

Public Safety Minutes
January 12, 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, Cindy Riniker, RN. Members attending in person are, Emergency Management Jim Hackett, Coroner Joe Morovits Sheriff Dale McCullick, and Administrative Assistant Joyce Fritsche-Roberts

The meeting was verified as having been posted. Next meeting is February 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 December meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Coroner: Before an autopsy can be performed, a COVID test must be administered. If the test is positive, the autopsy is not done. Motion by Russell, second by Stirling to approve the Coroner's bills. The motions carried with no negative votes cast.

911 Coordinator: Installation of our new Motorola Vesta 911 system was completed in December and we went live on December 16th as planned. The conversion and go live went well with few issues. We will be filing our 3rd qtr grant progress report by January 30th. Once that is accepted and final invoices are received we can complete the grant close out and request disbursement of funds. There is a potential for additional funding in a second round of the grant this spring which was applied for. It includes miscellaneous expenses incurred after the grant was originally submitted along with a new mapping component.

NG911 grant approval was not received until March, 2020 so those expenses were not budgeted. Expenses were paid out of the Communication Center budget so it will appear to be short due to the fact that the revenue will not be applied until 2021. We asked if those expenses/revenue could be moved to their own account but the auditor said to leave it as is for now.

Discussion reference hiring an additional FT Dispatcher/TC will be put on the February agenda.

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

Emergency Management: The end of command post grant money was spent on computer upgrades.

Vernon County is paid annually for hazmat coverage.
Vernon County drone team billed us for search.

Low number of people came through the latest testing site in Prairie du Chien.

State is behind in paying grant money. Emergency Management budget will look over-budget when in reality it is under budget.

Funds that were set aside for hazmat trailer will now be used to upgrade current mass casualty trailer for dual-purpose.

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

Public Health: Cindy explained COVID vaccine Phase 1B. This phase will cover law enforcement. A clinic is scheduled for January 21.

Sheriff: Currently have 11 inmates housed inside the jail and 6 inmates on electronic monitoring.

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

Emergency Police Service (EPS) contacted the Sheriff. The EPS provides law enforcement support and coordination of mutual aid in time of crisis. If an incident occurred that needed more law enforcement protection than a single law enforcement agency could cover, this department and other departments are required to send personnel.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Russell, second by Lorenz to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:09 am.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts
Administrative Assistant