

MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, July 14, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Conference Rm #302

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Zurfluh, Dennis Polach, Jeff Penzkover, Brad Hamilton

MEMBER EXCUSED: William Voight

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 previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 9:00 AM.
5. The Communications Department presented their report and bill listing for review. He discussed the tower upgrades and the issues with the server requirements of the upgrade. More information will be share as more is known.
6. The Emergency Management Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
7. The Dispatch Department presented their report and bill listing for review.
8. Dispatch Manager Bastien proposed a policy for his department on the use of the floating holiday and when a newly hired employee would be eligible for it. He is proposing that they are not eligible for this until after their introductory period, as to opposed to day one that it is currently. Motion by Hamilton/Penzkover to approve the policy adjustment as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Coroner Patton reviewed the monthly report and bill listing.
10. Sheriff Becker reviewed various reports and activities of the Sheriff's Department. He highlighted the following:
 - Awarding of a \$350,000, 3-year, Deflection Grant, for the hiring of a social worker who will work under the Mental Health Officer.
 - Various upcoming media appearances.
 - Retirement of Courthouse Security Deputy McCormick, effective October 3.
11. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Agenda item for next meeting:

- Safe Haven box for Wood County

13. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 9:42 AM.

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

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