

Public Safety Minutes December 8, 2020

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

The meeting was verified as having been posted. Next meeting is January 12 at 9:00 am for signing of bills and 9:30 am for start of meeting.

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

Coroner: The Deputy Coroner's took all the calls due to Joe being contact quarantined due to COVID. There was a COVID death from a PDC Correctional Institute inmate. Motion by Steiner, second by Stirling to approve the Coroner's bills. The motions carried with no negative votes cast.

911 Coordinator: Motorola Field Engineers and CenturyLink are on site for three weeks preparing for our new Vesta 911 setup, training and install. Our Go Live date is scheduled for December 16th.

Emily Pedley-Fecht was hired full time effective January 1, 2021 to replace Melissa Tairi who took the Treatment Court Position.

During the interviewing process with HR the need for at least one more FT dispatcher on nights was discussed. The Comm Center used to have eight FT dispatchers and reduced to six several years ago to cut costs but the increase in calls and work load on the night shift has increased dramatically and is becoming a safety issue. We currently have two dispatchers on day shifts from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and only one on night shifts from 7:00 pm to 7:00 a.m.

We are asking to add another FT dispatcher which would give us seven total. Ideally, two FT dispatchers would be required to fully staff night shifts with two people at all times. However, by creating a slightly different schedule for the 7th dispatcher we could cover most of the shifts during the busiest times which are 7:00 pm to 3:00 am and then back fill some of the remaining hours with part time employees.

Several dispatchers were in attendance and explained some of the challenges working alone during night shifts and how busy it can be. Cheri, Crawford County HR, also expressed concern about liability issues with only one person on at night. Public Safety asked Julie to work on numbers and staffing and bring to the January meeting. The Sheriff will contact the City Administrator to let him know what is being considered. Eventually, all of this will be presented jointly to both County and City.

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

Emergency Management: Jim explained the grant received for new squad cameras. Laptops were purchased for the command post through a DOJ COVID response grant. Law Enforcement was the only ones who could apply to this grant.

EMPG-s Covered the amount paid to Chamber of Commerce for their job as the business and community liaison.

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

Public Health: 49,000 doses of COVID vaccine will be shipped to WI. At this time, Cindy does not know if any doses will be sent to Crawford County.

The CDC has new guidelines for quarantine. Person can be released on day 10, and must self-quarantine and self-monitor.

Sheriff: Currently have 10 inmates housed inside the jail and 7 inmates on electronic monitoring. A Bullet Proof Vest grant, which covers 50% of the cost was received. This department covers the remaining 50%. There is a 3 year rotation on vest for the deputies.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Stirling, second by Steiner to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts
Administrative Assistant