

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: September 9, 2016

PRESENT: Mike Feirer, Dennis Polach, Joe Zurfluh, Brad Hamilton

EXCUSED: Bill Winch

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Christensen, Steve Kreuser, Thomas Reichert, Laura Clark, Dara Hamm, Nanci Kinney

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of August 8, 2016:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications August 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications August 2016 claims.

b. Communications Report:

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects:

Steve discussed the tower projects and that they are near completion, there are just a couple adjustments to make. Question about why the tower power bills are so different. Steve explained that it depends on how many vendors are on the tower and if any of them provide their own power. Questions about the Town of Lincoln tower and the conversations had with the town chair.

d. Emergency Management August 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management August 2016 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report. Steve discussed the potential EPA cleanup site with the Committee.

f. Update of discussion with the Amish Community:

Steve gave an update to the committee. He stated that all of the Amish buggy signs are up except for 1 on HWY 186. The other 6 signs are all located on county trunk roads as you are entering the Amish community. Steve also stated that the Amish have invited both Shawn Becker from the Sheriff's office and Steve Kreuser to visit the Amish schools at any time and talk about road safety.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch August 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch August 2016 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

The committee reviewed Dispatch Report. Lori answered questions regarding the report.

c. Staff Update

Lori stated that she has a new dispatcher starting on Monday the 12th. She hopes to make another offer of employment today and that would have that dispatcher starting within a few weeks.

d. Space needs/ Move Update

Lori updated the committee on the progress.

e. Vacation accrual discussion

Lori discusses the issues with real time vacation accrual and her department due to the unique scheduling of dispatchers. The Committee would like to invite Warrant Kraft to the next meeting to further discuss this issue.

f. Mutual Aid Agreement for 911 with Portage County

Lori stated that she is working with Solarus and with Portage County to have the 911 calls transferred to them in the event of a power outage or if the center goes down for any reason.

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

October 10, 2016

1:00 PM

Wood County Annex and Health Center - Marshfield

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Nancy answered all questions regarding the report.

b. August 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer August 2016 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Dara answered all questions regarding her report.

b. August 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner August 2016 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Supervisor Polach stated to Sheriff Reichert that Inv. Sgt. Andrew Simon did a great drug presentation at the Towns Association meeting last month. He also stated the Active Shooter training that was held on Friday, September 2nd was very good. He stated both presentations were very informative and very well received.

Sheriff Reichert talked about the resolution to the grievance of the re-organization of the department regarding changing Sergeants to Lieutenants and Lieutenants to Captains. He stated the arbitrator ruled in favor of the County.

Sheriff Reichert stated he wanted to give a "heads up" regarding the kitchen staffing situation. Currently it is budgeted for two full-time and two part-time personnel. However, at this time we have two full-time and one part-time and with recruiting, we cannot seem to fill the other part-time position. Sheriff stated a possible solution would be to create three full-time positions and eliminate the part-time positions.

b. 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 Zurfluh to sign the Tribal Grant resolution and send on to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Courthouse Security:

Sheriff Reichert stated he is not aware of anything new regarding this issue.

d. August 2016 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department August 2016 claims.

e. Updates

Crimestoppers: Sheriff Reichert stated he will be giving the opening presentation at the Crimestoppers fundraising event tonight, Friday, September 9th at the PAC Center in Wisconsin Rapids. It is their annual fundraising concert that is held each year in September.

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: None

f. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

10. August 2016 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh, to approve the August 2016 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Agenda Items:

Courthouse Security

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Polach to adjourn at 10:41 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Electronically signed by Michael Feirer 9-13-16.

Michael Feirer, Chairman
Public Safety Committee