

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: March 9, 2020

PRESENT: Dennis Polach, Joe Zurfluh, Mike Feirer, Bill Winch, Dawn Urban

EXCUSED:

NOT

PRESENT:

OTHERS

PRESENT: Scott Brehm, Randy Dorshorst, Shawn Becker, Lori Heideman, Kelli Trzinski, Erik Engel, Ted Ashbeck, Reuben VanTassel, Jason DeMarco, Peter Kastenholz

LOCATION: Norwood, Wood County Annex

1. Call to Order:

Dennis Polach called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Review minutes of February 10, 2020 meeting:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Feirer to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

April 13th, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse Room 114

5. Communications Department:

a. **Communications February 2019 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications February 2019 claims. Erik answered questions about the microwave bills.

b. **Communications Report:**

Erik talked to the committee about the budget resolution for carryover. The resolution that was passed last month was resubmitted as there was an error with the account number used and after consulting with Trent and Finance, Erik was advised to resubmit the resolution.

c. Resolution for Carryover

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Urban to amend 2020 budget to include monies that were budgeted in 2019 for microwave replacement, but were not used during that budget cycle. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Emergency Management Department

a. Emergency Management February 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management February 2019 claims.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

No report. Emergency Management at training and if any questions follow up with Steve

7. Dispatch Department:

a. February 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch February 2019 Claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Lori talked about the hiring process and thanked Angel in HR for all her assistance. Lori advised that they had 24 people who passed the test, so they interviewed all 24. Of those, there are over 11 candidates that show potential and are doing sit-ins at this time.

c. Phones

Lori stated everything is going good with her phones at this time.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. February 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner February 2019 claims.

9. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Human Officer Report.

10. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker stated Sgt. Nathan Dean was awarded the Valor Award by the WPPA.

Sheriff Becker stated Men in the Kitchen was on February 29, 2020. He stated he, Chief Deputy Randy Dorshorst, Captain Ted Ashbeck, Inv. Sgt. Scott Machotka, and Cole Cleworth served a great meal prepared by Inv. Sgt. Machotka.

Sheriff Becker stated on February 22, 2020 Marshfield Police Department awarded the Department with the Agency Assistance award for last year.

Sheriff Becker thanked Reuben Van Tassel and his employees for installing the new carpeting in the squad room.

Sheriff Becker recognized CO Tyler Trickle for graduating from the Jail Academy.

b. Recognizing Deputy Alesha Brundidge:

Sheriff Becker stated on February 28, 2020 Deputy Alesha Brundidge and corrections staff prevented a suicide in the jail. Sheriff Becker wanted her and the staff recognized by the committee. Sheriff Becker stated Deputy Brundidge went above and beyond and saved the inmate.

c. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

d. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

e. K-9 Project:

The Committee reviewed the K9 report. Sheriff Becker wanted to recognize Lt. Hoogesteger for soliciting funds for the K-9 fund and his dedication to the unit. He further stated the department would be adding a third K9 to the department this fall with the funds raised. Sheriff Becker stated the application process for the new K9 officer has started.

f. February 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the February 2019 claims.

g. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated nine names will be going to the Civil Service Commission. The department has three openings.

h. Resolution for Carryover from 2019 Budget:

Motion by Feirer, second by Zurfluh to amend the 2020 Sheriff budget for additional expenditures for the Sheriff's Department that were unanticipated during the original budget process. Motion carried unanimously.

i. Resolution for Out of State Travel for Sheriff to Attend Training:

Motion by Feirer, second by Urban to approve the Sheriff to travel to Tampa Florida from June 21-26, 2020 for the National Sheriff's Association Education and Technology Expo Annual Conference. Motion carried unanimously.

j. Snowmobile/ATV Patrol:

The Committee reviewed the Snowmobile/ATV Patrol report. Sheriff Becker stated the trails are closed and snowmobilers had a good season. Sheriff Becker stated there was only one snowmobile accident in Auburndale this year.

k. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

l. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security report.

m. Jail Items:

- i. Inmate Daily Population-Reviewed
- ii. EMP-Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers-Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report-Reviewed
- v. Maintenance-Captain Ashbeck said the new camera system should be up in the next couple of months.
- vi. Inmate Programs-Sheriff Becker stated Smart Recovery graduated six inmates from the program. Mid-State Technical College started the GED/HSED program in the jail.
- vii. New Jail Study-Sheriff Becker stated they had a conference call with Venture Architects on February 5, 2020. He stated the planning step/space needs will be

done in May with the cost step being completed in June. He stated there will be four options.

viii. Jail Inspection-Reviewed

11. February 2019 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:

Motion by Feirer, second by Urban to approve the February 2019 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Nothing at this time.

13. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(g), the Committee may go into closed session to confer with counsel regarding the Reichert litigation:

Motion by Urban, second by Feirer to go into closed sessions at 10:17 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Winch-yes Polach-yes Zurfluh-yes Feirer-yes Urban-yes

14. Return to Open Session:

Motion by Feirer, second by Zurfluh to return to open session at 10:51 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Winch-yes Polach-yes Zurfluh-yes Feirer-yes Urban-yes

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. by Vice Chair Dennis Polach

Minutes taken by the Wood County Sheriff's Department and Wood County Dispatch