

Public Safety Minutes
September 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Kersten Rocksvold. Committee members Greg Russell, and Brad Steiner were present. Also in attendance were Sheriff Dale McCullick, Coroner Joe Morovits, 911 Coordinator Julie Cipra, Emergency Management Director Jim Hackett, Public Health Director Gloria Wall, and Administrative Assistant Joyce Fritsche-Roberts. Carl Orr joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Absent was committee member Don Stirling.

The meeting was verified as having been properly posted. Next meeting is October 10, 2017.

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

Public Health: Ferryville will be the first to utilize a community grant training. The grant is directed toward preparing for a community disaster, such as a car/train accident.

Coroner: Joe will be attending the WCMEA Conference in Elkhart Lake. Motion by Russell, second by Steiner to approve the Coroner's bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast. Budget was discussed. Motion by Steiner, second by Russell to approve the Coroner's budget. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

911 Coordinator: Baycom confirmed that the EMS Simulcast installation and Motorola R56 grounding at the Seneca tower site will be completed by the end of 2017.

Kish Electric has installed the annunciator for the new generator in dispatch, connecting the lights in the server room and making adjustments to the transfer switch.

The 911 Office and Comm Center budgets were presented. The Communication Center is requesting to add \$20,000 to the part time/over time budget. This will allow additional coverage on some of the night shifts where we currently only have one dispatcher working. Additional part time request was deferred to Finance.

Motion by Russell, second by Steiner to approve the 911 bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast. Motion by Steiner, second by Russell to approve the Communication Center and 911 budgets. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Emergency Management: The Sheriff's Office was awarded an IID grant for \$10,000 with an end date of 9/30/17 and a \$50,000 IID grant runs 10/01/17-9/30/17.

The department received a \$3,000 Safe Ride grant for Country on the River. Southwest Bus Service offered rides to concert goers. This was well received. The State Emergency Management Command Post was used. The Command Post is staffed with a state emergency management employee at no charge. All radio and weather equipment is supplied with the Command Post.

A \$18,000 FEMA/Wisconsin Emergency Management Grant was awarded for Interagency Fire Emergency Radio Network (I-Fern) radio.

Attended a mandatory meeting for WISEgrants (Wisconsin Grant Writing Software) at Ft. McCoy. Due to resignations at the state level in the BOTS staff, it will take longer to hear if we receive grants. Our FEMA estimates for damages were the closest to the actual numbers in the state. There is discussion about holding statewide training in Crawford County to train other Emergency Management Directors how to estimate damage cost accurately. The other side of the state was about \$3,000,000 off on their estimate. Presented at the Governor's Conference on IID and Pilot Programs.

The STEP Program teaches emergency preparedness. Jim will teach fire, storm and disaster kits and response to 5th graders in each Crawford County school.

Interagency Fire Emergency Radio Network (IFERN) grant was extended to December, 2017. The Federal Government paid 100% through FEMA.

Jim Hackett met with energy companies to discuss better communication to the public during a power outage. Each company will have a PIO (Public Information Officer). Jim will be in contact with the PIO to help disseminate the information.

Budget – requesting \$2,500 for a part time individual that would help on an as-needed basis. This position has been covered by the budget in the past. Motion by Steiner, second by Russell to approve an increase for the salary budget line item by \$2,500. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

A meeting was held with Wisconsin Emergency Management about problems with FEMA. FEMA is having some staffing issues and has tried to walk away from previously approved projects. Jim Hackett and WEM are working on solutions.

Sheriff: Dale will meet with Finance to discuss monies for jail cameras.

Budget was discussed. Dale asked for the \$50,000 to \$60,000 IID grant money be deposited directly into the Salary budget. Deputies must work overtime to meet the requirements of the IID grant. All that overtime is reimbursed through the grant. The money that Human Services paid for transports will be added to the Sheriff's Office budget. Dale requested that money be added to the Salary line item to cover the part time people who do the transfers.

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, second by Steiner to approve the Sheriff's Office budget. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Adjournment: Motion by Russell, second by Steiner 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