

**Safe Ride Initiative:** None.

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** None.

**K9:** See Report-Sheiff Reichert stated the ACACIA fundraising has been going good.

**Courthouse Security:** Sheriff Reichert spoke to the committee about deputies starting courtroom security duty. This duty will be on days deputies have court. The deputy will stay a determined amount of hours and monitor the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**e. Jail Items:**

All jail reports were reviewed..

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

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to approve the October 2017 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

**11. Agenda Items:**

**12. Adjourn:**

**Committee went into closed session at 2:10 p.m.**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to adjourn at 2:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes taken by Wood County Sheriff's Department.

*Electronically Signed by William Winch*

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Bill Winch, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee