

MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, November 13, 2023

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 114

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Zurfluh, William Voight, Brad Hamilton (via WebEx),
Dennis Polach, William Winch

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Zurfluh called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. The minutes of the October 9, 2023 meetings were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 2:00 PM in Room 114.
4. There was no public comment.
5. The Communications Dept. presented their report and bill listing.
6. The Emergency Management Dept. presented their report and bill listing. Discussion on the Everbridge Mass Notification System that was recently used by Dispatch. A communication will be prepared and put on the website and the county's social media pages on how to sign up.
7. The Dispatch Dept. presented their report and bill listing.
8. The Coroner presented their report and bill listing.
9. Coroner Patton is requesting that the cremation fee be increased as of the new year due to rising costs associated with his office. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to have the Coroner work with the County Clerk in drafting a resolution and bring it back to the December meeting for action. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Chief Deputy Ellis reviewed, and highlighted, the following within their report.
 - a. Veterans Day participation; eighteen names were added to the monument in front of the courthouse of current and former deputies that were veterans. This project continues as they learn more.
11. The resolution to authorize Wood County to enter into an agreement and seek funding under §165.90 for law enforcement services on restricted tribal lands was presented. Motion by Hamilton/Zurfluh to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion by Voight/Hamilton to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion by Hamilton/Winch to go into closed session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c), to conduct performance reviews of department heads the committee oversees. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Motion by Zurfluh/Hamilton to come back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 10:26 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

