

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: September 8, 2014

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

OTHERS Sarah Christensen, Tom Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Steve

PRESENT: Kreuser, Nanci Kinney, Garry Kronstedt, Laura Clark

LOCATION: Nekoosa Community Center

1. **Call to Order:**

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

2. **Review minutes of August 4, 2014 and August 19, 2014:**

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 and August 19, 2014 meetings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comments

4. **Emergency Management Department:**

a. Communications August 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications August 2014 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

Steve informed the Committee that they have drawn the money for the tower projects down and have itemized lists of costs. We are still waiting on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reports before we can start construction on the towers but they should be here by the first week in October.

d. Emergency Management August 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management August 2014 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

Steve discussed the utility appeal for Federal disaster declaration funding and that we still have not heard the final decision on this yet. Discussed the EOC flooding multiple times this month, including once where computer cables and plugs were under water. Question on the coal dump in Cranmoor. Steve also answered questions about the move of the antennae on top of Marshfield City Hall for the roof repairs.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch August 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch August 2014 claims.

Lori explained that the Frontier contract has been ironed out and will be signed this month. Talked about the radios going out in Dispatch. Train complaints are going downhill again. Randy talked about the call that was received from CN railroad and that there are about 10 citations outstanding. Talked about next steps. We will invite the District Attorney to the next meeting to discuss this issue and see what he says.

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

October 13, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Rapids Courthouse Room 115

400 Market St

Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Humane Officer Kinney reported she has been very busy with a lot of cat calls. In the Town of Arpin she has done an order of abatement regarding excessive cats and sanitation issues and stated there will be a hearing set up soon. She is also dealing with cats that need to be removed in Auburndale. She is also dealing with a horse issue.

b. Humane Society Contracts & Billing of Service:

A letter written by Peter Kastenholz was discussed. It was the Committee's wishes to have Peter draft a letter to all Town Chairman's to encourage municipalities to participate in the Humane Society Contract process.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to send the letter written by Peter Kastenholz to the Town Clerks as well as the Town Chairman of all township/municipalities to encourage participation in the Humane Society Contract process. Motion carried unanimously.

c. August 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer August 2014 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Coroner Gary Kronstedt stated they have been very busy and have had an unusual amount of autopsies this past month.

b. August 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner August 2014 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: None

b. Range:

Sheriff Reichert stated a long-term agreement has been taken care of regarding the range. This agreement will be beneficial to both departments.

c. Tribal Law Enforcement Grant – Resolution

Wood County is eligible for the yearly tribal grant from the State regarding providing additional funds for law enforcement on tribal lands within Wood County. This would be the Ho-Chunk Nation. The dollar amount varies from year to year. This is a state grant and the County only spends the amount they receive. This account is a non-lapsing account and doesn't affect tax levy. The money is used for extra patrol and activities and education by the Ho-Chunk.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to sign the Tribal Grant resolution and send on to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Updates

Crimestoppers: Sheriff Reichert stated Crimestoppers is having a fundraising show on September 13, 2014. He will be speaking at this event.

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Sheriff Reichert stated Glen Gerard Magic Shows will be doing another fundraiser for the K9 fund in January or February of 2015.

e. Jail Items: All jail reports were reviewed.

Supervisor Hamilton asked Sheriff Reichert about a jail issue that was brought to his attention. Hamilton stated he was told the jail is running under staffed. Sheriff Reichert stated they have reviewed the jail staffing extensively and it was determined the jail is not under staffed. They re-arrange shifts/staff to assure proper staffing.

10. **August 2014 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:**

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the August 2014 claims of all the Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Train Issues – Have DA attend

12. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to adjourn at 2:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Signed electronically by William Winch 9-16-14

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee