

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

**DATE:** September 9, 2019

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

**EXCUSED:**

**NOT**

**PRESENT:**

**OTHERS** Steve Kreuser, Scott Brehm, Ted Ashbeck, Randy Dorshorst, Erik Engel, Nanci

**PRESENT:** Olson, Shawn Becker, Bill Clendenning, Lori Heideman, Kelli Trzinski, Jodi Lubeck, Kyle Pleet, Andrew Simon, Adam Perry, Matt Susa, Rich Burghaus, Kim McGrath, Reuben Van Tassel, Joseph Zurfluh Jr.

**LOCATION:** Wood County Annex Marshfield

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

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

### **2. Review minutes of August 12, 2019:**

**Motion by Feirer, second by Zurfluh to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

No Public Comments.

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

**Budget Meeting  
September 16, 2019  
9:00 AM  
Wood County Courthouse**

**October 14, 2019  
9:00 a.m.  
Wood County Courthouse**

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

#### **a. Communications August 2019 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications August 2019 claims.

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

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

Erik talked about the Racom/MODUCOMM maintenance agreement and fielded questions on it. Discussed the risk of not having the contracts and answered questions about them.

**6. Emergency Management Department**

**a. Emergency Management August 2019 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management August 2019 claims.

**b. Emergency Management Activity Report:**

The committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Steve talked about the July 20<sup>th</sup> storm and advised that as far as FEMA is concerned Wood County has everything very well organized. Steve advised that there will be a meeting with FEMA on Wednesday at 9 AM in the courthouse, Room 114. Steve also reported on some of the issues that were experienced during and after the storm and getting FEMA here to assess the damage. Wood County is at \$3.1 million in damages. There are 14 counties that are applying for funds from the storm and Wood County ranks #1 for having everything set and ready to go. There is also an Urban Forestry grant available through the DNR that the city can go after to help replant trees.

**7. Dispatch Department:**

**a. August 2019 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch August 2019 Claims.

**b. Dispatch Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report.

**c. Phones:**

Lori advised that the letter to Solarus that Peter and herself worked on was sent and at this time we are not going after the bills. The bottom line is we want Solarus to be held accountable for working with Wood County and it seems that is happening. Lori talked about some 911 misroutes that she worked on with Solarus and it was handled very well.

**8. Coroner:**

**a. Coroner Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner report.

**b. August 2019 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Coroner August 2019 claims.

**9. Humane Officer**

**a. Humane Officer Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Human Officer report.

**10. Sheriff's Department:**

**a. Correspondences:**

Sheriff Becker spoke about the Touch- a-Truck outing at the Grand Rapids Lions Club for the Boys and Girls Club and the Family Center. Sheriff Becker thanked the deputies who attended. He stated he heard good feedback about the armored truck on display along with Wood County Sheriff's Rescue.

**b. Wood County Rescue:**

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Sheriff's Rescue report.

**c. Crime Stoppers:**

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

Sheriff Becker stated the Crime Stopper Representative from the Sheriff's Department will be assigned to Lt. Joe Zurfluh due to Sgt. Scott Drew assuming the duties of Port Edwards Police Chief.

**d. K-9 Project:**

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

**e. August 2019 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department August 2019 claims.

**f. Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Resolution:**

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Zaleski to authorize Wood County to enter into an agreement and seeking funding for Law Enforcement Services on Restricted Tribal Lands. Voting Yes: Feirer, Polach, Zurfluh, and Zaleski. Voting No: Winch.**

**g. Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with WPPA and Wood County Sheriff's Association Resolution.**

Sheriff Becker complimented HR Director Kim McGrath and her staff for the hard work and research done throughout the collective bargaining process with the WPPA.

**Motion by Feirer, second by Zaleski to pass the resolution onto the Executive committee for approval. Voting Yes: Feirer, Zaleski, Zurfluh, and Polach. Voting No: Winch**

**h. Out-of-State Training Request:**

Sheriff Becker told the committee Lt. Brian Peterson has an opportunity for free leadership training at the Homeland Training Center in Florida. This training is from November 12, 2019 to November 23, 2019. The Sheriff's Department was awarded this leadership training opportunity from the National Sheriffs' Association on account of producing an officer wellness video. This video was recently presented at National Sheriff's Association conference in Kentucky.

**Motion by Zurfluh, second by Zaleski to allow Lt. Brian Peterson to attend the free training in Georgia November 12, 2019 to November 23, 2019. Voting Yes: Zurfluh, Zaleski, Feirer, and Polach. Voting No: Winch.**

**i. Hiring Process:**

Sheriff Becker stated Deputy Andrew Merkes will be going solo patrol at the end of September and Deputy Mitchel Jazdzewski is in phase two of his field training program and should complete his training in early November.

Sheriff Becker stated Cody Valiquette and Christopher Stauner were hired and will be starting in October.

**j. Promotions:**

Sheriff Becker stated Eric Marten was promoted to Patrol Lt. and Samuel Klumb was promoted to Sgt. assigned to the Civil Process Division.

Sheriff Becker stated with be promoting Inv. Sgt. by the end of this week and Patrol Sgt. in the near future. Both promotions will follow guidelines established in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with WPPA.

Sheriff Becker wanted to thank the committee members for their help with the Patrol Lt. promotional process.

**k. Boat Patrol:**

The Committee reviewed the Boat Patrol and ATV Patrol report.

**l. Overtime:**

The Committee reviewed the overtime report.

**m. Courthouse Security**

Sheriff Becker stated the Security Policy and press release are being drafted by Lt. Bryan Peterson and will be brought before the committee at Monday, September 16, 2019 meeting.

Sheriff Becker stated the Sheriff's Department is expecting to go live on October 7, 2019.

**l. Jail Items**

- i. Inmate Daily Population-see report
- ii. EMP-see report
- iii. Safekeeper Housing Numbers-see report
- iv. Kitchen Report-see report.
- v. Maintenance-Rueben Van Tassel stated looking to replace chiller at the end of this year.
- vi. Safekeeper-No comments.
- vii. Inmate Programs-Captain Ashbeck put together a list of inmate programs to help inmates. The goal with these programs is to reduce inmate population in the Jail.
- viii. New Jail Study – Sheriff Becker stated there was a conference call with Adventure Architects last week. He discussed with the committee what some of the next steps will be in the process.

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

**Motion by Feirer, second Zaleski to approve the August 2019 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

Budgets  
Security Policy Resolution  
Security Press Release

**13. Adjourn**

**Meeting adjourned by Vice Chairman Polach at 10:10 am.**

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