

WAUSHARA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Waushara County Public Safety Committee was called to order on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, @ at 4:30 P.M., by Committee Chair Donna Kalata. Committee members present: Donna Kalata, Mark Piechowski, Mark Kerschner, Jerry Lauer and Everett Eckstein.

Others present: Sheriff Wally Zuehlke, Lt. Stacy Vaccaro, Lt. Ryan McElroy and Darlene Masticola – Waushara County Sheriff's Office, Brian Donaldson – Waushara County EMS, Norman Duesterhoeft – Waushara County Emergency Management, Robert Sivick – Waushara County Administrator 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 Lauer to approve the minutes of the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 5, 2019. Motion carried.

Public Comments – No public comments.

Fire Services – No report.

Medical Examiner Report – Amanda Thoma

She and the Deputy ME handled 14 deaths in June 2019, 13 natural and 1 suicide which she hopes to discuss with the death review team.

104 deaths handled by the ME Office to date, compared to 108 this same time in 2018.

There were 5 total suicides in 2018, and 4 already this year. ME Thoma went on to say she will be reaching out to the schools reference this issue.

With the assistance of Trace Frost, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison, she met with one of the local Amish leaders to introduce herself and discuss various issues, death reporting being one of them.

Met with the Trauma Team at Theda Clark in Neenah. Discussed case of a motor vehicle crash, as well as the role of the Medical Examiner.

Advised she was contacted about human remains (bones) found which a Forensic Anthropologist determined were native American approximately 1000 years old. Arrowheads and bones donated to UW-Oshkosh.

Medical Examiner – Old Business – None

Medical Examiner – New Business – None

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, May 2019 calls – 281, compared to 234 in May of 2018, which will have a positive impact for EMS in 2019.

Medicaid reimbursement topic of discussion at the Wisconsin EMS Board Meeting. Association taking stance for industry reference the Medicaid crisis in ambulance services in the state. County Administrator Sivick felt this should be discussed at ICC.

EMS – Old Business

Director Donaldson advised he reached out to the Village of Wild Rose reference additional costs incurred at the Wild Rose Station due to requirements set by the Village, he is on the agenda for 8/7 @ 7:00 PM. Supervisor Eckstein will attend the meeting with Director Donaldson.

EMS – New Business

Motion by Supervisor Kerschner, second by Supervisor Eckstein to approve the following for submission to Corporation Counsel for collection action: 14 collection accounts totaling \$8,670.01. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Report – EM Director Duesterhoeft

Plans on picking up the EM trailer early next week, will deliver it to the Sheriff's Office for remaining equipment installation by Belco, Northway and IT.

County's Emergency Response Plan complete and submitted.

Discussed MOU w/211 – United Way, reference non-emergent damage.

County's new Emergency Response Guides paid for with donated funds. Advised four (4) additional AED's are needed in County buildings.

Graduated from the FEMA Basic Academy the end of May.

Is getting things ready for his end of year, which is September 30th. Planning a functional exercise in August, HazMat situation – anhydrous, which is based on scenario which happened in NE Wisconsin.

Discussed that new County Board members will need to take NIM's training.

Old Business – Emergency Management – None

New Business – Emergency Management - None

Sheriff's Reports

Lt. McElroy – Dispatch

New E911 Dispatcher has been training for a month.

Radio Maintenance – the three (3) dispatch stations have received the newest upgrade.

Tower alarm system still to be done, as part of the maintenance agreement.

Lt. Vaccaro – Patrol

Arrangements have been made for Sgt. Eagan to train with the department's new K9, September 19th through September 26th, at the kennel in Canada. Deputy Clark will be attend this training to learn decoy work.

Sheriff Zuehlke

Advised the Jail Inspection is complete and went well. Will be working on the popcorn ceiling issue.

Helped cook at the June Diary Breakfast – Deputy Wenzel and K9 Thor also attended.

Special Deputy's will be providing traffic control on 7/20/19 for the Operating Engineers Picnic, and is working with Highway to get some advance warning type of signs. Also advised he is looking into purchasing these type of signs for the department.

Old Business – Sheriff

Disposal of mobile radios was discussed at the last meeting and Sheriff Zuehlke advised he was looking for direction for disposal of same. County Administrator Sivick felt as this was County property, how it would be disposed of, given away, sold, re-cycled, trashed, should be at the direction of County Board. Corporation Counsel Zouski had prepared a draft Sheriff's Department Equipment Disposal Policy for review. Motion made by Supervisor Kerschner, second by Supervisor Lauer that Corporation Counsel Zouski direct County Clerk Kapp to amend the July County Board agenda so this issue can be discussed by the full County Board. Motion carried.

New Business – Sheriff

Motion made by Supervisor Piechowski, second by Supervisor Lauer to approve the 2020 contract for kennel service with Gary Krueger. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: ATV Routes in the County, Jail Tour.

Motion made by Supervisor Eckstein, seconded by Supervisor Piechowski to adjourn. Committee members Kalata, Eckstein, Lauer, Kerschner and Piechowski present at adjournment.

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