

Public Safety Minutes
June 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order using ZOOM at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Gari Lorenz. Members attending by ZOOM is Brad Steiner, Don Stirling, Carl Orr, 911 Coordinator Julie Cipra, Cindy Riniker, RN. Members attending in person are Greg Russell, Sheriff Dale McCullick, Coroner Joe Morovits, Emergency Management Jim Hackett and Administrative Assistant Joyce Fritsche-Roberts. Deputy Elizabeth Volten entered the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The meeting was verified as having been properly posted. Next meeting is July 14, 2020.

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

Coroner: Joe presented his bills. Motion by Steiner, second by Stirling to approve the Coroner's bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast

911 Coordinator: NG911 System Update. Site survey with CenturyLink and IT was completed to decide the best locations to install the servers, cabling, circuits. Getting a quote now for running data lines.

Holding weekly conference calls with CenturyLink, Frontier and IT until our launch. We do not have install dates yet as we are waiting on Motorola to provide equipment delivery/training/install dates and Frontier to provide a network installation timeline.

The Internet upgrade for the Law Enforcement Building and the Court House was completed successfully with no glitches and upload speeds increased significantly from previous.

MABAS is still moving forward. Fire Departments are having the Mabas tone installed this month and finalizing their box cards. They would like to start Mabas on July 1st but that depends on whether we can get refresher training and system testing completed prior to that.

I am allowing people to use their vacation again but just asking that they don't travel far or to any known hot spot locations and to use caution. Marc Myhre is still assisting as PIO and we are covering his shifts with part time employees for the most part.

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

Emergency Management: The CARES Act funding "Route to Recovery" guidance is vague at this time. FEMA is also looking for new guidance on what is eligible and not eligible. Future guidance will be released for both programs.

The county is installing plastic shields on counters in county offices. A permanent option is also being researched. This would include a permanent shield, drywall, and doors.

National Guard is doing community testing this Friday at Prairie du Chien High School. County employees are not mandatory and city employees are. This is being supported by Crawford County Emergency Management and Crawford County Public Health.

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

Public Health: Cindy meets twice a week with COVID testing advisory committee. The prison inmates and employees were offered COVID testing the week of June 15th.

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Working on Points of Dispensing Surveys and MOUs with businesses, schools, hospital, and nursing home so Public Health can supply them with potential medication/vaccine when available for COVID-19 and/or other endemics/pandemics.

Sheriff: Dale has loosened the restrictions on employees to take vacation or holiday time off. The jail can accept individuals who are arrested. The judge and law enforcement will meet about opening up court to the public.

The department received a COPS grant.

Deputy Volten explained that by January, 2021, nationally all law enforcement agencies have to change from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to Incident Based Reporting (IBR). UCR is an aggregate monthly tally of crimes and IBR can provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared. Complying with this new reporting allows Crawford County to continue to be eligible for grant dollars. IBR gives the FBI a clearer picture of our incidents.

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

Motion by Russell, seconded by Steiner to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Russell, second by Steiner to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts
Administrative Assistant