

## Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

**DATE:** December 10, 2018

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

**EXCUSED:**

**NOT**

**PRESENT:**

**OTHERS** Lori Heideman, Kelli Trzinski, Steve Kreuser, Dara Hamm, Scott Brehm, Shawn

**PRESENT:** Becker, Doug Machon, Lonnie Zellner, Michele Dorshorst, Ann Berger, Scott Reetz, Mandy Adamski, Ben Nikolai, Marla Cummings, Lacey Bell, Heather Vancil, Joan Garcia, Catherine Pidgeon, James Webb, Michael Habeck, Jane Habeck, Tim Bassett, David Westfall, Mike Wiberg, Brenda Almquist, Amy Kaup, Pamela Ironside

**LOCATION:** Wood County Courthouse

### 1. Call to Order:

Bill Winch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### 2. Review minutes of November 12, 2018:

**Motion by Feirer, second by Zaleski to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. Public Comments:

Mike Wiberg Director of Rescue spoke to the Committee about the Rescue truck. Mike stated the truck has 4600 hours and 83,000 miles on the truck. Mike stated he had North Central Emergency Vehicles appraised the value of the truck and with all the equipment and the truck the retail value is \$60,000; without the equipment the truck's retail value is \$50,000. Mike stated the retail value is \$77,950 for all the equipment at the rescue garage and the truck with equipment.

Tim Bassett stated he was on Rescue for 13 years. He stated most Rescue members do not feel this is a job. He stated this is something they love to do and to give back to the community. Tim stated people use this as a stepping stone to become paramedics, nurses, police officers, fire fighters, etc.

Pam Ironside stated there would be no Project Lifesaver without Rescue. She stated she was one of the founding members that brought Project Lifesaver to the community. She stated we need to support these core people in our community who are really the leaders in our community in her opinion. Pam stated our community would not be as strong as it is if it was not for members of our Rescue squad stepping up and saying these programs are important. She stated the community strongly supports the Rescue Squad.

Scott Reetz stated he started on Rescue in the 80's. He stated rescue does more than just extrications such as: fires, natural disasters, lost hunters, body recoveries, water rescues, evidence recovery, crime scene security, and mutual aid. Scott said he feels safe in Wood County because he knows Rescue is available.

Ben Nikolai stated he attended the Executive Committee meeting last week. Ben spoke about a paradigm shift that might happen. He stated he is aware that \$48,000 perhaps might be spent on ATV trails in the county and create routes on county roadways. Ben stated if you allow ATVs on a roadway that inherently brings up the possibility for collisions. Ben stated if you get rid of Rescue that is dedicated to respond to these incidents, you now lower the safety potential of the county.

Michael Habeck stated he was on rescue for 12 years starting in 1992. He stated Rescue is RAPID intervention. He said because the truck is at home it is RAPID. Michael stated the truck is moving and personnel are at scene a lot faster. Michael talked about an incident involving a person verses a train.

Chairman Winch read a letter from the Wood County Fire Chiefs Association.

**4. ATV Update:**

Chairman Winch showed the committee a projected ATV trail map.

**5. Discussion of Amazon Business Account and County Credit Cards:**

Marla Cummings from the Finance Department stated the County currently has six business accounts and 26 nonbusiness accounts with Amazon. Marla stated they will be consolidating the accounts into one account and the Finance Department will administer it.

Marla stated US bank will be coming to the Executive Committee meeting in February for a presentation on County credit cards. Marla stated in January they will be doing a Webex for all the department heads.

**6. Emergency Management Department:**

**a. Communications November 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications November 2018 claims.

**b. Communications Report:**

Steve talked about the engineer design and the carryover of money from the 2018 budget to the 2019 budget.

**Motion by Feirer, second by Zurfluh to carryover \$225,000 from 2018 Capital Projects to the 2019 budget. Motion carried unanimously.**

**c. Communications Coordinators Job Description:**

Steve discussed the job description for the Communications Coordinator and asked that this position report to the committee. This position will articulate time off with Emergency Management.

**Motion by Feirer, second by Zaleski to authorized the Communications Coordinator to report to the Public Safety Committee as a standalone department.**

**d. Emergency Management November 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management November 2018 claims.

**e. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The committee reviewed the Emergency Management report.

**7. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch November 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch November 2018 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report.

**c. Staff Update**

Lori reported they have hired two new dispatchers. She said they should be fully staffed by mid to late March early April

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

**January 14, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Wood County Health and Annex**

**9. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

**b. November 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer November 2018 claims.

**c. Humane Officer Resolution Pertaining to Monthly Meetings**

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Zaleski to table a motion to require the Humane Officer to attend all regular Public Safety meetings. The Humane Officer should be paid mileage for all meetings. Motion carried unanimously.**

This item will be brought back for the January's meeting with Peter Kastenholtz's input and opinion.

**10. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

Joe Zurfluh told the committee that Dara has done an excellent job as Coroner and she should be commended for this.

**b. November 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner November 2018 claims.

**11. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondence:**

None

**b. November 2018 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department November 2018 claims.

**c. Updates:**

**Crimestoppers:** See Report.

**Safe Ride Initiative:** None.

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** None.

**K9:** None.

**Courthouse Security:** None.

**d. Jail Items:**

See Reports

**12. November 2018 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:**

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Feirer to approve the November 2018 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

**13. Agenda items for next meeting**

None

**14. Adjourn**

**Motion by Feirer, second by Zaleski to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes taken by Wood County Sheriff's Department.

***Signed Electronically by Jason Zaleski***

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Jason Zaleski, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee