

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: May 10, 2021

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

EXCUSED:

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PRESENT:

OTHERS Steve Kreuser, Sarah Christensen, Bill Clendenning, Scott Brehm, Lori

PRESENT: Heideman, Erik Engel, Lance Pliml, Kim McGrath, Lance Pliml, Quentin Ellis, Shawn Becker, Charles Hoogesteger, Ted Ashbeck, Dave Patton, Nanci Olson, Reuben VanTassel, Peter Kastenholz

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:

Joe discussed the EM vacation item. Talked about how it went to the Operations Committee, and questions why it was sent there when it was passed unanimously. Lance talked about how it went to the operations committee because it was in conflict with county policy and that is why it went there. Joe thinks that the county policy should possibly be changed to be left up to the individual committee to make decisions within the departments that they oversee.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried with a majority. Winch, Polach, Hamilton, Feirer aye, Zurfluh opposes for reasons stated.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

June 14, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse Room 114

5. Communications Department:

a. **Communications April 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications April 2021 claims. Answered questions on Claims. Erik answered questions on Nekoosa's share of the tower rent.

b. Communications Report:

The Committee reviewed the report. Erik talked about working with the fire department, Sheriff's Department and their SRT team. Answered questions on the controller's for the Port Edwards siren. Talked about the microwave license prior coordination information. Erik explains that he reviews notices so that there is no interference with the microwave frequencies that the County uses.

6. Emergency Management Department

a. Emergency Management April 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management April 2021 claims.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. PPE requests are ongoing, but have declined from the onset of the pandemic. Talked about how the tent is no longer going to be set up in Grand Rapids as they are no longer doing mass vaccination clinics. Will be putting up 400 signs for the Town of Seneca that just came in.

c. Hiring of resigned position:

Steve requests that we have a position that needs to be hired. Mark Stickney will be moving on, and his last day is on Friday May 14th. Steve asks that he stay on as a casual position to assist with training the new position when they are on board.

Motion by Hamilton to hire this position. Second by Polach. Motion carried unanimously.

Kim discusses the Vacancy for the Director position. Kim would like to know who they would like to review and interview for the position. Candidates will be selected by the Committee and HR at 1 PM on May 18 after County Board.

7. Dispatch Department:

a. April 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch April 2021 claims. Answered questions on the claims. Talked about how the staff needs to have 24 hours of training per year and the cost of those.

b. Dispatch Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. They are doing testing on the 20th of May for the open dispatch position with interviews the following week.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Talked about how the numbers are going back to normal, and decreasing. Discussed his resignation. He will be on as a volunteer basis if anybody needs anything from him or has any questions. Talked about the accomplishments that he has made during his tenure. Talked about leaving the fax line and computer at his home for Dave to use until the Governor appoints a replacement.

b. April 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner April 2021 claims.

9. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer Report. Nanci answered questions on the report.

b. Humane Officer Per Diems:

Discussed the per diems. Presented the committee a report. They committee will review and ask any questions.

10. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker thanked Coroner Brehm for his service and the working relationship he had with the Sheriff's Department.

b. Project Lifesaver:

Request was made to allow Sara McCormick to attend the Project Lifesaver conference out of state as the County won't incur cost.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to allow Deputy McCormick to attend with no cost to the County. Motion carried unanimously.

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. April 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department April 2021 claims. Chief Deputy Ellis answered questions on the claims.

g. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated that conditional offers have been made for open positions.

h.. Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol:

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

i. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

j. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security monthly report.

k. 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: Reviewed
- ix. Jail Study: Ad Hoc committee meets this Thursday the 13th.

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

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

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management