

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: September 10, 2012

PRESENT: Bill Winch, Dennis Polach, Mike Feirer, Gary Allworden, William Murphy

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Randy Dorshorst, Nanci Kinney, Sarah Christensen, Thomas Reichert, Kelly Zenz, Erik Engel, Charles Evans, Laura Clark

LOCATION: Marshfield City Hall

1. Call to Order:

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Review minutes of August 13 and 28, 2012:

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the minutes of the August 13 and 28, 2012 meetings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications August 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications August 2012 claims.

Discussed what repairs to the Sheriff's department vehicles consisted of and what the radar certification consisted of.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communications Towers/Narrowband Project

Steve Kreuser stated that everything is going good with the 2 tower projects and they should be completed by the end of November. Discussed the possibility of adding and having to move some communication equipment next year to another site.

d. Emergency Management August 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management August 2012 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

Steve Kreuser discussed that we are working with all Wood County Nursing homes regarding (mou's) Memorandum of Understanding regarding placement of patients in the event of a disaster; also working with CBRF's, Daycares etc. on emergency plans. Continuing to work with the Department of Transportation and towns regarding a large amount of address changes.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch August 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch August 2012 claims.

b. Dispatch Report

Kelly informed the committee that dispatchers that were hired are still in training, but are doing well. Explained how the dispatch department went to twelve (12) hour shifts to cover vacations and absences. Discussed they are working with the space needs committee. The telephone upgrade will be \$15,000. After 2015 they will need to upgrade to a digital phone system as this system will no longer be supported. Kelly informed the committee that he may be leaving his position, probably within 6 months or so. This will be placed on the agenda for next month for discussion.

6. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Humane Officer Kinney stated she is working on the dangerous dog ordinance and asked to have it put on next month's agenda so it can be discussed further.

b. August 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer August 2012 claims.

7. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Deputy Coroner Evans reported they will have an autopsy bill related to the recent homicide in Marshfield. He stated they have been quite busy.

b. August 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner August 2012 claims.

8. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert stated Deputy Michael Webster announced his retirement effective October 1, 2012. He stated the plan is to move that deputy position from the Transport Division to the Patrol Division. The Transport Division will consist of Correction Officers Tony Kuhlka and Kari Hazel, as well as utilizing the part-time transport personnel. There will be a budget adjustment from the Transport budget to the Patrol budget. Sheriff Reichert stated this will work out well for the department.

Sheriff Reichert asked the committee if they had any questions in regard to the recent jail escapee. He stated the response was quick and the administration took action immediately.

b. Horse Manure/Amish Buggy Markings:

Sheriff Reichert stated Bill Winch, Randy Dorshorst, Town of Sherry Supervisor Jim Mann, Town of Hansen Supervisor Eric Brock, and himself met with the Amish Bishop recently to discuss the manure issues. He said the Bishop agreed to try to keep a better handle on the problem. Buggy markings were discussed and guidance was given to improve safety.

This will be kept on the agenda for next month.

c. Department Purchases:

Sheriff Reichert stated they recently looked into CBM Foods for food service in the jail. It was decided in comparing them to our current situation, that we would stay status quo. The jail kitchen staff is doing a good job in keeping costs down.

d. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Sheriff Reichert stated the two K9 dogs were at the recent Labor Day function at Robinson Park doing demonstrations. He stated they were very well received.

e. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

The Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) had a savings of \$51,945.09 for the month of August. That puts the savings approximately \$70,000 ahead of last year.

9. **August 2012 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:**

Motion by Allworden, second by Polach to approve the August 2012 claims of all the Public Safety Committee departments. Motion carried unanimously.

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

October 8, 2012
1:00 p.m.
Wood County Courthouse
Room 115

11. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

Dispatch Manager's Position
Dangerous Dog Ordinance
Horse Manure/Amish Buggy Markings

12. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Allworden, second by Murphy to adjourn at 2:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee