

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: May 9, 2022

PRESENT: Joe Zurfluh, William Voight, Bill Winch, Dennis Polach, Brad Hamilton

EXCUSED:

NOT

PRESENT:

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Bill Clendenning, David Patton, Erik Engel, Lori Heideman, Quentin Ellis, Shawn Becker, Ted Ashbeck, Charlie Hoogesteger, Kelli Trzinski, Nanci Olsen, Brooke Baiertl, Sarah Christensen, Alexa Acker, German Olivarez, Ashley Normington, Jacob Wagner, Sara Luchini, Peter Kastenholz, Lance Pliml, Jeff Penzkover, Craig Broeren

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

Joseph Zurfluh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Review minutes of April 11, 2022:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Voight to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments.

4. Youth Prevention of Delta-8 THC in Wood County – Health Dept. presentation:

Comments made about making an ordinance in Wood County on the sales of the Delta-8 THC.

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

June 13, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse Room 114

6. Communications Department:

a. Communications April 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Communications April 2022 claims.

b. Communications Report:

The Committee reviewed the report.

c. Nekoosa Tower Lease

The Nekoosa Tower Lease was presented in front of the Committee stating there was a 50-year term. Erik stated that in order to renegotiate the terms it would need to be directed by the Committee. He feels that we do not have anything to incentivize them to renegotiate the lease. Corporation Counsel Attorney Peter Kastenzholz stated there could be consequential damages to follow if we were to opt out of the Nekoosa Tower Lease. There could also be the potential of damaging the relationship with the City of Nekoosa if this were to happen. Bill Winch brought up the potential of moving the tower but Peter feels we would still be obligated to pay rent based on the terms of the lease.

7. Emergency Management Department:

a. Emergency Management April 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management April 2022 claims. Stated the Town of Port Edwards received their funds through the state from the December storms. The Safe Room Grant is also being reviewed for more clarification.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Clarified the CIP Radio purchase was from the \$12,000 allocated for the CIP funds this year. Not all radios have been received so there will be more coming in the future.

8. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch April 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch April 2022 claims.

b. Dispatch Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report.

c. Dispatch Lead Position Hire:

The Committee granted permission to rehire the lead position.

9. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner reports.

b. April 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner April 2022 claims.

10. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer reports.

b. April 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Human Officer April 2022 claims.

11. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker commended four corrections officers for their life-saving measures during a medical emergency in the jail on May 4, 2022.

b. PH SH Bots Grant Resolution

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to provide for unanticipated revenue from the Bureau of Traffic Safety, housed within the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Division of State Patrol to finance additional patrol for speed, seatbelt, and reckless driving enforcement through August 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

d. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

e. K-9 Project:

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

f. April 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department April 2022 claims.

g. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated jail staff is still conducting interviews and establishing an eligibility list.

h. Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol:

The Committee reviewed the Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol report.

i. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

j. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security report.

k. Jail Items

- i. Inmate Daily Population: Reviewed.
- ii. EMP: Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers: Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report: Reviewed
- v. Body Scanner: Reviewed
- vi. Maintenance: Nothing to Report
- vii. Inmate Programs: Sheriff Becker stated there was an inmate who graduated with their HSED.
- viii. Jail Study: Nothing to Report

11. April 2022 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the April 2022 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

None

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Zurfluh.

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