

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: June 8, 2015

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

OTHERS Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Dara Hamm, Lance Pliml, Steve Kreuser,
PRESENT: Nanci Kinney, Bill Clendenning,

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse Room 115

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of May 11, 2015:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications May 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications May 2015 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

The tower projects are coming together; saved the county around \$20,000 by having Erik and Steve work on the grounding. The landscaping is just about finished. The antenna in Nekoosa was broken off and has been fixed. Erik went to training regarding dispatch console radio equipment.

d. Emergency Management May 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management May 2015 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

f. Work program

Steve talked about the work program, both in regards to an increase in work reports as well as work hours. He explained they do spend some time with the county recycling/parks department but are looking at expanding the work load for these individuals. Steve also spoke about increasing the fees that they now charge to the municipalities, as they have not increased since 1990. Steve also advised he is working with HR for hiring someone for Tom's position. Steve will bring back pricing charges for the program in the month of July.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch May 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch May 2015 claims.

b. Dispatch Report

Lori shared a quote with the committee on the phone system. Since the quote is a substantial amount of money Lori has made contact with Moducom to look at what they could offer and has been talking to Amy from Systems to see if maybe the courthouse vendor could be used in dispatch.

Lori advised in talking to Finance for the phone system the question of other equipment was discussed. It was determined we should at last prepare for a new radio system as ours will be 10 years old soon and is nearing the end of its life. A new radio system was included in the 5 year capital improvement plan for 3 years from now.

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

July 13, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Wood County Annex and Health Center

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Discussion was held on an individual that has, in the past, had numerous exotic pets. He also has a mean pit-bull and will be monitored.

b. May 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer May 2015 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. Death Certificate & Cremations – Raise Fees:

Dara talked about the increase in fees and the mandatory education that coroners will need starting in 2019. The concern was if training needed to be completed by next year there would not be enough money in the budget. This is not the case, so fees will remain the same. Dara also advised Wood County has the one of the lowest rates in the state.

Joe Zurfluh thanked Dara for her professionalism in assisting his department with a death investigation both with the autopsy as well as with the family

c. May 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner May 2015 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert, who was on the phone, advised he has been getting some positive feedback on the customer service policy. There was an editorial in the newspaper.

b. Highway Traffic Safety Concerns:

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

c. Reorganization Update:

Sheriff Reichert and Attorney Phillips, also on the phone, filled in the committee on the reorganization process. A grievance has been filed. Everything to this point has been done legally and according to contract. The Sheriff's Department is focusing on bringing the Department into the 21st century and serving the people of Wood County the best possible way they can.

d. May 2015 Claims:

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

e. Jail Stale Dated Checks – Resolution:

Chief Deputy Dorshorst spoke about the stale dated checks from the jail. These are checks that have been issued a while ago and have not been cashed by the recipient. A resolution on these stale dated checks was brought forth.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to pass the resolution of stale dated checks from the jail. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Updates

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: None

g. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

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

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

11. Agenda items for next meeting:

Dispatch Phones
Highway Traffic Safety Concerns

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to adjourn at 2:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Dispatch Center

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee