

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: April 8, 2013

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Erik Engel, Thomas Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Gary Kronstedt, Lance Pliml, Sarah Christensen, Laura Clark

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 March 11, 2013:

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

3. Public Comments:

There are no public comments.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications March 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications March 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 he had talked with Roy D. of the Marshfield Fire Department regarding the possible tower locations. Erik and Steve will be discussing recommendations over the next few months with the committee as possible locations and price estimates for the new tower. Steve also talked about the possibility of adding one more vendor on a tower site. Steve answered questions about possible alternate tower locations such as the tower by the radio station or possibly on the water tower in Marshfield.

d. Emergency Management March 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management March 2013 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report.

f. Emergency Management Update

Steve handed out the Emergency Operations Center plan to each committee member and requested that they review it and contact our office with any questions. Steve reported that the Program Assistant was interviewed by public access television for a piece on the newly created Volunteer Reception Center team and what that entails. Supervisor Polach had indicated that the hours worked by Work Program are up this year compared to last year.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch March 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch March 2013 claims.

b. Dispatch Report

The committee received the dispatch report.

6. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

b. March 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer March 2013 claims.

7. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Coroner Kronstedt stated his fax machine is not working properly. The Committee asked the Sheriff's Department to contact Systems Department to see if there are any fax machines available that Coroner Kronstedt could have for his use.

b. March 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner March 2013 claims.

8. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert stated he was contacted by Terry Stelzer who stated the Sheriff's Department had no injuries in 2012.

Sheriff Reichert stated the Department has re-negotiated a contract with Waupaca County to house our safekeepers. The contract will run through 2023. Sheriff Reichert stated this is a good thing for the jail and will be cost effective in terms of reduction of daily rate (\$45 to \$36) and number of prisoners housed (60 to 75).

Jesse Nehls is our newest deputy to have started for the department. Amanda DeValk will be the next deputy to start in early May.

Sheriff Reichert stated Deputy Jamie Miller resigned recently.

b. Sheriff's Office Auxiliary:

Sheriff Reichert stated Supervisor Murphy brought to his attention the use of Auxiliary personnel, which would be a volunteer program. This would coincide with the Reserve Program. Sheriff Reichert stated he is looking for any ideas and will explore options on figuring out the best way to utilize both programs.

c. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Sheriff Reichert stated he has accepted the resignation from Deputy Joseph Zurfluh as a K9 officer. Sheriff Reichert appointed Deputy James Pidgeon as the new K9 handler of Toro. Deputy Pidgeon and Toro are in North Carolina for a six-week training, which started April 1st. Sheriff Reichert stated he has talked to the trainer today who said everything is going well. Sheriff Reichert stated this should be a good partnership.

The training cost is \$4,000 and it was asked of the Committee how the training should be paid for.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden that the Sheriff's Department pay for the training of the K9 officer out of the existing Sheriff's Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Reichert stated the Wilderness Sportsman Club as well as the David Moser Family each donated a GPS tracking unit to the K9 Program.

d. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

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

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

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

**May 13, 2013
1:00 PM
Marshfield City Hall
1st Floor Conference Room
630 S Central Ave
Marshfield WI 54449**

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Sheriff's Office Auxiliary

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Allworden, second by Polach to adjourn at 2:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee