

WAUSHARA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
June 5, 2019

The regular meeting of the Waushara County Public Safety Committee was called to order on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, @ at 4:30 P.M., by Committee Chair Donna Kalata. Committee members present: Donna Kalata, Mark Piechowski and Everett Eckstein. Jerry Lauer and Mark Kerschner excused, Mr. Lauer working and Mr. Kerschner out of state.

Others present: Sheriff Wally Zuehlke, Chief Deputy Curt Olson, Lt. Stacy Vaccaro, Lt. Heather Wittig, Lt. Ryan McElroy and Darlene Masticola – Waushara County Sheriff's Office, Brian Donaldson – Waushara County EMS, Dr. Voskuil, Waushara County's Medical Director and Amanda Thoma – Waushara County Medical Examiner.

Motion was made by Supervisor Eckstein and seconded by Supervisor Piechowski to approve the agenda, as printed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Piechowski and seconded by Supervisor Eckstein to approve the minutes of the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on May 1, 2019. Motion carried.

**Public Comments** – No public comments.

**Fire Services** – No report.

**Medical Examiner Report – Amanda Thoma**

She and the Deputy ME handled 21 deaths in May 2019, 1 fatality from a crash, one death to be determined pending toxicology, the rest due to natural causes.

Passed around a card she developed to give to decedent's families' reference drug disposal information, and the location of the drug drop box at the Sheriff's Office.

Attended two conferences, one in Green Bay put on by the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene, and one in Wisconsin Dells – Forensic Pathology for Investigators.

Discussed a book, Final Exit – reference assisted suicide.

**Medical Examiner – Old Business – None**

**Medical Examiner – New Business**

**A) Exhibit A to Referral Agreement Between American Tissue Services Foundation & the Waushara County Medical Examiner's Office:** Exhibit A is part of the referral agreement previously approved. ME Thoma discussed that this would allow the County to receive reimbursement for recovery & removal of human tissue for access and use of County's designated facility site, as well as reimbursement for forensic toxicology analysis. ME Thoma advised she was working with the eye bank for similar charges. As the original agreement was approved this was just more for information.

**EMS Reports – EMS Director Donaldson**

Reviewed monthly calls for service, system demand breakdown and financials with Committee. Director Donaldson advised calls for service are up, which will have a positive impact for EMS in 2019. Director Donaldson also advised monthly reports would look different in July, as he is adding additional information to the reports.

Advised EMS Clinicians no longer handle any billing functions for the service, Heather handles all that now.

Discussed staffing at EMS both full-time and part-time, and that they have not been at full staff since the additional full-time clinician position was approved. EMS is changing their approach for hiring part-time staff, they still attend job fairs at the various technical schools, however, are targeting people already licensed in the State of Wisconsin for possible interest in part-time employment.

**EMS – Old Business – None**

**EMS – New Business**

Collection Action Account Information: Director Donaldson presented 3 death no asset accounts - \$765.00 and 20 collection accounts - \$13,026.49, for a grand total of \$13,791.49 for submission to Corporation Counsel Zouski for collection action. Motion by Eckstein, second by Piechowski to approve same. Motion carried.

Director Donaldson updated Committee on the Wild Rose Station – based on revenue projections, EMS should not have to come back to County Board for additional funds even though there have been additional or unanticipated expenses. A drive-through garage was a requirement of the Village, therefore the garage had to be re-designed, and there was additional expense for the driveway. Committee suggested talking to entities, who in the past have offered to help w/expense to locate the station at that site, and come back with info for the next meeting.

**Emergency Management Report – None**

**Old Business – Emergency Management – None**

**New Business – Emergency Management - None**

**Sheriff's Reports**

**Lt. Wittig - Jail**

Jail numbers are all over the board.

Continues to work on hiring staff, one CO in training, one prospective employee just did drug/physical testing, and one person scheduled for job shadow.

**Lt. McElroy – Dispatch**

Has a person starting on 6/10/10 to fill one open dispatch position.

**Lt. Vaccaro – Patrol**

Discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> fatality in the county for 2019, which was a single vehicle roll-over, deceased was not wearing a seat belt. .

Participated in “Stuff the Squad” at Copps – food and cash donations collected went to the local food pantry.

2018-2019 training wrapping up for staff, training year ends 6/30/19.

**Chief Deputy Olson**

Detective Division – busy this summer, working various cases.

Putting together a training w/ASTOP for patrol staff reference initial response.

**Sheriff Zuehlke**

Held a Special Deputy meeting; one topic of discussion was upcoming Fair security. Sheriff Zuehlke advised more security may be needed as they are talking about having two beer stands.

**Old Business – Sheriff**

- A) Sheriff Zuehlke stated he was looking for direction on disposal of the mobile radios, advising he has been looking into selling them on Wisconsin Surplus. The portable radios have been distributed to area fire/police agencies who were interested at no cost to them, however, feels there may be some value to the mobiles. Question was raised as to liability if the radios were sold. Sheriff Zuehlke stated they would be sold as is, no guarantees. Supervisor Piechowski felt the mobile radios should be given to the local fire/police agencies who were interested as the Public Safety Committee had approved back in April of 2018. Supervisor Piechowski also advised he offered to deprogram the radios for free, instead of paying Northway to do it, which he felt was an unnecessary expense. After discussion, motion by Supervisor Eckstein and seconded by Chair Kalata to table this discussion until all five committee members are present, as well as County Administrator Sivick. Motion carried.

**New Business – Sheriff**

- A) Motion made by Supervisor Eckstein, seconded by Supervisor Piechowski to approve the resolution presented cancelling outstanding checks issued from the Jail Inmate Trust Account, and that this resolution be forwarded to County Board for consideration. Motion carried.

Motion made by Supervisor Eckstein, seconded by Supervisor Piechowski to adjourn @ 5:13 P.M. Committee members Kalata, Eckstein and Piechowski present at adjournment.

Minutes submitted by Darlene Masticola, Sheriff’s Office Administrative Assistant