

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

**DATE:** June 18, 2012

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

### **OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Steve Kreuser, Randy Dorshorst, Nanci Kinney, Laura Clark, Sarah Christensen, Lance Pliml, Garry Kronstedt, Thomas Reichert, Kelly Zenz

**LOCATION:** Wood County Courthouse

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

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

### **2. Review minutes of May 9, 2012:**

**Motion by Polach, second by Murphy to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting as presented. Changes to the minutes were suggested and approved. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

There are no public comments

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

#### **a. Communications May 2012 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Communications May 2012 claims.

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

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

#### **c. Update on Communications Towers/Narrowband Project**

Steve Kreuser stated that the tower projects (Sherry & Dexter) are on schedule. The microwaves have all been installed. The radio equipment is delivered, and we are just waiting for Tait to install and sync it. This should take place in approximately one month. The tower line that was damaged by the bullet in Nekoosa has been repaired. The range is now only available to Nekoosa Police Officers and no longer is available to the general public.

**d. Emergency Management May 2012 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management May 2012 claims.

**e. Emergency Management Activity Report**

Activity report was reviewed.

**5. Dispatch Department:**

**a. Dispatch May 2012 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch May 2012 claims.

**b. Dispatch Report**

Kelly stated that he has hired one person and that they have started already. One other person is scheduled to begin on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. The training is approximately 3 months long. The space needs committee visited the department and agreed that something may need to be done. They will consider where the dispatch department could reside when they are doing their report. At the end of 2015 the phone system will no longer be supported by the vendor. Perhaps in 2020 dispatch will need to upgrade to a new phone system. Lance Pliml suggested putting that in the Capital Improvement Plan so that it can begin to be planned for.

**6. Humane Officer:**

**a. Humane Officer Report**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report. Humane Officer Kinney presented a bill from the Wood County Humane Society for \$300 reference a case from 2011. The bill is reference to animals taken to the Humane Society from the Town of Sigel that were being neglected. The Town of Sigel does not have a town constable; therefore Humane Officer Kinney had taken the animals to the Humane Society. After discussion it was decided the bill should be sent to the Town of Sigel. Humane Officer Kinney will forward the bill to the Town of Sigel.

**Motion by Winch, second by Allworden to approve Humane Officer Nanci Kinney forward the bill on to the Town of Sigel, as the incident occurred in their township. Motion carried unanimously.**

**b. May 2012 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer May 2012 claims.

## **7. Coroner:**

### **a. Coroner Report**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report. Coroner Kronstedt stated the State is going to electronic death certificates and all his deputies will have to be trained. It is unclear at this time if there is a cost for this training or where it will be held.

### **b. Coroner Transport Vehicle**

At the May meeting Coroner Kronstedt brought up the idea of the county purchasing a transport vehicle for the Coroner's Office as he felt it is needed for transporting bodies to autopsies. An expense sheet was put together for the Committee to review. After discussion it was decided it is not cost effective to purchase a transport vehicle for the Coroner.

**Motion by Winch, second by Allworden to not purchase a transport vehicle for the Coroner's Office at this time. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **b. May 2012 Claims**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner May 2012 claims.

## **8. Sheriff's Department:**

### **a. Correspondence:**

Sheriff Reichert stated the Space Needs Committee recently went through our department to study the needs of our department. Sheriff Reichert stated the north end office is limited on space. He stated it is possible they would move to the Norwood building. He would like to see the south end office have the offices to the north of department, which are now occupied by Human Services. He also stated he felt the jail will be fine for the next 10 to 15 years.

Sheriff Reichert stated he received a request for an out of state training that will be held in July. It is a request to send Inv. Sgt. Sara McCormick, our Project Lifesaver Coordinator, to the International Conference for Project Lifesaver in Las Vegas. The total cost of the training is \$600, in which \$300 will be paid by the department and the other \$300 will be paid by the local chapter of Project Lifesaver.

Discussion was held and a motion was made.

**Motion by Murphy, second by Allworden to approve the out of state training for Sara McCormick to attend the International Conference for Project Lifesaver in Las Vegas in July. Motion carried 3-2. Vote taken: Feirer – Yes, Murphy –**

**Yes, Allworden – Yes, Winch – No, stating he doesn't know if there is any value in the training. Polach – No. stating he wouldn't support it.**

**b. Department and Efficiency Update:**

Sheriff Reichert and Deputy Chief Dorshorst explained to the Committee the department has looked into our purchasing of supplies and found a more efficient and cost effective method of purchasing. Sheriff Reichert briefed the Committee on savings to date.

**c. K9 Vehicle Presentation:**

After the meeting was adjourned the Committee viewed the K9 Vehicle in the Sheriff's Department parking lot. Deputy Joseph Zurfluh gave a presentation of the vehicle.

**d. Updates:**

**Crimestoppers:** Beverly Ghiloni, our recently retired deputy, has taken a position on the Crimestopper board.

**Safe Ride Initiative:** None

**Criminal Justice Task Force:** None

**K9 Project:** Sheriff Reichert stated the construction of a dog house and privacy fence for K9 Rex is currently underway. The Maintenance Department will be doing the work. Funds for this project have been solicited from local businesses.

**e. Jail Items:**

All jail reports were reviewed. Sheriff Reichert stated the population in the jail is on the rise, after the past six months of the population being down.

The Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) had a savings of \$32,123.94 for the month of May.

**9. May 2012 Claims: Dispatch, Communications, Emergency Management, and Sheriff:**

**Motion by Allworden, second by Winch to approve the May 2012 claims of all the Public Safety Committee departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

**10. Agenda Items for next meeting:**

Tour Wood County Sheriff's Department – Marshfield Office

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

**July 9, 2012  
1:00 p.m.  
Marshfield City Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room 108**

**12. Adjourn:**

**Motion by Winch, second by Murphy to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

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William Winch, Secretary  
Public Safety Committee