

## **Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee**

**DATE:** May 9, 2016

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sarah Roach, Laura Clark, Bill Clendenning, Steve Kreuser, Thomas Reichert, Dara Hamm

**LOCATION:** Wood County Courthouse

### **1. Call to Order:**

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

### **2. Review minutes of April 11, 2016:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **3. Public Comments:**

No public comments.

### **4. Emergency Management Department:**

#### **a. Communications April 2016 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications April 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 wrapping up the 2 tower sites. Information Systems (IT) is finishing up Norwood site this week. Also, looking at purchasing batteries for Powers Bluff and Sherry sites

#### **d. Emergency Management April 2016 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management April 2016 claims.

#### **e. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

**f. Update of discussion with the Amish Community:**

Steve gave an update on the recent meeting with several of the Amish communities. Shawn Becker from the Wood County Sheriff's Department and Steve from Emergency Managements department have been meeting many times with Amish members regarding how to be safe for the road ways. (Rules of the road) they also attended meetings with the Health Department as well as a representative from St Joseph's hospital in Marshfield. They will be working together to update a general guidebook with information pertinent to Wood County. They also came up with a prototype of lights, Steve and Shawn meet with the Amish to equip 2 buggies at our cost paid by a grant from St Joe's Hospital and we will have Erik install those for them. The decision will be made this week with the Amish. They gave them samples of high intensity reflector tape as well for them to try. Steve is in discussion with the Highway department to put up signs some with LED lights near Amish communities.

Steve talked about how the Work Program is up from last year in both money and hours worked. How the program is also working with Human Services for their FSET program.

**g. Capital Improvement Plan:**

The committee reviewed the Capital improvement plans which include a new work relief van, replacement Batteries for Sherry and Nekoosa towers and PEAC Chemical Software.

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to approve the Capital Improvement Plans.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch March 2016 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch April 2016 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report:**

Committee reviewed report from Lori.

**c. Staff Update**

Lead positions are posted with 3 qualified applicants, extended one offer and that person will start May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**d. Space needs/ Move Update**

Lori and Erik are working with the phone companies on a quote for a new 911 system. Also working with Maintenance to get a layout floor plan but it is the early stages yet.

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

**June 6th, 2016**

**1:00 PM**

**Wood County Annex and Health Center – Marshfield**

**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. The Committee commented on Coroner Hamm's monthly report, specifically the remarks where she thanked members of law enforcement who work with the Coroner's staff. Coroner Hamm stated with the help of law enforcement they're able to get their job done. She thanked them for letting them be part of a "great" team.

**b. April 2016 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner April 2016 claims.

**9. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondence: None**

**b. Courthouse Security:**

Sheriff Reichert stated he received an email from the US Marshall's Office regarding a request they received from Judge Brazeau in reference to courthouse security. Sheriff Reichert stated an analysis had been done prior to 2005 when he became Sheriff. Nothing ever came of it because it was too costly back then.

Supervisor Zurfluh stated he has been approached by people regarding this issue.

Different ideas were talked about; however Sheriff Reichert stated none of them come cheap. He stated there is no way the Sheriff's Department budget can absorb this into their current budget. If courthouse security did happen, it should be run by the Sheriff's Department, using a separate line item in their budget.

The idea of courthouse security is to hopefully prevent issues from happening. "We can't stop them, but we can prevent them" was the consensus of the committee.

It was decided the US Marshall's Office should come in and do a security check and give ideas/costs to what they feel should be done to secure the courthouse. This is the time to look at it with the remodeling of the courthouse happening soon.

**c. April 2016 Claims:**

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

**d. Updates**

**Crimestoppers:** None

**Safe Ride Initiative:** None

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** A task force meeting was held last week. The focus of the meeting was regarding the heroin/opiates problem in our area.

**K9:** Sheriff Reichert stated the City Times had a nice article regarding the Acacia Foundation, who oversees the K9 Program funding.

**e. Jail Items:**

All jail reports were reviewed.

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

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

**11. Agenda Items:**

Elect Vice-President & Secretary Positions

**12. Adjourn:**

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

*Electronically signed by William Winch 5-17-16.*

William Winch, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee