

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: April 11, 2016

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

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

LOCATION: Wood County Annex and Health Center - Marshfield

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of March 14, 2016:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications March 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications March 2016 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 discussed that they are coming to the end of the projects. Tait communications is here to commission the towers they will be here for 8 days. Information Systems (IT) has their switching in place at the tower sites as well and the project should be complete soon.

d. Emergency Management March 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management March 2016 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

Steve gave an update on the recent meeting with several of the Amish communities. Cpt. Shawn Becker from the Wood County Sheriff's Department and Steve from Emergency Management Department have been meeting many times with Amish members regarding how to be safe on the roadway. One item discussed with the Amish was to install an amber light blinking on top of the buggies. After much discussion it was decided by the Amish not to install these lights. We will be meeting with the members regarding better reflectors. They would like us to go into their schools and give an overview with the students regarding rules of the road.

Steve shared that Bill Clendenning, several health department employees and himself attended the Tri-County meeting on March 30, 2016 at Kingston Town Hall, in Green Lake County. There were many Amish, town/county board officials, law enforcement, State Hwy, and State elected officials at this meeting. The take of the meeting was that most people there didn't want to add any more rules to the Horse and Buggy Drivers Manual, so we will have a small group of Wood County Departments and Board Members to make up a Horse and Buggy Drivers Manual that would be adapted to Wood County.

Steve talked about how the Work Program is up from last year in both money and hours worked. Steve answered questions regarding the program.

Discussed what Cyber Security is and how it has become a front runner at the State for new initiatives. Erik Engel will be on one of the 6 State Cyber Security teams. With Eric's extensive communications background he is a good fit for this project. Amy Kaup from IT, discussed that Cyber Security is also a big topic in the world of Information Systems at this time. She discussed that EM and IT are partnering up on this initiative and that policies will need to be created.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch March 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch March 2016 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

Lori gave a staffing update. They are currently checking references on a couple of possible new hires and they will be doing a new eligibility list with Human Resources. Discussed the proposal for office relocation, where it will be and what that will entail. Lori believes that the suggested location offers a good area for Dispatch.

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

May 9, 2016

1:00 PM

Wood County Courthouse – Wisconsin Rapids

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

b. April 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer April 2016 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. April 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner April 2016 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: None.

b. Highway Traffic Safety Concerns:

Steve Kreuser updated the Committee regarding this issue; see 4.e. above.

c. Traffic Grant Resolution:

Randy explained the traffic grant resolution to the Committee. Discussion was held about State grants in general. Many felt there are bigger issues than speeding within the state; such as drug, etc. Definitely felt by all there could be better ways to spend grant money dollars.

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton, to sign the resolution and send on to County Board. Motion carried anonymous.

d. Capital Improvement Plans:

Chief Deputy Dorshorst presented the Sheriff's Department Capital Improvement Plans.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch, to accept the Capital Improvement Plans as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

e. April 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department April 2016 claims.

f. Updates

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: None

g. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

10. April 2016 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach, to approve the April 2016 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Agenda Items:

Courthouse Security

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to adjourn at 2:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Signed electronically by William Winch on 4-13-16.

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee