

## Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

**DATE:** June 14, 2021

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

**EXCUSED:**

**NOT**

**PRESENT:**

**OTHERS** Sarah Christensen, Bill Clendenning, Lori Heideman, Erik Engel, Lance Pliml,

**PRESENT:** Kim McGrath, Quentin Ellis, Shawn Becker, Charles Hoogesteger, Ted Ashbeck,  
Dave Patton, Nanci Olson, Reuben VanTassel, Ed Newton, Kelli Trzinski

**LOCATION:** Wood County Courthouse

### 1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### 2. Review minutes of April 12, 2021:

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

**July 12, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Wood County Courthouse Room 114**

### 5. Communications Department:

#### a. **Communications May 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications May 2021 claims. Answered questions on Claims. Answered questions about Belco charges.

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

The Committee reviewed the report.

### 6. Emergency Management Department

#### a. **Emergency Management May 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management May 2021 claims.

**b. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Talked about the signs for the Town of Seneca being put up at this time. It is going well, but is not a quick project as they changed the style of the signs so all of the posts need to be removed, replaced and the hardware replaced.

**c. Hiring of resigned position:**

Sarah Christensen requested permission to hire the vacant shop coordinator position and the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Position.

**Motion by Hamilton to hire these positions. Second by Polach. Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Dispatch Department:**

**a. May 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch May 2021 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Lori explained that they did the testing and interviews and that they are preparing to make offers to two individuals.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

**b. May 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner May 2021 claims.

**9. Humane Officer**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer Report.

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to accept option two of the options presented to the committee to go into effect when a new humane officer is hired. Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondences:**

Sheriff Becker stated there are letters of support for the new jail in the packet from all the area Police Chiefs and Probation and Parole.

Sheriff Becker stated there were three promotions, Nate Dean from Patrol Sgt. to Patrol Lt., Brandon Christianson to Patrol Sgt., and Eric Rosandich to Inv. Sgt.

**b. BOTS Resolution**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Feirer to provide for unanticipated revenue from the Bureau of Traffic Safety, housed with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of State Patrol, to finance additional patrol for speed, seat belt, and reckless driving enforcement through August 2021. Resolution passed unanimously.**

**c. New WCJ & SO Resolution**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to authorize the building of a new Wood County Jail and Sheriff's Department. Feirer-Yes, Polach-Yes, Hamilton-Yes, Zurfluh-Yes, and Winch-No, Resolution passed 4-1.**

**d. Wood County Rescue:**

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

**e. Crime Stoppers:**

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

**f. K-9 Project:**

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

**g. May 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department May 2021 claims.

**h. Hiring Process:**

Sheriff Becker stated Deputy Lucas Whitworth started with the Sheriff's Department today, June 14, 2021, and came from Oregon Police Department.

**i. Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol:**

The Committee reviewed the Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol report.

**j. Overtime:**

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

**k. Courthouse Security:**

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security monthly report.

**l. Jail Items**

- i. Inmate Daily Population: Reviewed.
- ii. EMP: Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers: Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report: Reviewed
- v. Body Scanner: Reviewed
- vi. Jail programming report: Reviewed
- vii. Maintenance: Nothing to Report
- viii. Inmate Programs: Nothing to Report
- ix. Jail Study: Sheriff Becker thanked the committee and the AD-Hoc committee for taking up the jail study.

**11. May 2021 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the May 2021 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

**12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

None

**13. Adjourn**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Feirer to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes taken by the Wood County Sheriff's Department and Wood County Emergency Management