

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: July 13, 2015

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

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

LOCATION: Wood County Annex and Health Center

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Review minutes of June 8, 2015:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications June 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications June 2015 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report. Steve answered questions regarding the report and what incorrect parts were exchanged for the sheriff's squad installs.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

On Wednesday Wood County Hwy department will be paving both new tower sites (Town of Lincoln & City of Marshfield). The fencing will go up week of July 27th. Fiber Optics have been buried from the tower to the Lincoln town hall. We are waiting on the microwave vendor to finish building the components to meet our needs; items should be shipped to us by the end of August. Once we receive all of the items we will begin to install the communication equipment on the towers. Looking for a tower completion time in September/October. Steve discussed the lightning strikes from the July 12 storm at 3 of the tower sites, all of the tower sites were on back up generators for up to 6 hours. Talked about a radio communication meeting between City of Marshfield, vendors and Wood County.

d. Emergency Management June 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management June 2015 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

f. Work program

Steve discussed the changes that have been requested to the work program fees. They are in alignment with what other counties charge.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the increase in the Work Program Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch June 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch June 2015 claims.

b. Dispatch Report

Lori shared that the test date for dispatch is August 1st and that there are about 40 people who will be taking the test. Lori told the Committee about all of Eric's assistance in dispatch. Lori also explained that there is a period of time that there are no recordings due to an equipment malfunction.

The Committee listened to a presentation about the potential new phone system from Frontier Communications. They will get together with Lori and go through the quote and take out features that are not necessary and will develop another quote for this product.

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

August 10, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Saratoga Town Hall Business Offices

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

b. June 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer June 2015 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Dara explained that the autopsies are now going to be going to Madison to be completed. This is only a slight increase in cost, but will offer better service. Dara explained that they are considering putting a lab and Pathologist in Wausau, but that this is in the first stages.

b. June 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner June 2015 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert advised he has been getting some positive feedback on the customer service policy.

b. Highway Traffic Safety Concerns:

After the state budget is approved there should be more information coming on the horse and buggy traffic.

c. Traffic Grant Resolution:

Randy explained what this grant entails and that they will be offered \$10,000 to add increased patrol to Highway 54 on account of the amount of accidents in the area. The grant will run during August and September of 2015.

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to approve the acceptance of the Traffic Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

d. June 2015 Claims:

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

e. Railroad Concerns:

Discussed the railroad problems in Auburndale. Judge Wolf overturned all of the citations. The Committee discussed creating a resolution like Portage County did in regards to the railroads and the blocking of the roadways.

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to approve the creation of a resolution regarding the railroads. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of Portage County's resolution will be used as a template.

f. Updates

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: None

g. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

10. June 2015 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

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

11. Agenda items for next meeting:

Dispatch Phones

Dispatch Staffing Update

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee