

Public Safety Minutes
August 11, 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, and Carl Orr. Members attending in person are Sheriff Dale McCullick, Coroner Joe Morovits, Emergency Management Jim Hackett, 911 Coordinator Julie Cipra, Greg Russell, and Administrative Clerk Corrie Lawrence-Valley. Missing from the meeting was Cindy Riniker, RN.

The meeting was verified as having been properly posted. Next meeting is September 8, 2020.

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

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

Public Health: Cindy not present due to another meeting. J. Hackett reported for her. COVID-19 current numbers: 76 positives with 62 recovered. COVID-19 is mainly community spread. We are seeing positive cases throughout the whole county. With a higher population and more shopping opportunities, it seems that we are seeing an uptick of positive cases in the City of Prairie du Chien.

Emergency Management: Jim presented bills. Updated conference room smart board to Windows 10 to improve sound quality.

COVID-19 related: State now has a prescription called Remdesivir available to help lessen the symptoms of COVID-19. Crossing Rivers is requesting it.

Marc Myhre is back in dispatch. He has been helping in Emergency Management. All his shifts, through Emergency Management, will be being covered will be CARES Act. Overtime and part time that covered his normal dispatch shifts will also be covered as well.

Got confirmation: Certain salaried employees could be included in CARES Act funding due to unbudgeted response. Jim Hackett, Dale McCullick, Butch Olson, Russ Wittrig, Dan McWilliams, Cindy Riniker will be included in this.

Routes to Recovery: Townships and Villages can reallocate their unused funds to the County to use. Will be able to use towards COVID-19 related expenses.

School Options:

Prairie du Chien Public

- 1.) Digital Option: Mighty Rivers Academy-All online
- 2.) Hybrid Option: Split days for students. Either Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday in school or digital through live Zoom. Weds is cleaning/catchup day. Goes by age groups as well. Chrome books will be given to kids.

North Crawford and Seneca will be doing the Hybrid Option as well.

Wauzeka and Prairie Catholic are doing 5 days a week with pre-cautions

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

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Sheriff: Jail going up in population. All arrests are getting quarantined for 14 days before put into general population. 2 COVID scares in department. School Resource Officer, Deputy Volten, will be heading back to school. Not sure what her roll will be with all the changes.

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

911 Coordinator

Julie presented bills. Running out of server space. Had to upgrade from 4 terabytes to 6 terabytes. Server space is used by all county and city Law Enforcement and Dispatch.

The first quarterly report for the NG911 grant is completed.

Situation where we lost internet for 3 days in July because of something that went down with CenturyLink in IL. With our new equipment we also have new options. Looking into a form of alternate routing with internet. We could set it up with Mediacom, for a small fee, to be a back-up provider if CenturyLink goes down. Internet connection is needed and crucial to run programs such as CodeRed, RMS, CAD, and MACH. If MACH is down, we cannot see where our officers and deputies are.

Lost power at the Wauzeka and Prairie du Chien towers on August 10th. Generators kicked in and towers were back up and running in no time.

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

Closed Session:

Motion by Russell, second by Lorenz to go into closed session at 10:59 am. All in favor.

Open Session:

Motion by Steiner, second by Stirling to go back into open session at 11:12 am. All in favor.

Steiner made motion to take Julie Cipra's raise to Personnel with this committee in favor of the raise. Second by Lorenz. All in favor.

Adjournment: Motion by Russell, second by Orr to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Corrie Lawrence Valley
Administrative Clerk