

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: January 10, 2022

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

EXCUSED:

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PRESENT:

OTHERS Bill Clendenning, David Patton, Sarah Christensen, Erik Engel, Lori Heideman,

PRESENT: Quentin Ellis, Shawn Becker, Ken Curry, Kelli Trzinski, Lance Pliml, Nanci Olsen, Alexa Acker, Allen Breu, Rueben Van Tassel, Adam Fischer

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of December 8, 2021:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments.

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

January 14, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse Room 114

5. Communications Department:

a. Communications December 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications December 2021 claims.

b. Communications Report:

The Committee reviewed the report.

6. Emergency Management Department:

a. Emergency Management December 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management December 2021 claims. Stated the remaining amount of the trailer grant money has been used.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Talked about the shelter that was opened in Saratoga from the storms.

7. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch December 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch December 2021 claims. Clarification was given on the Police Legal Sciences Inc. purchase, Lori stated it was for online courses for those to get half of their mandatory 24 hours of training for EMD use. Clarification was also given on the Priority Dispatch purchase; Lori said it was the maintenance contract for their EMD program.

b. Dispatch Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Stated the hiring list is started again. Shared a woman was very appreciative of the work dispatchers did in assisting her with CPR on her husband. Talked about how the switch over for Nekoosa Ambulance went very well. Question was asked about pulling a tape for a citizen to review. Lori stated the dispatcher was not being rude but could have asked questions differently.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner reports.

b. December 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner December 2021 claims.

9. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer Report.

10. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker discussed the news release of the investigation that yielded a large quantity of drugs, cash, and jewelry. He also discussed the investigation into an overdose death that yielded an arrest.

b. Out of State Training:

Sheriff Becker discussed free out of state training Homeland Security is providing. Lt. Bryan Peterson will be attending in Georgia from March 28, 2022 to April 7, 2022. The training comes at no cost to the County.

c. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

d. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

e. K-9 Project:

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

f. December 2021 Claims:

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

g. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated the Civil Service Commission has two new members, Robert Levendoske and Gus Mancuso. He stated would be meeting and starting a new eligibility list.

h. Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol:

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

i. Join Special Response Team with WRPD and MDPD:

Sheriff Becker stated Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, Marshfield Police Department, and the Wood County Sheriff's Department are looking at combining their Special Response Teams. Sheriff Becker stated they would be able to share costs and resources. We are hoping to combine teams by March 2022.

j. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

k. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security 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. Maintenance: Nothing to Report
- vii. Inmate Programs: Nothing to Report
- viii. Jail Study: Nothing to Report

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

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the December 2021 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

None

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.

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