

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

**DATE:** April 13, 2015

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

**OTHERS** Thomas Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Eric Engel, Dara Hamm

**PRESENT:** Lance Pliml, Angela Susa, Laura Clark

**LOCATION:** Town of Lincoln Town Hall

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

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

### **2. Review minutes of March 9, 2015:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

No public comments

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

#### **a. Communications March 2015 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Communications March 2015 claims.

#### **b. Communications Report**

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

#### **c. Update on Communication Tower Projects**

Eric Engel informed the committee all the major tower equipment is ordered and some equipment has already come in. He explained they will be working on landscaping at the tower site now that the snow has melted.

#### **d. Emergency Management March 2015 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management March 2015 claims.

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

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

**5. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch March 2015 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch March 2015 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report**

Lori stated the phone system in Dispatch will not be supported after July 2015. She is researching all kinds of products.

Lori discussed the issue of a dispatch back-up sight. She stated she was asked if there was a fire drill/fire would the dispatchers leave the building. The nearest site is Marshfield, which would take 45 minutes minimum to get to from Rapids. Erik stated some of the dispatch equipment and dispatch consoles are nearing the end of their life. Erik stated that, if Dispatch is going to be relocated, the County should look at finding a new location so the new equipment can be put into place there, as it doesn't make sense to put new equipment and consoles in at the current location and then move them to a new location.

Lori stated she wanted to make the committee aware there may be some overtime in the next few months as she has one dispatcher who will be out 2 ½ months for a pregnancy.

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

**May 11, 2015**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Wood County Annex & Health Center  
Marshfield, WI**

**7. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Report**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Discussion was held regarding a Wood County Deputy being bitten. Humane Officer Kinney stated it was nothing serious, but had to be reported.

HO Kinney stated she is need of a new cell phone as her current phone only works in the speaker mode. The Committee authorized her to get a new phone.

**b. March 2015 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer March 2015 claims.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

**b. Request for Credit Card**

Coroner Hamm stated to the Committee she would like to get a credit card to pay some expenses that come up. In the past most things were paid by the Coroner/Deputy Coroners out of pocket and then reimbursed. She stated a credit card would alleviate that procedure.

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the Coroner to obtain a credit card for her department. Motion carried unanimously.**

**c. March 2015 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner March 2015 claims.

**9. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondence:**

Sheriff Reichert updated the Committee on a personnel recommendation he made to the Village of Port Edwards regarding their Chief of Police position.

**b. Highway Traffic Safety Concerns:**

Supervisor Winch brought two "manuals" regarding Horse and Buggy laws from the State of Indiana and State of Pennsylvania. These manuals will be scanned to all Committee members as well as CB Chairman Pliml, Supervisor Clendenning, State Representatives Kulp and Krug & State Senator Moulton for everyone to review.

**c. Reorganization Update:**

Sheriff Reichert stated there was nothing to report at this time.

**d. Capital Improvement Plans:**

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

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

**e. March 2015 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff Department March 2015 claims.

**f. Updates**

**Crimestoppers:** None

**Safe Ride Initiative:** None

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** None

**K9:** Sheriff Reichert explained K9 Rex is nearing retirement. Work is being done on a succession plan for one dog.

**g. Jail Items:**

All jail reports were reviewed.

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

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

**11. Agenda items for next meeting:**

Dispatch Phones  
Highway Traffic Safety Concerns  
Reorganization Update

**12. Adjourn:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to adjourn at 2:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes taken by the Wood County Sheriff's Department.

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William Winch, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee