

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: February 8, 2021

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

EXCUSED:

NOT

PRESENT:

OTHERS

PRESENT: Steve Kreuser, Sarah Christensen, Bill Clendenning, Scott Brehm, Lori Heideman, Erik Engel, Kelli Trzinski, Lance Pliml, Shawn Becker

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 11, 2021:

Motion by Polach, second by Hamilton to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

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

March 8, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse Room 114

5. Communications Department:

a. **Communications January 2021 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications January 2021 claims.

b. **Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the report. Microwave project is almost complete.

6. Emergency Management Department

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

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management January 2021 claims. Steve answered questions on the claims. He talked about the BNI signs and updates that are coming up.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Are not using inmates in the jail yet. They are still waiting for a little while. Trailer should be finished in the next few weeks towards the middle of March. Talked about the vaccination clinics and our role in those with the volunteers.

c. Emergency Management Resolution:

Steve presented and explained the Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution to adopt the new Hazard Mitigation plan.

Motion by Hamilton to approve the Resolution and send to the County Board. Second by Polach, Motion carried unanimously.

7. Dispatch Department:

a. January 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch January 2021 claims.

b. Dispatch Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Answered questions about Broadway Ave/St in the Town of Saratoga. Lori talked about the backup center in the jail, in the event of civil unrest and the potential needing of a more secure location. Lori thanked all those involved in the expedited setup of this setup.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

b. January 2021 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner January 2021 claims.

9. Humane Officer

a. Humane Officer Report:

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer Report.

10. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Sheriff Becker announced Inv. Sgt. Scott Machotka's retirement coming up on March 5, 2021 and thanked him for his dedicated service. Sheriff Becker also discussed Diane Lieber's retirement from the Civil Service Commission and thanked her for her dedicated service. Sheriff Becker introduced the new Chief Deputy, Quentin Ellis, and Captain, Charles Hoogesteger, to the committee and discussed the Patrol Lieutenant promotional process.

b. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

c. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

d. K-9 Project:

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report. The return of a canine was discussed and Captain Hoogesteger has it set up for the Department to receive the new one sometime in March with Deputy Beathard being the handler.

e. January 2021 Claims:

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

f. Hiring Process:

Sheriff Becker stated the Department has made conditional offers of employment to Cody Strey and Jesse Kirkeng. Sheriff Becker stated both of them will come to the Department with prior experience and are expected to start sometime in March. He said this still leaves two vacancies, which will be addressed throughout the rest of the year.

g. Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol:

The Committee reviewed the Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol report. Sheriff Becker said the snowmobile trails are open in Wood County.

h. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

i. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security monthly report.

j. 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: Nothing to Report.

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

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

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

None

16. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Feirer.

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