

## **Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee**

**DATE:** June 9, 2014

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

**OTHERS** Sarah Christensen, Tom Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Laura

**PRESENT:** Clark, Charles Evans, Steve Kreuser, Garry Kronstedt, Robert Ashbeck

**LOCATION:** Vesper Fire Department

### **1. Call to Order:**

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

### **2. Review minutes of May 12, 2014:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Allworden to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **3. Public Comments:**

No public comments.

### **4. Emergency Management Department:**

#### **a. Communications May 2014 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Communications May 2014 claims.

#### **b. Communications Report**

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

#### **c. Update on Communication Tower Projects**

Steve informed the committee that building the towers cannot start until the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) report is received, this is something new with federal and could take anywhere from 90 to 120 days to complete the reporting. We are still getting prices of equipment and vendors at this time for the towers. We are losing a longtime vendor from two of our towers.

#### **d. Emergency Management May 2014 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management May 2014 claims.

**e. Emergency Management Activity Report**

There were no questions on the Emergency Management Activity Report. Discussed that our department is working with the State to attempt to obtain an emergency declaration for the freezing water pipes, and road repairs for digging up the pipes, for the municipalities' this winter. If we were to receive this declaration municipalities would receive money for their losses.

**5. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch May 2014 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch May 2014 claims.

Lori stated that she sat in a webinar this morning for I.M. Responding (another system to potentially replace Rapid Reach). This would be free for dispatch, but they would need the buy in of the local police and fire departments who would be charged for the product. She is continuing to look in to pricing information.

Lori explained that Eric was in the dispatch department for quite some time the other day looking into a console that is not working. There is a need to purchase a battery backup for this and that could cost a couple of hundred dollars.

Lori shared some correspondence from a woman who called dispatch and had very good things to say about the caring and professionalism of the dispatcher who answered the call.

Railroad issues and complaints are down by about ½ of what they have been.

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

**July 14, 2014**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Wood County Courthouse Room 115**

**400 Market St**

**Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494**

**7. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Report**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

**b. Humane Society Contracts & Billing of Service:**

Humane Officer Kinney stated the South Wood County Humane Society Director is still off on maternity leave. The Director should be available for the July meeting to discuss this issue.

**c. May 2014 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer May 2014 claims.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

**b. Coroner/.Deputy Coroner Fees/Per Diem Raise – Resolution:**

A resolution was being presented to raise the cremation fee and also create a fee for signing death certificates, which will create revenue. The resolution also asks for a per diem increase for the Deputy Coroners effective July 1, 2014. The Coroner would not see the per diem increase until 2019, after the upcoming term. Coroner Kronstedt stated the revenue should offset the per diem increase. Discussion was held among the Committee.

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Allworden to approve the resolution as written and forward on to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.**

**b. May 2014 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner May 2014 claims.

**9. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondence:** Sheriff Reichert stated he received the usual correspondences.

**b. Range:**

Sheriff Reichert stated he received a couple of estimates for replacing windows, doors, and carpeting at the Wisconsin Rapids range. In the negotiations with Wisconsin Rapids PD it is kind of a "buy in" situation, wherein the Sheriff's Department pays for repairs for the yearly expense. He stated Terry Rickaby stated his department is willing to do the repairs, which would cost far less than having a contractor do it. He stated they are making good progress.

**c. Updates:**

**Crimestoppers:** None

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** None

**K9:** None.

**Discuss office space at Norwood for Sheriff:** Sheriff Reichert stated the north end office will be moved to the new office at Norwood by June 30, 2014. He stated it is on track to meet that deadline.

**d. Jail Items:**

Sheriff Reichert stated there was minimal overtime in the jail due to being three people down and two on FMLA. There have been schedule changes to alleviate overtime by moving transport officers back to the jail and utilizing part-time officers to do transports.

All jail reports were reviewed.

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

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

**11. Adjourn:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Allworden to adjourn at 2:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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William Winch, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee