

Public Safety Minutes October 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Kersten Rocksvold. Committee members Greg Russell, Marge Sheckler and Mary Jane Faas were present. Also in attendance were Sheriff Dale McCullick, Coroner Joe Morovits, Emergency Management Director Jim Hackett, 911 Coordinator Julie Cipra and Administrative Assistant Joyce Fritsche-Roberts. Absent were committee member Phil Mueller and Public Health Director Gloria Wall.

The meeting was verified as having been properly posted. Next meeting is November 10, 2015.

Motion by Sheckler, second by Faas to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Motion carried, no negative votes cast.

Public Health: No report

Coroner: Joe will attend the Annual Conference at Stevens Point this month. Motion by Faas, second by Sheckler to approve the Coroner bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

911 Coordinator: Emily Pedley Fecht was hired as a night dispatcher and we will be testing and interviewing soon for additional part time employees.

We are waiting for figures on a new phone and 911 system. Pending capital expenses will eventually be grouped together and bonded out per Finance Committee so they are not listed in the 2016 budget.

Electrical work for site alarms was completed at all tower sites. A new power panel was also installed at the Rolling Ground tower.

Julie met with the Finance Committee recently to explain that the transfer switch on the Seneca generator is not working and that both the generator and switch were installed in 1972. The Rolling Ground site has no generator at all and this site is used much more now that we have gone to simulcast. It was agreed to request bids to repair/replace the generator/switch at Seneca and possibly purchase a generator for Rolling Ground.

Quotes were received from two different vendors. Availability of parts and the expense to replace a switch of that age doesn't make good sense. Recommendation is to install a new switch and generator at our main hub in Seneca; then install a transfer switch at Rolling Ground and move the old Seneca generator to that site. We have the funds but this will empty the tower maintenance account. Julie requested that in future budgets a portion of annual tower revenue funds go back into replenishing the tower maintenance account instead all revenue going to the general fund. Motion by Russell, second by Sheckler to approve the 911 Coordinator bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Emergency Management:

An all-county fire drill was held October 9th at the Admin Building, the Law Enforcement building and Court House. After the fire drill was complete, everyone was invited to attend fire extinguisher training with Fire Chief Remz. Smoke detector safety was also touched on during training. A fire drill was attempted at the County Highway Shop but it was determined they have no smoke detectors or alarm system. A verbal drill was performed with the staff in the Highway Admin Building. Chief Remz did Jail fire extinguisher training on October 22. The fire extinguishers were donated by the Crossing Rivers Health. Jim will be attending the all-counties Emergency Management meeting. Motion by Sheckler, second by Russell to approve the Emergency Management bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Sheriff: Dale spoke with Lexipol. Lexipol has agreed to discount the original price discussed. No further action was taken. Motion by Russell, second by Sheckler that the sheriff request Finance Committee to roll over excess funds from the Sheriff's Office budget.

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

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

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts, Administrative Assistant