

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: August 4, 2014

PRESENT: Dennis Polach, Mike Feirer, Brad Hamilton, Bill Winch, Gary Allworden

OTHERS Sarah Christensen, Tom Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Charles

PRESENT: Evans, Steve Kreuser, Donna Rozar, Nanci Kinney, Bridget Chariton

LOCATION: Wood County Annex and Health Center

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of July 14, 2014:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications July 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications July 2014 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

Steve informed the Committee that they have some conference calls scheduled in early August with some Tower/Radio vendors. There will be tower path studies done, we are still waiting on the final National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reports before we can start the tower construction. We should be able to begin construction in September.

d. Emergency Management July 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management July 2014 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

Steve discussed the chemical spill at New Page could have effected dispatch being the type of chemical had it gone off site, and the fire at From the Ground Up. Talked about the many times this summer that the EOC has flooded. Discussed that the winter disaster declaration has been denied, but that the State is appealing the decision and they are asking for additional information from the municipalities. Steve answered questions about the Public Equipment Sale. Steve said that the sale went well and that we are planning another one in a couple of weeks. Steve explained that we are helping answer some questions for the City of Wisconsin Rapids in regards to the tower that they are looking to possibly build. There was a question as to the cost of the mitigation plan and Steve explained that this was fully funded by a grant.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch July 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch July 2014 claims.

Lori explained that they are working with Child Support and have received the first payment from the grant that they received for warrant work. Lori explained that they are going to go with IM Responding and try that system to see if it will fit our needs in place of Rapid Reach. Lori is working with Peter on the Frontier Contract. Lori answered questions about an Open Records Class in Price County and that Peter thought it would be good for her to attend.

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

August 19th (Budget only)
Immediately following County Board
Conference Room 210B
Wood County Courthouse
400 Market St
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

September 8, 2014
Nekoosa City Hall
1:00 PM

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

Human Officer Kinney reported that she recently rescued a horse that was in pretty bad condition and that Midwest Horse Rescue had picked him up. She may be requesting charges when the vet report comes in. Humane Officer Kinney answered questions on her activity report regarding the conditions of some of the properties at some of her animal calls.

b. Humane Society Contracts & Billing of Service:

Discussed encouraging some of the townships to have a contract with the Humane Society for animals picked up or brought to the shelter. If there was a contract with the county as a whole they could serve more animals in a more timely manner. Per Peter Kastenholtz, the townships cannot be forced to have a contract with the Humane Society for stray pick-ups. Bill suggested a letter of information be sent to each chairman with some information about the contracts. Nanci will supply a letter to Peter Kastenholtz to send out to them under the direction of the committee. Nanci will bring it to the next meeting.

Bill Winch makes a motion to ask Peter to help draft a letter to encourage municipalities to participate in the Humane Society Contract process, second by Brad Hamilton. Motion carried unanimously.

c. July 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer July 2014 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Discussed the train fatalities and the circumstances surrounding them. Bill Winch presented information on Coroner's wages in surrounding counties. The cremation and death certificate costs are on par with Wood County's new policy.

b. July 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner July 2014 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: None

b. Range:

Sheriff Reichert stated that progress has been made and that they have received the MOU's. He met with Peter Kastenholtz and they are offering some suggestions for changes to the agreements.

c. Out of State Training Request

Melissa, the EMP coordinator, has been invited to the equipment manufacturer convention for training. There will be no cost to the county for this training.

Motion by Brad Hamilton, second by Gary Allworden to allow the EMP Coordinator to attend the training out of State. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Range Property Resolution

Sheriff Reichert would like a motion to transfer the ownership of the current range property to Luke Weiland. This property is landlocked and is on the corner of Luke's existing property.

Motion by Bill Winch, second by Brad Hamilton to transfer the property to Luke Weiland. Motion carried unanimously.

e. North End Office

Donna Rozar explained the issue and that it will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting, and that this issue could possibly be brought back next month for discussion.

f. Updates

Crimestoppers: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: None.

g. Jail Items:

No questions in the information received.

All jail reports were reviewed.

All claims questions answered.

10. July 2014 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Allworden, second by Hamilton to approve the July 2014 claims of all the Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Agenda items for next meeting:

North End Office (possibly)

Humane Officer Letter to Municipalities

12. **Adjourn:**

Motion by Allworden, second by Hamilton to adjourn at 2:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management.

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee