

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: March 11, 2013

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Erik Engel, Thomas Reichert, Kelly Zenz, Laura Clark, Randy Dorshorst, Nanci Kinney, Gary Kronstedt, Lance Pliml, Sarah Christensen

LOCATION: Pittsville Fire Department

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of February 11, 2013:

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

There are no public comments.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications February 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications February 2013 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communications

Steve has indicated that the Sherry and Dexter tower projects are completed and everything is working very well. Steve also indicated that Erik and Steve will now start the next phase of communication project with the (Norwood) North West area of Wood County. Erik indicated that there is a minor feed in dispatch console on occasion; this has started when the courthouse system was turned on. Erik is working on resolving this issue.

d. Emergency Management February 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management February 2013 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report.

f. Emergency Management Update

Steve Kreuser has indicated that a large request for public information was completed for the Appleton/Gannett newspaper and that their report is in the Tribune. All emergency plans for the county were requested and delivered, with redacted personal information. Steve also discussed the process that was undertaken for the information to be sent out.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch February 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch February 2013 claims.

b. Dispatch Report

Kelly explained that the newest dispatch employee did not successfully complete training and therefore they have an opening at this time. Kelly also discussed that he is having Human Resources do reference checks on a new hire that he is hoping to have start on April 8th. A question was asked regarding if the new hires have any prior information or knowledge that may help them with the training and the position. Kelly stated that some do, and some do not. A question was also asked about the cost of the training programs and how those are paid for. This will be put on the agenda for next month; discussion of a potential policy change for training costs.

6. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

b. February 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer February 2013 claims.

7. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Coroner Kronstedt stated he met with Wisconsin Rapids Police Department personnel, as they think the Coroner's office is not doing autopsies when they felt they were needed. He stated due to budget constraints there are times maybe he should have done autopsies but didn't. Sheriff Reichert stated the Sheriff's Department is not having any problems regarding this matter.

b. February 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner February 2013 claims.

8. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert stated the County settled the Haldeman lawsuit.

Sheriff Reichert stated the Tax Refund Intercept Program (TRIP) is going very well. The department has received about \$10,000 in TRIP monies to be put towards old debts in the jail.

Sheriff Reichert stated Toro will be back to work tonight, Monday, March 11, 2013 at 5 p.m. He stated Toro had a cut paw, but other than that was doing well.

Sheriff Reichert also stated he has been contacted by outside organizations to buy GPS tracking devices for the two K9 dogs. He also stated there is money available from the Magic Show K9 Fund that could be used towards the GPS devices, if not covered by outside agencies.

b. Wage Study - Resolution:

Sheriff Reichert stated the resolution has been passed by the Wage Ad Hoc Committee and asked for the Public Safety Committee's support. It will then be passed to Judicial & Legislative Committee before going to County Board.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the resolution as written and pass on to the Judicial & Legislative Committee for their approval and then on to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Fundraising is ongoing; over \$2,500 raised so far.

d. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed. EMP savings for January & February 2013 is \$85,491.12.

9. February 2013 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Murphy, second by Polach to approve the February 2013 claims of all the Public Safety Committee departments. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**April 8, 2013
1:00 p.m.
Wood County Courthouse
Wisconsin Rapids
Room 115**

11. Adjourn:

Motion by Winch, second by Polach to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee