

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: November 10, 2014

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

OTHERS Sarah Christensen, Tom Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Steve
PRESENT: Kreuser, Laura Clark, Charlie Evans

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 October 13, 2014:**

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comments

4. **Emergency Management Department:**

a. Communications October 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications October 2014 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

Steve informed the committee that we are making progress on the tower construction. Eagle construction will be doing the work for the base of the towers. Steve discussed the tower buildings permit in Marshfield. The construction on the base of the towers will start on Wednesday 11/12/14 in Marshfield and Lincoln. The tower and equipment is scheduled to begin arriving in December/January 2014/15. We are currently into negotiations with a internet carrier that would like to go higher into the bluff tower. Answered questions about the communications report.

d. Emergency Management October 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management October 2014 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

Answered questions on the Emergency Management report. Discussed donations received for weather radios outreach program. Discussed the payment to Pre-Emergency Planning.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch October 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch October 2014 claims.

Lori talked about the train blocking the roadway for over an hour on Friday 11/7/14 in Wisconsin Rapids. She is signing the contract with child support for the next year. This enables dispatch to receive some money for child support warrants. Talked about the broken radio. Will go through systems to purchase. Lori also discussed the bills from dispatch and that she is working with Mike Martin to see what exactly will need to come in front of the committee for approval of additional funds.

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh to purchase the new radio through systems.
Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**December 8, 2014
1:00 p.m.
Alexander House
1131 Wisconsin River Dr.
Port Edwards, WI**

7. Humane Officer:

a. Humane Officer Report

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

b. October 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer October 2014 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

It was discussed that the person newly elected as coroner, Dara Hamm, should attend the next Public Safety meeting. Chairman Feirer stated he would contact her.

b. October 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner October 2014 claims.

9. **Sheriff's Department:**

a. Correspondence: Nothing to report.

b. Range:

Sheriff Reichert stated the department is closing up the airport range and moving stuff to the new Rapids range. There are a few things that still need to be done by the Maintenance Department.

c. Amish Safety Concerns:

Bill Winch stated something needs to be done about the Amish regarding safety concerns. Concerns were discussed regarding better lighting at night of buggies, traffic safety laws, etc. As Bill put it, "Someone is going to get hurt; we need to do something about their safety." It was decided Bill would talk with Peter Kastenholz to see what the County could do about the Amish and the safety concerns of the Committee.

d. October 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff October 2014 claims.

e. Updates

Crimestoppers: No updates.

Safe Ride Initiative: Sheriff Reichert stated he will once again participate in the New Year's Eve Ride Home Program.

Criminal Justice Task Force: No updates.

K9: Sheriff Reichert stated the Masons currently have around \$30,000 in a fund for the purchase of future canines. They recently acquired a new foundation which they will manage, versus having the funds at the Community Foundation. That will save on managing fees, which in turn the fund will grow faster.

f. Jail Items: All jail reports were reviewed.

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

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

11. Closed Session – Annual Performance Evaluations:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Zurfluh go into closed session at 2:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to come out of closed session at 3:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agenda items for next meeting:

Amish Safety Concerns

13. Adjourn:

Motion by Winch, second by Polach to adjourn at 3:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Signed Electronically by William Winch 11-18-14.

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee