

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

**DATE:** February 10, 2014

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

### **OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Steve Kreuser, Sarah Christensen, Tom Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Erik Engel, Lance Pliml, Lorrie Krokstrom, Charles Evans

**LOCATION:** Norwood Health Center

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

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

### **2. Review minutes of January 15, 2014:**

**Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

No public comments

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

#### **a. Communications January 2014 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Communications January 2014 claims.

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

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

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

Discussed the easement contract with the Town of Lincoln for the new tower site. Talked about the secondary agreement to cover paving and internet service.

**Motion by Murphy, second by Winch to authorize the signing of the Tower agreement between Wood County and the Town of Lincoln. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Allworden, second by Winch to authorize the signing of the Telecommunications Tower Easement between Wood County and the Town of Lincoln. Motion carried unanimously.**

**d. Emergency Management January 2014 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management January 2014 claims.

**e. Emergency Management Activity Report**

Steve discussed the propane shortage and the status of residents in Wood County. Discussed information located on our website and the release of additional funds by the State for energy assistance. Steve stated that after talking with Brandon Vruwink that Brandon had indicated that calls were way up last week Tuesday and Wednesday, but that they started going back down to normal Thursday afternoon. Bill Winch and Steve discussed some of the problems and issues that contributed to the shortage.

**5. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch January 2014 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch January 2014 claims.

Lori stated that she is still working on finding out more information about the compatibility of Rapid Reach and has been working with the systems department on this issue. Lori also talked about shift leads and that there have been a couple of instances in the past couple of weeks where leads would have been beneficial to have. Discussed the amount of money that is in the budget resolution and that in May they will be doing a budget amendment to add in the recurring \$15,000 fee as a separate line item so that problems don't occur in the future.

**Motion by Murphy, second by Polach to sign the dispatch budget resolution. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

**March 10, 2014  
1:00 PM  
Arpin Public Library  
8091 Cty Rd E  
Arpin WI 54410**

**7. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Report**

The Committee reviewed the January Humane Officer report. Mike Feirer will call Nancy with questions that the committee has. There was a question of a lack of information on reports. Is there a reason that names/addresses are not included?

**b. January 2014 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer January 2014 claims.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Discussed the number of cremations last month. Talked about the proposed legislation about the coroner/medical examiners training/qualifications. Bill Winch will see if Amy Sue Vruwink will be available to come to the next meeting to discuss her proposal.

**b. January 2014 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner January 2014 claims.

**9. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondence:**

Sheriff Reichert discussed the new medical contract company for the jail. This contract will save the County money while still offering the same level of service. Sheriff Reichert also discussed the polar plunge and the closing of the roadway for safety during that event. Discussed the stand-off situation and that the outcome was as good as one could hope in that type of situation. Looked at the Norwood location for the possible new North End Sheriff's office.

Sheriff Reichert stated he has received nothing as far as correspondence this month.

**b. Updates:**

**Crimestoppers:** They are currently looking for more board members.

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** None

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

c. **Jail Items:** All jail reports were reviewed. Discussed security problems on the third floor and a possible new justice center to help alleviate those problems.

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

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

**11. Closed Session:**

**Motion by Murphy, second by Polach go into closed session at 2:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to come out of closed session at 3:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

**12. Adjourn:**

**Motion by Polach, second by Allworden to adjourn at 3:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management.

*Minutes signed electronically by William Winch.*

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William Winch, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee