

Public Safety Minutes
February 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order using ZOOM at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Gari Lorenz. Greg Russell was present. Members attending by ZOOM is Brad Steiner, Carl Orr, Don Stirling, 911 Coordinator Julie Cipra, Emergency Management Jim Hackett. Members attending in person are Cindy Riniker, RN, Coroner Joe Morovits, Sheriff Dale McCullick, and Administrative Assistant Joyce Fritsche-Roberts.

The meeting was verified as having been posted. Next meeting is March 9 at 9:00 am for signing of bills and 9:30 am for start of meeting.

Motion by Russell, second by Steiner to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Coroner: the Coroner's conference will not be held this spring. Motion by Steiner, second by Lorenz to approve the Coroner's bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

911 Coordinator: Julie submitted for an additional \$17,862.38 under the NG911 Supplemental grant which was awarded. Total 60% Federal Grant was \$10,718.42 with a 40% County Match of \$7,144.94. This will cover additional expenses incurred after the initial grant award and the Phase II NG911 mapping portion. Julie met with Finance last week to ask for permission to accept the grant award which was approved.

The 3rd Quarter NG911 grant report was submitted to the state.

Discussion on the need for an additional dispatcher/s due to increased call volumes and overall business of the call center at night. Currently, there is only one dispatcher on for the entire County and City from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am. Discussion on options for possibly hiring another full time dispatcher and/or increasing current part time hours on a set schedule. This will be discussed at Personnel next week.

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

Emergency Management: On February 5th, Brad Pfaff, Loren Oldenburg, Representation for Ron Kind, Representation for Jennifer Schilling attended an open forum to discuss the reason Crawford County did not receive new vaccine in the week. Community questions were answered and follow-up was to be completed by representatives.

With the little vaccine the county is receiving, Crossing Rivers, Gundersen and Mayo are working together to offer Covid shots.

Public Health: Due to decreased numbers of individuals coming to scheduled Covid testing sites, the schedule has been changed to Mondays only. No persons came to the last clinic. National Guard is scheduled to help for two more dates.

Now in Phase 3.

La Crosse County will be a regional site to receive vaccine. That health department would be responsible to distribute the vaccine to the regional counties.

Sheriff: Currently have 11 inmates housed inside the jail and 8 inmates on electronic monitoring.

Inmate meal cost increased from \$1.97 to \$2.07/meal.

A contract has been signed with the Village of Soldiers Grove to enforce village ordinances.

Prairie du Chien police purchased new body cameras. We purchased their 1-4 year old cameras. Our cameras are becoming outdated.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Russell, second by Steiner to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts
Administrative Assistant