

Minutes of the Wood County Public Safety Committee

DATE: February 13, 2023

PRESENT: Joe Zurfluh, William Voight, Bill Winch, Brad Hamilton, Dennis Polach

EXCUSED:

NOT

PRESENT:

OTHERS Sarah Christensen, Jeff Penzkover, Ed Newton, Erik Engel, Quentin Ellis, Ted

PRESENT: Ashbeck, Alexa Acker, Kelli Trzinski, Bill Clendenning, Tony Bastien, Matt Susa,
Amanda Zwetz

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse

1. Call to Order:

Joseph Zurfluh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Review minutes of January 9, 2022:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Voight to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comments:

None

4. Set date, time and location of next meeting

March 13, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Wood County Courthouse Room 114

5. Communications Department:

a. **Communications January 2023 Claims:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications January 2023 claims. Clarification was given on the two invoices from Edge Consulting Engineers. Stated they were tower inspections for the Bluff and Nekoosa towers.

b. **Communications Report:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications report.

c. **Communications Budget Amending Resolutions:**

The Committee reviewed the Communications Resolutions.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Winch to approve the Communications Resolutions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Emergency Management Department:

a. Emergency Management January 2023 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management January 2023 claims. Clarification was given on the US Bank charges, was due to a repair from the BNI/Work Relief van. Stated all of the BNI charges do get billed back to the municipalities.

b. Emergency Management Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report. Will follow up on unknown areas of spills from this month.

c. Emergency Management Budget Amending Resolutions:

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management Resolutions.

Motion by Voight, second by Hamilton to approve the Emergency Management Resolutions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Dispatch Department:

a. Dispatch January 2023 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch January 2023 claims.

b. Dispatch Activity Report:

The Committee reviewed the Dispatch report. Director states the equipment from the NextGen911 grant will be ordered and signed for this month. It will be about \$130,000 with the grant covering 80% of the funds and the county covering 20% of the funds. Stated two new dispatchers were hired leaving the department only one position short of full staff. Will be working with HR to establish a new eligibility list.

8. Coroner:

a. Coroner Report:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner reports.

b. January 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Coroner January 2022 claims.

9. Sheriff's Department:

a. Correspondences:

Chief Deputy Ellis spoke about the Polar Plunge and the combined efforts of jail staff and Sheriff's Department staff raising almost \$5000 to support Special Olympics. This year's plunge team consisted of Corrections Officers Macy Griepentrog, Elizabeth Link, Jace Wipfli, Amanda Edgerly, Sheriff Shawn Becker, Corrections Officer Tina Cegielski, Deputy Terry Johnson, Sergeant Brandon Christianson, Part Time Deputy Dustin Turner, and Jail Sergeant Thomas King.

Chief Deputy Ellis spoke about the press release and thank you letter from the Milwaukee Police Department. He stated suspects were found in Grand Rapids after a shooting in Milwaukee and were taken into custody without incident.

Chief Deputy Ellis spoke about the armed robbery that happened at approximately 9:30 p.m. on February 12, 2023 at the Food Tree in the Town of Rudolph. He stated at this time the suspect is still at large.

b. Becker Leave of Absence Resolution

Motion by Voight, second by Hamilton to grant political leave of absence to Wood County Sheriff, Shawn Becker, for the term of January 2, 2023 through January 4, 2027. Zurlfuh-yes Voight-yes Hamilton-yes Polach-yes Winch-no

c. Stale Dated Check Resolution:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Voight to cancel stale dated checks as recommended by the auditors. Said checks from Wood county Jail inmate account as per office of the Wood County Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

d. ARPA Funding Request:

Chief Deputy Ellis stated the Department's tasers, body cameras, and squad cameras are past their equipment use life. He stated the Department has submitted a request for ARPA funding to fund a five-year, approximately \$240,000 to \$250,000 per year agreement with Axon for new equipment and a cloud based data management system. If ARPA funds are not available to facilitate the project, the Department will need to do so through the budget process.

e. Wood County Rescue:

The Committee reviewed the Wood County Rescue report.

f. Crime Stoppers:

The Committee reviewed the Crime Stoppers report.

g. K-9 Project:

The Committee reviewed the K-9 report.

h. Humane Officer

The Committee reviewed the Humane Officer report.

Sgt. Matthew Susa talked about the new rabies quarantine ordinance that will be implemented in the future through the State of Wisconsin and the Wood County Health Department. He also spoke about Humane Officer Matsch making new flow charts for all the jurisdictions to follow for calls.

i. January 2022 Claims:

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Department January 2022 claims.

j. Hiring Process:

Chief Deputy Ellis stated Jessica Reblin started last Monday, February 6, 2023, in the front office. This makes the front office fully staffed.

Chief Deputy Ellis stated the Sheriff's Department and the jail are fully staffed and the jail is starting to hire the first wave of the eight new corrections officers for the new facility.

k. Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol:

The Committee reviewed the Boat/ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Patrol report.

l. Overtime:

The Committee reviewed the overtime reports.

m. Courthouse Security:

The Committee reviewed the Courthouse Security report.

n. 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

10. January 2022 Claims: Communications, Emergency Management, Dispatch, Sheriff, Coroner, and Humane Officer:

Motion by Hamilton, second by Voight to approve the January 2022 claims of all Public Safety Committee Departments. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

None

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m. by Chairman Zurfluh.

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