

Public Safety Minutes March 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Kersten Rocksvold. Committee members Brad Steiner, Don Stirling and Carl Orr were present. Also in attendance were Sheriff Dale McCullick, 911 Coordinator Julie Cipra, Coroner Joe Morovits, Emergency Management Jim Hackett, Cindy Riniker, RN and Administrative Assistant Joyce Fritsche-Roberts. Jail Lt. Russ Wittrig joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Absent from the meeting was Greg Russell.

The meeting was verified as having been properly posted. Next meeting is April 9, 2019.

The February meeting was canceled due to the weather. Motion by Steiner, second by Stirling to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Coroner: Joe attended the state conference. Motion by Steiner, second by Stirling to approve the Coroner bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

911 Coordinator: NetClock Time Synch Server was installed. The previous unit was 12 years old and was not NG911 compliant.

The person who conducted our Rolling Ground tower study last year retired. Julie found another company called Wave Communications out of Sun Prairie and sent them the study data. They will review and get back to us with quotes.

Late last year Frontier/Vesta was selected as the winning bidder for our new 911 system. We were then notified in late February that they made a company decision to not implement a hosted solution in Wisconsin. Consequently, no contract was signed and we will have to go back to an on-premise solution with another vendor. The difference with a hosted solution is that the controllers are housed and maintained at Frontier facilities and the cost of replacing them every five to seven years is shared by many PSAP's. The on-premise solution requires each County to maintain their own controllers in-house and must replace them every five to seven years at our cost. No one else is providing a hosted solution in our area at this time.

Frontier has always been our 911 network provider and will continue to do so. However, we will need to select another 911 software vendor for the on-premise piece. Frontier is working with Solacom to come up with a revised Solacom system quote that will be as close as possible to the costs originally quoted by Frontier. I hope to have those numbers by the April meeting.

There are additional costs and planning associated with the on-premise solution that need to be worked out which is in progress.

Motion by Orr, second by Steiner to approve the 911 bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Emergency Management: Jim meets with Prairie du Chien interested parties including city officials every Tuesday for briefings about the spring flood situation.

When a need for sandbags is requested, orders are put into the prison by 9 AM. Inmates fill the bags and are transported to the City Street Shop. Citizens can pick up bags from the street shop.

A full scale train derailment which included carrying anhydrous was organized with the prison. Partnered with the hospital to do a full scale exercise. Helped the hospital with their emergency response event.

Jim completed training an employee for part time help.

LEPC will meet March 19th. Separate closed sessions will be held with Vernon and Grant County Hazmat team representatives.

Motion by Steiner, second by Stirling to approve the Emergency Management bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Public Health: Private well water kits have been purchased in response to spring flooding.

Sonya Lenzendorf has been hired as Public Health Educator.

Cindy and Ben Harris from Crossing Rivers taught the Stop the Bleed program to 3M staff, Prairie Catholic and Bluffview School.

Sheriff: Dale reported that more rocks than usual are falling on Hwy. 35 due to the spring thawing.

iCrimeFighter is a cloud based system to gather evidence using the deputies Smartphone. Photos, interviews and notes can be downloaded into our current records management system and coworkers will have immediate access to the case. Three deputies are using it on a trial basis.

Tony Berg and Marcus Ploessl have been hired to be late shift deputies.

Russ Wittrig came into the meeting to discuss the 2018 jail inspection.

Motion by Stirling, second by Orr to approve mental health services for inmates in the jail through Advanced Correctional Healthcare.

Motion by Orr, second by Steiner to approve the Sheriff's' bills and bank statements. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Adjournment: Motion by Orr, second by Stirling to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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