

## Public Safety Minutes June 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Gari Lorenz. Greg Russell, Owen DuCharme, Carl Orr and Brad Steiner were present. Members attending in person was Sheriff Dale McCullick, Coroner Joe Morovits, 911 Coordinator Julie Cipra, Emergency Management Jim Hackett and Administrative Assistant Joyce Fritsche-Roberts. Sonya Lenzendorf appeared by zoom. Deputy Joe Breeser entered the meeting at 9:55 am.

The meeting was verified as having been posted. Next meeting is July 12, 2022, at 9:00 am for signing of bills and 9:30 am for start of meeting

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

**Coroner:** Motion by Steiner, second by DuCharme; to approve the bills. The motions carried with no negative votes cast.

**911 Coordinator:** The server for our call recorder was replaced and data transferred over on June 1 at no cost. We negotiated a free server replacement at five years back when it was purchased.

Julie met with Baycom in May for our annual radio review. Several others attended as well to discuss potential upgrades in the future. Jim Hackett, Kyle Kozelka, Derek Flansburgh and Gundersen Ambulance were in attendance.

Discussion on communication difficulties in the northwest of the county and some on the east between Wauzeka and Boscobel. Possibilities are adding another tower/s and co-locating on an existing tower. County Highway interested

In simulcasting. Baycom working on rough budget estimates and will give to Jim for Finance meeting on June 22.

A night shift dispatcher resigned to work at the City and her last day was May 17. We advertised for two weeks and got seven applications with a couple more coming in yet. Interviewing in June for full time and part time. Using the new CritiCall testing remotely has worked well along with the new personality module.

There will be additional grant funding coming out this year for NG911 mapping we plan on applying for. There are also some dollars available through the property lister's grant but we will need to use her vendor this year which is ProWest. Eventually, would like to use Geocomm as they are part of the state plan.

Motion by Orr, second by DuCharme; to approve the bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

**Emergency Management:** The department received a \$5,000 Safe Ride grant for Country Line music fest in August. Southwest Bus Service has been contacted to do the transporting.

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

**Public Health:** The COVID update shows an increase to 3 cases/day. Weekly testing in Gays Mills continues. The Public Health Office offers testing on Tuesdays at their office. Home COVID test are available for distribution.

The department is following up on environmental checks and animal bites.

A Community Health Improvement Plan is done every 3 years. The three areas identified are mental health, community to resource and creating healthy environments.

**Sheriff:** Three part time employees are in the jail academy. Shifts are being filled by full timers.

A new Livescan fingerprinting machine has been purchased to replace the current out-of-date machine.

Deputy Joe Breeser informed the committee of K9 Breck's health.

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

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

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts  
Administrative Assistant