

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: July 15, 2019

PRESENT: Dennis Polach, Joe Zurfluh, Mike Feirer, Jason Zaleski, Bill Winch

EXCUSED:

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PRESENT:

OTHERS Sarah Christensen, Steve Kreuser, Scott Brehm, Ted Ashbeck, Randy Dorshorst,

PRESENT: Erik Engel, Reuben Van Tassel, Nanci Olson, Shawn Becker, Bill Clendenning,
Lori Heideman, Jodi Lubeck, Adam Fischer

LOCATION: Wood County Annex and Health Center

1. Call to Order:

Dennis Polach called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Review minutes of June 17, 2019:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

August 12, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse

5. Communications Department:

a. **Communications June 2019 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications June 2019 claims.

b. **Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

Erik discussed the 911 outage. He stated that they had great support from Solarus and that the issue ended up being our equipment.

6. Emergency Management Department

a. Emergency Management June 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management June 2019 claims.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Steve talked about the water issues that residents in the Town of Saratoga are currently dealing with and what steps have been taken. Discussed that we have added this to the Hazard Mitigation Plan that is currently being updated in the event that money becomes available to do a study in Saratoga.

7. Dispatch Department:

a. June 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch June 2019 Claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report.

c. Phones:

Lori talked about the 911 outage. She stated that Peter K had written a letter to Solarus requesting reimbursement for fees paid when an issue was there fault. She stated that they have requested a meeting to discuss these issues. Lori also talked about how they will now be purchasing to additional boards so that they have more backups if this problem should ever occur in the future.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. June 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner June 2019 claims.

9. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

10. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker discussed the shooting in Arpin. Sheriff Becker told the committee the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) has completed their investigation of the shooting.

Sheriff Becker let the committee know Deputy Leigh is recovering and is back to work on light duty.

Sheriff Becker discussed the meeting he and Captain Ashbeck had with Three Bridges Recovery. Three Bridges Recovery will be working in the jail helping inmates overcome addictions.

Sheriff Becker discussed the fundraiser at Golden Sands on July 12, 2019. Sheriff Becker thanked the volunteers from the Department.

Sheriff Becker let the committee know the department is selling pins and patches to raise money for Deputy Dean's wife who has breast cancer.

Sheriff Becker discussed an upcoming meeting with Human Resources regarding contract negotiations with the Deputy Sheriff's Association.

b. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report. The Committee discussed the length of the report and would like to only see calls for service and training.

c. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report and Sheriff Becker stated there may be a change in who is overseeing the Program.

d. K-9 Project:

Sheriff Becker stated the cost for a new K9 for next year will be at least \$13,500.

e. June 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department June 2019 claims.

f. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated Deputy Andrew Merkes started training and another deputy will be starting in August 2019

g. Promotions:

Sheriff Becker thanked the committee members who sat on the panel for the Security Lieutenant position. Bryan Peterson was promoted to this position.

Sheriff Becker stated a new promotion will be starting for a new Patrol Lieutenant and a new Investigator Sergeant due to Sara McCormick moving to the new Security Services position. He stated they are still working on the Patrol Sergeant process.

h. Boat Patrol:

The Committee reviewed the Boat Patrol and ATV Patrol report.

Sheriff Becker stated the UTV is back from Country Sports and the Department is working with Rescue to purchase a trailer for the UTV.

i. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime report.

j. Courthouse Security

Sheriff Becker said Lieutenant Peterson will be starting his new position in August. He also stated courthouse security will be going live sometime in early October 2019.

k. Jail Items

- i. Inmate Daily Population-see report
- ii. EMP-see report
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers-see report
- iv. Kitchen Report-see report. Captain Ashbeck let the Committee know CBM Foods was bought out by Summit Foods.
- v. Maintenance-Reuben and Ted discussed jail concerns. Ted and Reuben talked about plumbing issues. Reuben stated the lines in the jail are not as bad as they thought. Reuben stated they will still need to repair some lines. Reuben stated they are working on making a basin in the laundry room to help with the flow of water. Reuben discussed the condenser and the new chiller in the jail. They discussed the loose tiles due to flooding and the need/cost to remove them. Ted explained the broken tiles could be used as weapons.
- vi. Safekeeper-see report
- vii. New Jail Study – Sheriff Becker talked about the proposal for a new jail study. Sheriff Becker said he would like to take money out of the scheduled maintenance office remodel project and use it to pay for the study.

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

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

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

None

13. Adjourn

Motion by Feirer, second by Zaleski to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management Department.

Electronically Signed by Jason Zaleski

Jason Zaleski, Secretary
Public Safety Committee