



MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 12:00 p.m.
Courthouse Assembly Room – B-105, 500 Forest St, Wausau

Attendance:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Craig McEwen, Chair	X	
Jim Schaefer, Vice-Chair	X	
Shawn Black	X	
Karen Kellbach	X	
David Nutting	X	
Arnie Schlei	X	
Chris Voll		EX

Others Present: Jean Maszk, Bill Millhausen, Dave Mack, Preston Vande Voort, Scott Parks, Sandra LaDu, Phil Rentmeester, Paul Mergendahl, Mary Palmer

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Craig McEwen at 12:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment (15 minute limit) – Amy Sytsma, Regarding Guardians ad Litem (GAL) and Child Protective Services do not protect abused/neglected children.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Safety Meeting on February 25, 2019
MOTION BY SCHAEFER; SECOND BY SCHLEI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
FEBRUARY 25, 2019, JOINT MEETING OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC
SAFETY COMMITTEES. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its
Consideration**

A. Progress in Improving the Revenues Generated by the Secure Detention Facility and Outlook for the Remainder of 2019

Discussion:

The population in Secure Detention is on the rise. Out of 10 kids, 6 are from Marathon County. Last week we had 12. During the school year numbers go up. In the summer there is less supervision and less reporting. The Sheriff's Department is in the process of contacting counties across the state to explain how it works to secure a bed or beds in our facility.

Currently 17 year olds are considered adults. The trend has been moving to keep 17 year olds as juveniles. On average we have four 17 year olds in the Marathon County jail which would impact the Secure Detention facility.

The State would like counties to build a type 2 facility. Funding could be available if we expand or build. No rules for these facilities have been released yet. Facilities cannot be built and ready by 1/1/21. The Governor wants it pushed back a couple of years until 2023. Also funding is for bricks and mortar only. No funding for staffing, medical, mental health, etc. When this happens, Lincoln Hills will become a medium security facility.

It's predicted that revenue will increase as the years go on. However juvenile crime is at an all-time low.

Action:

No action taken.

Follow through:

No follow through requested.

5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution: None

A. Revise the Uniform Addressing Ordinance to reflect a Fee Schedule and Guidance Modifications

Discussion:

Dave Mack explained the ordinance modifications which he had in a memo that was handed out at the meeting. With the new system any person needing a new address would fill out an application and Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ) will create the address for a uniform program. The desire is to keep the system in the CPZ office rather than put it back on the municipality. There will be a \$75.00 application fee to assign an address and order the signs. The sign will be delivered to the town and the town will put up the sign. This also gives CPZ ability to put address in the 911 system in a timely manner.

If the fee is approved by the County Board in April, the fee will go into effect right away.

The committee agreed to the revision of the ordinance but wants the sign and the post to be included in the fee. The Towns will take care of installation.

Action:

MOTION BY SCHAEFER; SECOND BY BLACK TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE COST OF THE POST IN THE \$75 FEE. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through:

Send to County Board in April.

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Strategic Plan Review and Priorities for 2019

Discussion:

Postpone to April.

B. Strategic Objective 7.1 and Emergency Management

Discussion:

Phil Rentmeester, Emergency Management Director went through Strategic Objective 7.1 which his department is directly involved in. By December 31, 2022, emergency response times for public safety services (law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services) will decrease. This is what his department has done already:

This is the procedure dispatch currently uses:

- dispatch receives fire/ambulance call
- dispatch sends call out to agency
- agency acknowledges the page
- at 2 minute mark a second page is sent
- at 4 minute mark if dispatch doesn't hear anything, they will try to make contact by radio
- at 8 minute mark if nothing is heard, the request goes to the next agency/fire department.

The E-91 Advisory Committee meets quarterly to discuss issues and speak with the communication leadership. The following procedure is being implemented:

- standardized paging information
- goals/objectives for dispatch center – reduction in time from 911 call to send out unit
- reduce amount of information given out at initial call
- dispatch change the order – i.e. Wausau EMS or Wausau fire
- asked for a way to improve communications between county and EMS
- connectivity concerns on radio units
- have closest unit respond even if out of jurisdiction
- continue implement mutual aid assistance – works well

Outcome measure #1 is being met and is making a difference already.

C. Administrative Plan to Upgrade the Public Safety Communications Infrastructure

Discussion:

The Sheriff's Department has taken over the land mobile radio agreement (formerly Tait Agreement). An RFP went out and a new vendor has been chosen. In the next 6 year a total upgrade of the microwave and hardware needed to work with the radios will be done. The new agreement will be about half the cost of the Tait agreement. The difference in the funds will go toward upgrades needed over the next 6 years.

7. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items:

- A. Committee members are asked to bring ideas for future discussion
 - Strategic Plan Review and Priorities for 2019
- B. Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 10, 2019** at the Courthouse Assembly Room.

8. Adjournment

MOTION BY NUTTING; SECOND BY KELLBACH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. (1:30 pm)

Respectfully submitted
Mary Palmer