

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: February 16, 2015

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Christensen, Tom Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Steve Kreuser, Laura Clark, Bill Clendenning, , Lance Pliml, Charles Evans, Bob Kulp, Terry Moulton

LOCATION: Wood County Annex and Health Center

EXCUSED: Bill Winch

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of January 19, 2015:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications January 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications January 2015 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

Steve informed the Committee that the two towers are in place. The equipment should be arriving within a month and is slated for an April/May installation. Discussed the NEWCOM yearly invoice of \$750.00 and explained what that is for.

d. Emergency Management January 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management January 2015 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Activity Report.

f. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Appointment List

The Committee reviewed the LEPC appointment list and approved the appointments. Steve recommended adding Joe Zurfluh to the list.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve the Local Emergency Planning Committee Appointment list. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Emergency Management Credit Card

The Committee approved the request of the Emergency Management and Communications Departments for a credit card with a limit of \$5000.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to approve a credit card for the Emergency Management and Communications Department. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch January 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch January 2015 claims.

Lori discussed the problems with the 911 imports, and that Eric and Frontier did a lot of work with the systems and that it is working now. I Am Responding is now up and functioning. Discussed new productive rates for the dispatch staff. Questions on the claims were explained.

911 funding services: Lori speaks about the need for assistance in funding for the replacement of the 911 equipment. Talked about the surcharges for landlines through the phone company and that the dispatch center does not see any of that money. Rep. Kulp asks a question about the surcharges. Chairman Pliml discusses funding options and that this is essentially an unfunded mandate as the funding source was diverted to other areas. Rep. Kulp and Senator Moulton state that they will research this further and see if anything can be done.

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

March 9, 2015

1:00 PM

Town of Lincoln

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

b. January 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer January 2015 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. January 2015 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner January 2015 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: None

b. Amish Safety Concerns:

State Legislators Bob Kulp and Terry Moulton were present to discuss the Amish safety concerns within Wood County. Chairman Feirer stated the main concern of the Committee is how the buggies are marked, especially at night. The Committee would like to see a marking/lighting of the buggies for the whole state and would like to see the Legislators pursue this issue. Both Legislators stated they would look into this issue.

Supervisor Clendenning was present and stated he would get a resolution put together to be co-sponsored by both the Legislative Committee as well as the Public Safety Committee regarding this issue.

c. January 2015 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff Department January 2015 claims.

d. Updates

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: The two magic shows were held the weekend of February 7th & 8th, 2015, one being in Marshfield and one in Wisconsin Rapids. Good overall response with approximately \$2,000 of the fundraising efforts going to the Wood County Sheriff K9 Fund.

e. Jail Items:

All jail reports were reviewed.

10. January 2015 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the January 2015 claims of all the Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Agenda items for next meeting:

Resolution – Amish Safety Concerns (Co-Sponsor with Legislative Committee)

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to adjourn at 2:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Signed electronically by Mike Feirer 2-23-15.

Mike Feirer, Chairman
Public Safety Committee