

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: September 9, 2013

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

OTHERS Steve Kreuser, Garry Kronstedt, Sarah Christensen, Lance Pliml, Tom Reichert,

PRESENT: Randy Dorshorst, Nanci Kinney, Erik Engel, Laura Clark

LOCATION: Port Edwards Lions Club

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of August 12, 2013:

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications August 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications August 2013 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communications

Steve indicated that the tower projects are ongoing and that we have not heard back from the FAA yet regarding the height of the towers. Steve and Erik have been working with the town of Lincoln and once we hear back from the FAA we should be ready to go ahead with the tower project.

d. Emergency Management August 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management August 2013 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report. Discussed the addressing issues in Grand Rapids.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch August 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch August 2013 claims.

Committee reviewed and discussed the dispatch report. Steve stated that the computer upgrade went well. Steve also discussed the Solarus long distance call charges.

6. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the August Humane Officer report.

b. August 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer August 2013 claims.

7. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Coroner Kronstedt stated the electronic death certificate signing started September 1st, however they are still working on getting the software loaded into everyone's computer. He stated Wood County Systems has been very helpful in this process.

b. August 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner August 2013 claims.

8. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert shared the Executive Committee transferred \$117,000 out of the Electronic Monitoring account to pay for radios. He was asked if this was going to create a problem with the budget. Sheriff Reichert and Chief Deputy Dorshorst both stated this should be

okay, but reminded the Committee they keep the budget basic and only focus on Department needs.

b. Out-Of-State Request:

Sheriff Reichert stated STOP (Satellite Tracking of People) is holding its annual training in Atlanta Georgia and asked the committee to consider sending EMP Coordinator Melissa Lerch and her backup, Kari Hazel to this training. The training is fully funded with no cost to the department. Sheriff Reichert stated by attending the department can keep up with the latest technology. It was also stated STOP has been very good to Wood County with pricing, equipment, etc.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to allow Melissa Lerch and Kari Hazel to attend the fully paid training in Atlanta, Georgia. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Native American 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. This is dedicated patrol, meaning patrol is done on overtime and the grant covers our costs. The money is also used for activities and education by the Ho-Chunk. During certain times of the year the money is used to buy public safety gifts for the different parties the Nation has.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to sign the Tribal Grant resolution and send on to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Tavern Closing Hours – Resolution:

Sheriff Reichert stated currently when bars are in violation of being open after hours they have to be criminally charged through the District Attorney's Office. This resolution would allow deputies to write an ordinance ticket.

Motion by Allworden, second by Murphy to approve the ordinance and send on to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: Sheriff Reichert stated they had a booth set up in front of Mulligan's Bar in Wisconsin Rapids at the Grand Affair on Sunday, September 8th in which they had the "beer goggles" demonstration. He stated it was fun for everyone to see how drinking impairs vision.

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Sheriff Reichert stated the solicitation for the 2014 Magic Show has started, with some of the proceeds coming back to the department.

f. Jail Items: All jail reports were reviewed.

9. August 2013 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

Motion by Winch, second by Polach to approve the August 2013 claims of all the Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**October 14, 2013
1:00 PM
Wood County Courthouse
400 Market St
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495**

11. Adjourn:

Motion by Allworden, second by Polach to adjourn at 2:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Signed Electronically by William Winch

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee