

**Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee**

**DATE:** January 9, 2017

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

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Steve Kreuser, Bill Clendenning, Thomas Reichert, Laura Clark

**LOCATION:** Wood County Annex & Health Center – Marshfield - Classroom

**1. Call to Order:**

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

**2. Review minutes of December 12, 2016:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**4. Emergency Management Department:**

**a. Communications December 2016 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications December 2016 claims.

**b. Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

**c. Emergency Management December 2016 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management December 2016 claims.

**d. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

**e. Resolution**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Department Resolution to amend the 2016 Budget for additional expenditures that were not anticipated during original budget process. These additional expenditures will be recouped by grant money.

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch December 2016 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch December 2016 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report:**

Dispatch Manager Lori Heideman stated the last person hired is still in training; however once they are off training her department will be fully staffed. She is anticipated two retirements over the next year and has been working with Human Resources to work on getting an eligibility list going.

Lori explained an issue that happened at the end of the year with Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department working on contracts with Village of Port Edwards and the Town of Saratoga. She had heard rumors so she generated an email to the fire department. She was told by WR Fire Department that the switch needed to be done on December 31<sup>st</sup>, however with that day being a holiday, it wasn't going to happen. She did talk with Peter Kastenholz about the issue and was told that the fire department could not dictate to her when the switch was going to be made. The switch ultimately took place on January 3, 2017 and everything went smoothly.

Lori explained she talked with Solarus this morning reference the 911 switchover with Portage County. January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> are the dates of the testing. She explained there are only two trunk lines going to Portage County and Solarus is not sure that is enough. If we want more trunk lines Wood County would have to pay for them.

Lori stated to the committee she has been spending a large amount of her time doing open records. In December alone she has done approximately 15. She explained these are very time consuming and hoping to one day have her Leads take on this responsibility.

Towing companies charging excessive fees was discussed. Lori was asked to send to all Committee members the Wood County Towing policy. This will be an agenda item for the February meeting.

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

**February 13, 2017**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Wood County Courthouse – Room 114**

**7. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

**b. December 2016 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer December 2016 claims.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

**b. Amend 2016 Budget – Resolution:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner Resolution to amend the 2016 Budget for the purposes of fully funding unanticipated expenditures for 2016, due to the large volume of autopsies and unclaimed bodies.

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**c. December 2016 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner December 2016 claims.

**9. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondence: None.**

**b. Courthouse Security:**

Sheriff Reichert stated he has heard good feedback in regarding the Active Shooter Training exercise. He stated the training was very time intensive for the Department.

**c. December 2016 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department December 2016 claims.

**d. Updates:**

**Crimestoppers: None.**

**Safe Ride Initiative:** Lt. Shawn Becker of the Wood County Sheriff's Department and Dave Hahn from the Tavern League gave 17 safe rides home on New Year's Eve.

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** None.

**K9:** Fundraising is ongoing for the magic shows in March.

**e. Jail Items:**

All jail reports were reviewed. Discussion was held regarding the EMP numbers for 2016. Sheriff Reichert stated he will be watching this closely over 2017 and make adjustments as needed.

**10. December 2016 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch, to approve the December 2016 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

**11. Agenda Items:**

Wood County Tow Policy

**12. Adjourn:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach, to adjourn at 2:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes taken by Wood County Sheriff's Department.

*Electronically signed by William Winch 1-10-17.*

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William Winch, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee