

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: June 17, 2019

PRESENT: Dennis Polach, Joe Zurfluh, Mike Feirer, Jason Zaleski, Bill Winch

EXCUSED:

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PRESENT:

OTHERS Sarah Christensen, Steve Kreuser, Scott Brehm, Ted Ashbeck, Randy Dorshorst,

PRESENT: Erik Engel, Reuben Van Tassel, Nanci Olson, Quentin Ellis, Shawn Becker, Bill Clendenning, Lori Heideman, Jodi Lubeck, Private Citizen (name illegible)

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

Dennis Polach called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Review minutes of May 13, 2019:

Motion by Feirer, second by Zaleski to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

July 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Annex and Health Center

5. Communications Department:

a. **Communications May 2019 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications May 2019 claims.

b. **Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

Motion by Zaleski, 2nd by Feirer to accept the Communications report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Emergency Management Department

a. Emergency Management May 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management May 2019 claims.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Steve talked about the water issues that residents in the Town of Saratoga are currently dealing with and what steps have been taken. Steve talked about the grant with Juneau County and the hydraulic study that is being conducted. Bill Clendenning spoke about water issues in Grand Rapids. Steve answered questions on the report.

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Feirer to accept the Emergency Management Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Dispatch Department:

a. May 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch May 2019 Claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Lori talked about Rapid SOS and that they are going to be trying that program. Lori answered questions on her report.

c. Phones:

Lori stated that they have not heard back from Solarus yet as to if they will pay the outage bill that was submitted to them.

d. Phones/Norwood:

Lori talked about the 911 lines if they had a backup dispatch center at Norwood. ATT and Frontier are not sure if they could get 911 lines up there. Her next move is to consult with Solarus regarding the lines in Norwood.

Motion by Zaleski, 2nd by Feirer to accept the Dispatch report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. May 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner May 2019 claims.

Motion by Zurfluh, 2nd by Winch to accept the Coroner report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

Nanci talked about the dog bite in Town of Lincoln and discussed the 5/20 and 5/26 bites not being from the same animal.

Motion by Zaleski, 2nd by Zurfluh to accept the Humane Officer report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Sheriff's Department:

Sheriff Becker began his presentation by discussing the incident that occurred in Arpin and the condition of the officers involved. He also discussed the support his department has received from citizens as well as other agencies, both within the County and in Law Enforcement in general.

a. Correspondences:

Reviewed Correspondence.

b. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report. Bill Clendenning said Rescue is the guest speaker at the County Association meeting on Friday.

c. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

d. K-9 Project:

Sheriff Becker stated that by next month they should have a quote on a new K-9 from the new company they plan to use. Sheriff Becker also discussed the upcoming fundraisers for this project.

e. May 2019 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department May 2019 claims. Randy answered questions regarding a prisoner extradition and also explained it is more cost effective to hire a

company for transports versus sending deputies. He answered questions about a vehicle trade-in and some snowmobile repairs.

f. Stale Dated Checks Resolution:

Motion by Feirer, second by Zaleski to approve the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Resolution for Unanticipated Revenue from the Bureau of Traffic Safety:

Randy explained the Resolution is grant money for all jurisdictions within the county to pay for speed, seatbelt and reckless driving/distracted driving enforcement. The Sheriff's Department will be managing the funds.

Motion by Feirer, second by Zaleski to approve the resolution and to send it on to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

h. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated that they have made a conditional offer to an individual and that they are anticipated to begin July 1. He is then hoping to hire 1 more in August, and 1 in September in order to stagger the training periods.

i. Promotions:

Sheriff Becker stated that 5 people are currently interested in the Courthouse Security Lieutenant position. He stated that quite a few are also interested in the Patrol Sgt. Positions. He believes that they should hit their October 1 target for implementing courthouse security.

j. Boat Patrol:

Ongoing. They have been patrolling Nepco and Wazeecha lakes and the Wisconsin River.

k. Overtime:

Talked about the overtime numbers and what they are reporting now that wasn't being reported in the past.

l. Jail Items

- i. Inmate Daily Population – Reviewed
- ii. EMP – Reviewed
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers – Reviewed
- iv. Kitchen Report – Reviewed
- v. Maintenance – Reuben and Ted discussed jail concerns. Ted talked about the need for a new camera system in the jail. He explained the current system has reached its end-of-life span. Reuben stated they are at the point where it would make sense to join the systems. Ted and Reuben also talked about plumbing issues. They are

working on getting an accurate layout of the lines and pipe sizes. They discussed the loose tiles due to flooding and the need/cost to remove them. They explained the broken tiles could be used as weapons.

- vi. Safekeeper – No questions
- vii. Jail Inspection – No questions
- viii. New Jail Study – Sheriff Becker talked about the proposal for a new jail study. He said Chairman Machon told Chief Deputy Dorshorst that he did not want the item on the Executive Committee agenda. Sheriff Becker said he would like to take money out of the scheduled maintenance office remodel project and use it to pay for the study. Sheriff Becker said he felt approval to reallocate the money was needed. The Public Safety Committee believes that this needs to go before the Executive Committee.

Motion by Feirer, 2nd by Zurfluh for the Executive Committee to put this on their meeting agenda for discussion and approval before moving it on to County Board. Voting Yes were Zurfluh, Feirer, Winch and Polach. Voting No was Zaleski. Motion carried.

11. May 2019 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:

Motion by Zurfluh, second by Feirer to approve the May 2019 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

County Association on Safety (Supervisor Clendenning would like a representative or two to attend the meeting in Portage WI)

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Vice Chair Polach at 10:48 a.m.

Minutes taken by Wood County Emergency Management Department.

Jason Zaleski, Secretary
Public Safety Committee