

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: September 14, 2020

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

EXCUSED:

NOT

PRESENT:

OTHERS Steve Kreuser, Scott Brehm, Shawn Becker, Lori Heideman, Kelli Trzinski, Erik

PRESENT: Engel, Bill Clendenning, Lance Pliml, Sarah Christensen, Mike Derrie, Ed
Newton, Reuben VanTassel, Nanci Olson, Ted Ashbeck

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Review minutes of August 10, 2020:

Motion by Winch, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

October 12, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse

5. Second Amendment Ordinance:

Mike Derrie presented a petition with over 600 signature on it to protect Wood County's second amendment rights. Dennis thinks that this is an important ordinance that we should be looking at. He would like to see something on the spring ballot. Dennis makes a motion to pass this on to the full County Board. Joe states that he believes this is more an issue for the Judicial and Legislative Committee to take up. The Chairman of that committee, Bill Clendenning agrees. This could possibly be a joint resolution between both committees. Discussion ensued. Joe Zurfluh seconds Dennis' motion. The Sheriff states that he supports the motion and believes it should be moved to the full board. Dennis states that he spoke with Chair Clendenning previously and also the County Clerk. They stated the believed it should be a Public Safety Committee issue.

Motion by Polach, second by Zurfluh to move this item on to the full County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Communications Department:

a. Communications August 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications August 2020 claims.

b. Communications Report:

Erik stated the vendor that is doing the microwave upgrades did not show up last month. They did not call to say they were not coming. They have since called and rescheduled.

c. Communications Budget:

Erik discussed his budget. Fixed charges went up quite a bit due to insurance liability that was not on their previously. He also included a vehicle and master oscillators in his CIP for this year. Erik adjusted his operating budget down a bit in order to make up for some of the increases. Dennis asked some questions about the budget. Any sort of major failure or lightning strike would not be covered under the budget, but would hopefully be covered by insurance. Chairman Feirer asked what one of the CIP items could be put over to the following year if necessary. Erik stated either item. The vehicle is starting to get a couple rust spots and so far it hasn't needed major repairs but it might be good to replace it before it does

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Polach to move the Communications Budget on to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Emergency Management Department

a. Emergency Management August 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management August 2020 claims.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Steve Kreuser talked about the CARES Grant. Steve stated the County was awarded 1.2 million payable at three different times during the year. Talked about the command trailer that is being purchased as a multi-use trailer for Health, Emergency Management, Dispatch and Sheriff to use. The command trailer was going to be in our CIP, but this would alleviate the need for that. Still working with the Corps of Engineers on the water study for Saratoga. Hoping that ends up in next year's budget and gets completed. Joe Zurfluh asked what the grant outlook is for next year. Steve stated that we have heard of no changes or decreases.

c. Emergency Management Budget:

Steve talked about the EM budget for next year. Talked about our Capital Improvement item, a utility trailer. Talked about how we decreased revenues for next year as we are not sure when we will be running a full work crew. We are hoping that will happen in spring.

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Polach to move the Emergency Management budget on to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Dispatch Department:

a. August 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch August 2020 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report.

Lori stated that she is still short 1 staff member. She is going to wait to hire as she already has 4 people in training. Talked about schedule rearranging due to staff shortages.

c. Dispatch Budget:

Lori talked about how staffing went up in some areas and down in others. She ended up under budget by about 1.82%.

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Polach to move the budget on to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. August 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner August 2020 claims.

c. Coroner 2021 Budget:

Motion by Winch, second by Zurfluh to move the Coroner's budget on to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Human Officer Report.

b. August 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer August 2020 claims.

c. Humane Officer 2021 Budget:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Polach to move the Humane Officer's budget on to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker discussed the arrest of John Saver for the 1984 murder of Eleanore Roberts. The Sheriff commended the teamwork that led to the result.

b. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report. Supervisor Winch said Rescue was never officially reinstated by Sheriff Becker. A discussion ensued, and minutes from previous County Board meetings were reviewed. Previous minutes indicated Chief Deputy Randy Dorshorst advised that maintenance for the Rescue vehicles was in the Sheriff's Department 2020 budget. Further discussion will take place next month.

c. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

d. K-9 Project:

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

Sheriff Becker told the committee the Department would be getting another K9 and announced that Deputy Kristine Beathard would be the new handler. He stated the purpose of this K9 would be for drugs, tracking and public relations. The new K9 will be a German Shorthair Pointer. Sheriff Becker stated the Department has received numerous generous donations to the K9 program. Sheriff Becker mentioned the Nasonville Dairy gave the Department \$10,000 towards a new K9. Many other donations were made and this K9 will be fully funded by donations.

e. August 2020 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department August 2020 claims.

f. Jail Discharge Planner Grant Resolution:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Polach to create the Jail Discharge Planner/Case Manager Position. Feirer-yes, Zurfluh-yes, Polach-yes, Hamilton-yes, Winch-No

g. Tribal Enforcement Grant Resolution:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Polach to authorize Wood County Sheriff's Department to enter into an agreement and seek funding under State Statute 165.90 for Law Enforcement services on restricted Tribal Lands. Motion carried unanimously.

h. 2021 Sheriff's Department Budget:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to move the Sheriff's Department's budget on to the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated he met with the Civil Service Commission last week and a new eligibility list for Deputy Sheriff will be started. He stated we will have one opening due to the COPS Grant.

j. Boat/ATV/UTV Patrol:

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

k. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime report.

l. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security report and the letter from Captain Quentin Ellis.

m. Jail Items

- i. Inmate Daily Population: Reviewed
- ii. EMP: Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers: Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report: Reviewed
- v. Maintenance: Nothing to Report
- vi. Inmate Programs: Nothing to Report
- vii. Jail Study-Sheriff Becker presented another option to the Committee regarding the building of a new jail. Sheriff Becker stated he thinks this is the best option because it will have the least amount of impact on the City of Wisconsin Rapids and the Courthouse.

11. August 2020 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to approve the August 2020 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Sheriff Becker-Rescue

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.

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