

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

**DATE:** May 13, 2013

**PRESENT:** Dennis Polach, Mike Feirer, William Murphy, Bill Winch

**OTHERS** Steve Kreuser, Erik Engel, Thomas Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Charles Evans,

**PRESENT:** Sarah Christensen, Laura Clark, Lorrie Krokstrom, Robert Haight, James Schmidt, Darrin Larson, Nancy Kinney

**LOCATION:** Marshfield City Hall

**EXCUSED:** Gary Allworden

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

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

### **2. Review minutes of April 8, 2013:**

**Motion by Polach, second by Murphy to approve the minutes of April 8, 2013 meeting with the addition of Roy Dolens last name. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Robert Haight and James Schmidt spoke on behalf of the Marshfield Fire Department, Wood County Fire Chiefs Association and the Wood County Central Records Committee to keep the current set-up of the dispatch department as is. They would like to see the continuation of an independent department overseen by a dispatch manager and operating under the oversight of the Wood County Public Safety Committee. Mike Feirer asked what the rationale is behind having a separate, independent dispatch center. Robert Haight provided examples of past issues that occurred when the center was under an umbrella with the Sheriff's Department. Chief Schmidt states that members of the response organizations using the service would like to continue to have a say in the running of the service. Mike Feirer states that nothing has been spoken of or decided at this time by the Public Safety Committee, and they have not yet received a resignation from the Dispatch Manager. When they begin discussing the issue Deputy Chief Haight and Chief Schmidt are welcome to return and partake in the discussion.

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

#### **a. Communications April 2013 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Communications April 2013 claims.

**b. Communications Report**

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

**c. Update on Communications**

Steve has indicated that he and Erik have been surveying different sites for the new tower location on the north end of the County. They will be meeting with the City of Marshfield Planning and Zoning Board next month to determine height of towers. They should have some financial information and placement of towers by next month's meeting.

**d. Emergency Management April 2013 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management April 2013 claims.

**e. Emergency Management Activity Report**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management activity report.

**f. Emergency Management Update**

There were no questions on the Emergency Management activity report.

**5. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch April 2013 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch April 2013 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report**

The committee received the dispatch report. Lorrie Krokstrom from the Marshfield Police Department spoke in favor of the County purchasing CAD Mobile.

**6. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Reports**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer reports. Humane Officer Kinney stated she has had 18 animal bites within a three week timeframe. She stated she has been quite busy!

**b. April 2013 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer April 2013 claims.

**7. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

**b. April 2013 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner April 2013 claims.

**c. Medical Examiner Position**

A handout from Medical Examiner Mark Witeck in reference to Coroner vs Medical Examiner was discussed. Coroner Kronstedt stated in a prior meeting he will not be seeking re-election in 2014, so the topic of a medical examiner was brought up for the County to possibly consider. This will be discussed at future meetings.

**8. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondence:**

Sheriff Reichert stated he was contacted by the Grand Rapids Town Chairman in reference to Wood County Sheriff's Department's proposal of contracting services to Grand Rapids for 24/7 police coverage. Sheriff Reichert stated this could be done by adding four new officers to the Sheriff's Department staff and then billing the Township for wages, mileage, etc. Sheriff Reichert stated he just wanted to make the Committee aware of this possible contracted service with Grand Rapids.

Sheriff Reichert stated a Corrections Officer was dismissed, and a new person is in the hiring process.

**b. Sheriff's Office Auxiliary:**

Sheriff Reichert stated he is looking into the use of Sheriff's Auxiliary and will present a formal plan in the near future.

**c. Capital Improvement Plans:**

Chief Deputy Dorshorst presented the Capital Improvement Plans of the Wood County Sheriff's Department. The first plan presented was for six squad cars and one jail transport van. The capital improvement plan is for the vehicles, switchover of equipment, registration and licenses.

**Motion by Murphy, second by Winch to accept the Capital Improvement Plan proposal for new vehicles, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

The second plan presented was for new radios, to include squad radios, portable radios, radio accessories and programming equipment. Chief Deputy Dorshorst explained the current radio system is out of date and the Department can't get any parts or service done on the radios. As the radios break and can't be repaired, the Department has no choice but to get new radios.

**Motion by Polach, second by Murphy to accept the Capital Improvement Plan proposal for new radios, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**d. Updates:**

**Crimestoppers:** None

**Safe Ride Initiative:** None

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** None

**K9:** Sheriff Reichert stated Deputy Pidgeon and Toro have just returned from their training session. He stated all went well and they are both ready to go “full speed ahead.”

**e. Jail Items:**

All jail reports were reviewed. Sheriff Reichert stated the EMP Program is projected to be on track for an overall savings of over \$500,000 for 2013.

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

**Motion by Winch, second by Polach to approve the April 2013 claims of all the Public Safety Committee departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**June 17, 2013  
1:00 PM  
Rudolph Village Hall  
1580 Main St  
Rudolph, WI**

**11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

Sheriff's Office Auxiliary  
CAD Mobile Module Purchase

**12. Adjourn:**

**Motion by Murphy, second by Winch to adjourn at 2:28 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