

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: November 11, 2013

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

OTHERS Steve Kreuser, Sarah Christensen, Charles Evans, Tom Reichert, Randy

PRESENT: Dorshorst, Nanci Kinney, Laura Clark, Lori Heideman,

LOCATION: Marshfield City Hall Plaza

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Review minutes of October 14, 2013:

Motion by Murphy, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments

4. Emergency Management Department:

a. Communications October 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications October 2013 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report and the Communications Coordinator On Call Pay request. Steve explained that Eric receives no compensation for all of the calls that he receives after hours. If we were to contract with a company for problems and repairs it would cost quite a bit more than that which is being requested. Requesting \$11,180 per year for on call pay for the communications coordinator.

Motion by Bill Murphy to recommend that the On Call Pay Proposal be sent on to the Executive Committee for further consideration. Second by Gary Allworden. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

Steve informed the Committee that the OK has been received from the FAA regarding the tower height variance. All four property owners in the Town of Lincoln have given a verbal ok to put the tower in the selected location. Steve estimates that the towers will cost approximately \$750,000. Answered questions about tower lights and replacement, and the outdoor warning siren in Grand Rapids that went off.

d. Emergency Management October 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management October 2013 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report. There is a question on the payment to the City of Nekoosa. Steve explained that this is a quarterly payment to the City. Nekoosa receives half of the monies taken in by vendors on the tower. At this time the City of Nekoosa pays no maintenance fee for the tower, but Steve will discuss with them the possibility of splitting the tower maintenance costs as well.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch October 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch October 2013 claims.

Lori stated that she has been working with some of the vendors regarding some of the recurring costs in the department. Discussed meeting with some end users such as police, fire and ambulance about how things are going. Discussed the staff meeting held and the good ideas that were presented. Also discussed expectations and overtime issues in the department. Lori talked about the praise that was received after some help was given to the Sheriff's Department on a fast moving investigation. Lori talked about recertification of some dispatchers and why it lapsed.

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

**December 9, 2013
1:00 PM
Rudolph Town Hall
6432 2nd Ave
Rudolph WI**

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the October Humane Officer report.

b. Humane Officer Budget

Chairman Feirer explained to the Committee the Humane Officer budget is over budget. He explained the Executive Committee did a resolution to put \$4,000 from Contingency into the Humane Officer Budget, which will be voted on at the County Board Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Chairman Feirer did explain to Humane Officer Kinney she needs to be watching her budget closely and informing the Committee months before if she feels she will not make budget.

c. Veterinarian Bill

It was explained to the Committee that the vet bill regarding the two dogs that were shot by a Wood County Deputy after they bit him has not been paid. The bill is from the Central Wisconsin Animal Emergency Center and was not paid as it could not be fully paid from the Wood County Dog License Fund, as requested at the October meeting. The Judicial and Legislative Committee approved to pay \$412.02 of the bill. The remainder still needs to be paid. One dog was euthanized and the other was treated and released.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to pay \$612.23 from the Humane Officer budget to Central Wisconsin Animal Emergency Center. The remainder of the bill, \$412.02, has been approved by the Judicial and Legislative Committee to be paid out of the Wood County Dog License Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

b. October 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer October 2013 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. October 2013 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner October 2013 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence:

Sheriff Reichert stated he has received a couple of thank you notes. He also stated his listening sessions are in progress and going well. He stated most issues are local issues, such as speeding.

Sheriff Reichert addressed the Committee reference the lease agreement ordinance the county is proposing to use. He stated this would be an unfavorable idea concerning the Sheriff's Department and that there is an exclusion for constitutional offices. Discussion was held regarding this matter.

Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden that the Public Safety Committee's preference is that the Constitutional Offices not be subject to the proposed County Board Rule/Ordinance on lease agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Reichert updated the Committee reference the progressive discipline process that is going on now with the fired Corrections Officer. He explained they are waiting on the ruling from the hearing that was held a couple of weeks ago. He stated he is confident the hearing went in the Sheriff's Department favor.

b. Updates:

Crimestoppers: None

Safe Ride Initiative: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: Sheriff Reichert stated the solicitation for the 2014 Magic Show is underway and going well.

c. Jail Items: All jail reports were reviewed.

10. October 2013 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:

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

11. Adjourn:

Motion by Allworden, second by Winch, to adjourn at 2:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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