

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

**DATE:** February 14, 2022

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

**EXCUSED:**

**NOT**

**PRESENT:**

**OTHERS** Bill Clendenning, David Patton, Erik Engel, Lori Heideman, Quentin Ellis, Shawn

**PRESENT:** Becker, Charlie Hoogesteger, Ted Ashbeck, Kelli Trzinski, Lance Pliml, Nanci Olsen, Brooke Baierl, Ed Newton, Alexa Acker

**LOCATION:** Wood County Courthouse

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

Mike Feirer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **2. Review minutes of January 10 , 2022:**

**Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

No public comments.

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

**March 14, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Wood County Courthouse Room 114**

### **5. Communications Department:**

#### **a. Communications January 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications January 2022 claims.

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

The Committee reviewed the report. Erik presented his 2022 goals. Stated he has started moving things out of his building, once he receives a date from Reuben in Maintenance for the demolition of the building he will start finalize moving his things to another location before demolition.

**6. Emergency Management Department:**

**a. Emergency Management January 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management January 2022 claims.

**b. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Talked about the work on potential grant reimbursement for the villages of Biron and Port Edwards from the December 2021 storm damages.

**c. Emergency Management Resolutions:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Resolutions. Talked about how there was an increase in expenses due to covid-19. There were items purchased for the vaccination clinics at the beginning of the year. Also had to update and complete the Hazard Mitigation which increased expenses as well. All increased expenses are covered by grant dollars which results in no increase in cost to the county.

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Winch to approve the Emergency Management Resolutions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch January 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch January 2022 claims.

**b. Dispatch Activity Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Talked about staffing shortage due to COVID-19 along with one employee out on FMLA. Lori stated 16 interviews were conducted; there were a lot of good candidates. Two offers will be put in this week along with two offers at the end of March to hopefully be at full staff. The new hires would be fully trained by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner reports.

**b. January 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner January 2021 claims.

**c. Repayment of Overpayment of Wages of Former Coroner**

Tabled for next meeting unless resolved before then.

**9. Humane Officer**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer Report.

**10. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondences:**

Sheriff Becker recognized Office Manager Kelli Trzinski for her recent graduation from Lakeland University with her Bachelor's Degree.

**b. Courthouse Veteran's Memorial:**

Sheriff Becker stated he is working to have names of current and former Sheriff's Department employees who are veterans added to the backside of the current memorial at no cost to the County.

**c. Wood County Rescue:**

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

**d. Crime Stoppers:**

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

**e. K-9 Project:**

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

**f. January 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department January 2021 claims.

**g. Hiring Process:**

Sheriff Becker stated Deputy Christopher Downs has completed field training. He also stated the department is currently in the process of hiring two female corrections officers and establishing an eligibility list.

**h. Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol:**

The Committee reviewed the Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol report.

**i. Joint Special Response Team with WRPD and MDPD Update:**

Sheriff Becker stated Wisconsin Rapids Police Department is currently not ready to move forward with the joint Special Response Team. Sheriff Becker stated he will have the MOU available next month between the Marshfield Police Department and the Sheriff's Department. He stated it is possible Wisconsin Rapids will join later in the year.

**j. Overtime:**

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

**k. Courthouse Security:**

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security report.

**l. Jail Items**

- i. Inmate Daily Population: Reviewed.
- ii. EMP: Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers: Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report: Reviewed
- v. Body Scanner: Reviewed
- vi. Maintenance: Nothing to Report
- vii. Inmate Programs: Nothing to Report
- viii. Jail Study: Sheriff Becker stated the jail design is almost complete and will go out for bids in either May or June.

**11. January 2021 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:**

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Hamilton to approve the January 2021 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

None

**13. Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.**

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