

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: November 12, 2012

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Erik Engel, Thomas Reichert, Kelly Zenz, Paul Olinski, Bob Hoppe, Doug Sebold, Richard Fenske, Gary Fenske, Laura Clark, Randy Dorshorst, Nanci Kinney, Barry Fetting, Korey Trowbridge, Sarah Christensen

LOCATION: Richfield Town Hall

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of October 8, 2012:

Motion by Pollach, second by Murphy to approve the minutes of October 8, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

Members of the public would like to speak on the shining law and stated that they believe poaching is getting out of control. Sheriff Reichert states that this is on the agenda and that they have a DNR warden coming to speak on the issue also.

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications October 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications October 2012 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communications Towers/Narrowband Project

Steve Kreuser stated that the new towers are just waiting for finalization from Tait. Once that is done they will be turned on. We have relocated an antenna on top of city hall in Marshfield to the side of the building. Discussed the possibility of having to put up another tower in the Town of Lincoln or Rock. Jackson County would like approval to relicense a frequency that we use as well. There haven't been any interference issues thus far, and Erik doesn't see a problem in the future unless we expand closer to the Jackson County line, which there are no plans to do so.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the writing of a letter to Jackson County giving them permission to relicense the frequency. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Surplus Property Procedures

Steve Kreuser asked the committee for some guidelines on what to do with surplus county property. After discussion it was decided items will be disposed of at auction unless there is someone that expresses interest in the item first. In that case Emergency Management can dispose of the item as they see fit.

Motion by Allworden, second by Winch for Emergency Management to use their discretion in selling/disposing of surplus property. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Emergency Management October 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management October 2012 claims.

f. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report.

g. Emergency Management Update

Steve Kreuser explained that we are currently developing an Incident Management Team for emergency situations. He explained what it is, who will be on it and what it is for. More information will be forthcoming when said team is developed.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch October 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch October 2012 claims.

b. Dispatch Report

Kelly reported that new dispatcher Josh started last week. Jack is done with training next week and Cassandra will complete training in December. The space needs committee report will be given tomorrow during County Board. They are recommending that something be done with the dispatch department. In regards to the wage study, Kelly feels that the committee needs to look at the dispatch manager's pay rate when they are looking for a replacement. This needs to be examined in order to attract high quality candidates for the position. Bill Murphy asks about any feedback that Kelly has received from his staff regarding the wage study. Kelly states that they are all worried about how much health insurance will increase and the lack of merit pay structure. Bill Winch questions Kelly about a few claims. Kelly explains the expenditures and what they were for.

6. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Nanci stated she received a letter of appreciation from the State of Wisconsin. Nanci was nominated for Humane Officer of the year award, however didn't receive the award, but was sent a letter recognizing her for the hard work and effort put into her position. Nanci thanked "whoever" nominated her to the State for the recognition of her efforts.

b. October 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer October 2012 claims.

c. Dangerous Dog Ordinance

Humane Officer Kinney reviewed the draft copy of the dangerous dog ordinance with the committee. After some discussion it was decided she should meet with Corporation Counsel Peter Kastenholz to finalize.

Motion by Winch, second by Polach to send the draft copy of the ordinance to Corporation Counsel Peter Kastenholz for his review and then return it to the Public Safety Committee for their approval before going on to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. October 2012 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner October 2012 claims.

8. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: None.

b. Deer Shining Referral:

Sheriff Reichert stated he received a letter referencing deer shining in the Town of Cary. Town of Cary residents, some of whom were present at the meeting, are concerned about the deer shining/poaching that is going on in their township.

DNR Warden Barry Fettig was present and explained how the State law currently works. That being shining can occur from January 1st through September 14th at any time and September 15th through December 31st shining can only occurred until 10 p.m. Warden

Fettig stated some counties have ordinances in place to not allow any shining or have shining until 10 p.m. year round.

Warden Fettig stated shining is more seasonal specific, meaning more in the Fall than any other time of year. It generally occurs around the deer seasons.

Residents present stated there are many evenings/night where gunshots are heard and then they find carcasses in the fields the next day. They asked that no shining take place at all.

Warden Fettig stated he has not heard a lot of complaints from that area. He explained the DNR cannot be everywhere but he did state he works the areas and times when complaints are reported to be happening most.

Sheriff Reichert stated his department would work with the Town of Cary if they so choose to enact an Ordinance to ban shining in the township. Warden Fettig stated the Town of Cary Chairman/Supervisors need to create the ordinance and then it must be adopted by Wood County in order for the Sheriff's Department to enforce the Ordinance. He further states the DNR would assist the County with enforcement of the Ordinance. He stated there is a township within Columbia County that has an ordinance and he would try to get a copy of that to give to the Cary Town Chairman.

The Sheriff's Department will wait to hear from the Town of Cary as to if they create an ordinance banning all shining within their township.

c. Wage Study:

Sheriff Reichert expressed his concern over the recent wage study in that there seems to be many flaws within the study. He stated the study doesn't reflect elected officials. He handed out a memo he gave to the Executive Committee in reference to his position and pay scale. He asked the Committee for any help they could give as it would be greatly appreciated.

d. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None.

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: None.

e. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

Sheriff Reichert stated the Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) is doing exceptional for the year. He stated it will be the biggest savings year ever! EMP had a savings of \$34,516.14 for the month of October.

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

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

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

**December 10, 2012
1:00 p.m.
Marshfield City Hall
1st Floor Conference Room #108
630 S Central Ave
Marshfield, WI**

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Dispatch Manager's Position
Dangerous Dog Ordinance

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Allworden, second by Murphy to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Sheriff's Department.

Minutes signed electronically by William Winch

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee