

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: September 14, 2015

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Lance Pliml, Steve Kreuser, Sarah Christensen, Thomas Reichert, Bill Clendenning, Laura Clark

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse Room 115

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Review minutes of August 10, 2015:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments.

4. Dispatch Tour:

Lori took the Committee on a tour of the dispatch center.

5. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications August 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications August 2015 claims.

b. Communications Report:

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects:

Steve updated the Committee members on the tower projects. He has met with vendors and they will be installing the equipment the end of September 2015. The towers should be up and running by October/November 2015. Discussed tower repairs and the ordering of some extra spare parts in the event of more repairs needed. Discussed the Aviat bills.

d. Emergency Management July 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management August 2015 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

6. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch August 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch August 2015 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

Lori updated the Committee on the hiring process. She hopes to have offers made by the end of the week. Two more dispatchers may leave for Oneida County as that is where they are from. Talked about the Fiber Optic cable cut and the need for another line to come in.

Talked about the ambulance issues and the ability to request a certain ambulance if it is the victim or an immediate family member. They are trying to ascertain liability issues. Discussed the new phone system. Lori is now a member of the 911 subcommittee. Joe Zurfluh commended Lori on her poise when answering questions regarding overtime.

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

October 5, 2015

1:00 PM

Marshfield Annex and Health Center

8. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

b. August 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer August 2015 claims.

9. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. August 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner August 2015 claims.

10. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert shared with the Committee that during the Opportunity Development Center (ODC) Fundraiser Locals on Stage, which was held, Saturday, September 12, 2015, there was a tribute to law enforcement as part of the show. It was received by a standing ovation. He stated he was very pleased with the turnout of department personnel. He also stated he has heard a lot of positive feedback from the public regarding the tribute during the show.

b. Highway Traffic Safety Concerns: Nothing to report.

c. Tribal Law Enforcement Grant - Resolution:

Wood County is eligible for the yearly tribal grant from the State regarding providing additional funds for law enforcement on tribal lands within Wood County. This would be the Ho-Chunk Nation. The dollar amount varies from year to year. This is a state grant and the County only spends the amount they receive. This account is a non-lapsing account and doesn't affect tax levy. The money is used for extra patrol and activities and education by the Ho-Chunk.

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to sign the Tribal Grant resolution and send on to County Board. Motion carried 4-1, with Winch voting no.

d. August 2015 Claims:

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

e. Updates

Crimestoppers: Crimestoppers held their fundraiser at the Wisconsin Rapids PAC Center on August 29th, to which Sheriff Reichert gave the introductions. He stated there was close to 500 in attendance, with a profit of about \$12,000.

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Sheriff Reichert stated fundraising efforts are ongoing.

f. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

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

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

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to adjourn at 2:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Emergency Management and Wood County Sheriff's Departments.

Electronically signed by William Winch 9-16-15.

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee