

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: July 14, 2014

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

OTHERS Sarah Christensen, Tom Reichert, Randy Dorshorst, Lori Heideman, Charles
PRESENT: Evans, Steve Kreuser, Garry Kronstedt, Karen Madden, Lori Moran, Lance
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LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. **Call to Order:**

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

2. **Review minutes of June 9, 2014:**

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Public Comments:**

No public comments

4. **Emergency Management Department:**

a. Communications June 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Communications June 2014 claims.

b. Communications Report

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. Update on Communication Tower Projects

Steve informed the committee that they are near the completion of receiving price quotes on the tower project. Still waiting for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) report, cannot begin construction of the towers without this. Lightning struck the Sherry /Rudolph tower and causing some damage, working with vendor on parts replacements. Steve explained the mice in the AC unit. Steve answered questions about the tower utility bills and the difference in the amounts.

d. Emergency Management June 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management June 2014 claims.

e. Emergency Management Activity Report

There were no questions on the activity report. Discussed and explained the resolution for adoption of the Wood County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Polach to adopt the Wood County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch June 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch June 2014 claims.

Lori discussed the bill received from ProQA. She will be researching to see if the charges billed are necessary. Discussed the maintenance contract for \$15,000 and that she will be discussing the repercussions of not having this with Peter Kastenholtz. This cost will need to be added to the Dispatch budget for next year. Lori stated she received a grant for \$750 for computer/radio upgrades.

Trains are moving faster now. Complaints are down between 50-75%. The Sheriff's Department has issued 8 citations and all but 1 have been paid.

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

August 4, 2014

1:00 pm

Wood County Annex and Health Center conference room (across from Sheriff's Office)

August 19th (Budget only)

Immediately following County Board Meeting

Conference Room 210B

Wood County Courthouse

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 was not present, therefore item was not discussed.

c. June 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer June 2014 claims.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. Raise for Coroner/Deputy Coroners

Coroner Kronstedt reported that this was a typical month. Committee discussed the calls received on the new Death Certificate charge. Mike received 2 phone calls. Coroner Kronstedt reported that typically there are about 12-16 per month that his office needs to sign. Some doctors will not sign death certificates which means the Coroner has to sign them. Dennis received 1 call. Bill Winch reported that he received several calls. Bill presented some information on what the rest of the State is charging. He is also going to get a comparison for what the wages are for the 5 counties around us. Brad received 3 phone calls. Gary received 1. There will be no changes in the fees.

c. June 2014 Claims

The Committee reviewed the Coroner June 2014 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondence: None

b. Range:

Sheriff Reichert stated they will be able to finance their portion of the range and that there is an MOU in the works. There will be a resolution next month to give back some land that they are not going to use by the airport. Question about the range costs answered.

c. Discuss office space at Norwood

The move in is completed. There are still some projects pending. Sheriff Reichert stated that maintenance did a great job with the remodel.

d. Updates

Crimestoppers: None

Criminal Justice Task Force: None

K9: None.

e. Jail Items:

Included in packets. No questions in the information received.

All jail reports were reviewed.

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

Questions about the claims for the damage to transport vans. Randy explained the damage and how it occurred. Questions about printing costs and why there were three bills. Questions about jail repairs and the towing charge. All claims questions answered.

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

11. Agenda items for next meeting:

Resolution on land by airport.

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Polach, second by Hamilton to adjourn at 2:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management.

Signed Electronically by William Winch 7/22/14.

William Winch, Secretary
Public Safety Committee