

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: August 10, 2015

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

EXCUSED: Bill Winch

OTHERS Thomas Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Steve Kreuser, Dara Hamm,

PRESENT: Nanci Kinney, Lance Pliml, Laura Clark, Bill Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,

LOCATION: Saratoga Town Hall – 1120 State Hwy 73 S, Wis Rapids, WI

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Review minutes of June 8, 2015:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications July 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications July 2015 claims.

b. Communications Report:

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects:

Steve explained that at both new tower sites the blacktop and the fences are all done. They are waiting on some microwave equipment before work can be done with placing the equipment on the towers. All of the work should be done by the end of September. Steve stated there was a lightning strike to the Sherry Tower; however it only took out some fuses. It was explained the City of Nekoosa took down a big oak that was infringing on the towers guide wires. He explained there are issues with trees at the Bluff tower; some limbs need to be removed.

Discussion was held on the issue of storm warning sirens. The county policy is when there is a severe weather warning issued, all sirens go off, except for the municipalities of Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield. Dispatch contacts the lead patrol officer at the respective agencies and it is up to the lead patrol officer to give the okay to sound the sirens.

Lori Heideman explained they do a siren check/page every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., however if they are in the middle of an important call, they do not do the check/page, as it is confusing for persons on scene when the test page goes off.

d. Emergency Management July 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management July 2015 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

f. 2016 Budget:

The 2016 Budget was reviewed, discussed, and approved.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the Emergency Management Department 2016 budget as presented and forward on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch July 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch July 2015 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

Lori explained 19 people took the Dispatch test. 30 people had signed up to take the test. She hopes to interview next week and have two people hired by September 1st.

Last week Tuesday Amy Kaup from Systems and Lori Heideman met with the Executive Committee to talk about possibly moving Dispatch and Systems to the second floor. Remodeling would need to be done. Supervisor Zurfluh stated a move needs to be done as there is standing water at times and there are no windows. Lori explained everything would be in one room and Systems and Dispatch can “share” equipment. The room would also be climate controlled. Lori stated the moving costs are not in her current budget.

Lori reported that the Department of Transportation had a VIN assist program through the State DOT system, which has now been disconnected. She is looking for new equipment.

c. Upgraded Phone System:

Lori explained she has gotten the quote down to approximately \$216,000 for the new phone system. She had gone through the quote and found many items that weren't needed! She spoke to the phone company about postponing the installation of the new system until Dispatch gets moved to the second floor, if it happens, which they stated would be the most cost effective.

d. 2016 Budget:

The 2016 Budget was reviewed, discussed, and approved.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the Dispatch Department 2016 budget as presented and forward on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

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

September 14, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Wood County Courthouse – Room 115

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Nanci Kinney answered all questions from the committee regarding her report. She also let the Committee know she will be on vacation August 24th through August 29th. She was advised to let Dispatch and Captain Ellis know of these plans.

b. July 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer July 2015 claims.

c. 2016 Budget:

The 2016 Budget was reviewed, discussed, and approved.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the Humane Officer 2016 budget as presented and forward on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. July 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner July 2015 claims.

c. 2016 Budget:

The 2016 Budget was reviewed, discussed, and approved.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the Coroner 2016 budget as presented and forward on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert talked about the train situation in Auburndale as well as the recent newspaper articles regarding the train situation statewide that were printed in the local newspapers.

Tom explained two people will be leaving the Wood County Sheriff's Department; Cindy Kluck, a Lead Corrections Officer and Deputy Jon Anderson. Deputy Anderson will be retiring as of September 15th. With Deputy Anderson's retirement it will open a position for a process server. This position falls under the Deputy Sheriff Bargaining Agreement. Testing and interviews will be done with a decision on the replacement to hopefully be announced this week, so the new person can start training.

b. Highway Traffic Safety Concerns: Nothing to report.

c. Out of State Training:

Randy explained the Electronic Monitoring Program company of Satellite Tracking of People will pay for two people to attend their training in Denver CO. There will be no cost to the county for this training.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Feirer to approve two people to attend training in Denver, CO at no cost to the county. Motion carried unanimously.

d. 2016 Budget:

The 2016 Budget was reviewed, discussed, and approved.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the Sheriff's Department 2016 budget as presented and forward on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

e. July 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department July 2015 claims.

f. Updates

Crimestoppers: Crimestoppers is having a fundraiser at the Wisconsin Rapids PAC Center on August 29th, to which Tom stated he will give introductions.

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Tom stated fundraising efforts are ongoing. He talked about Wood County Sheriff's Department K9 Rex possibly retiring in the very near future.

g. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

10. Centralized Account Managers – Resolution:

Discussion was held regarding the resolution. The resolution will be brought forth at the August County Board meeting.

11. July 2015 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Polach, second by Zurfluh, to approve the July 2015 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agenda items for next meeting:

Dispatch Tour

13. Adjourn:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Sheriff's Department.

Electronically signed by Michael Feirer on 8-11-15.

Michael Feirer, Chairman
Public Safety Committee