

## **Minutes of Winnebago County Public Safety Commission**

**Meeting date:** July 24, 2017

**Call to order:** A regular business meeting of the Winnebago County Public Safety Commission was held at the Winnebago County Court House in Forest City. The meeting convened at 4:02 p.m. Chairman Andy Buffington presiding and Jennifer Ackerman Secretary.

**Members in attendance:** Terry Durby – representing Winnebago County, Nathan Ostrander - representing Lake Mills, Carla Langfald – representing Scarville, Dan Swearingen– representing Thompson, Troy Armstrong – representing Buffalo Center and Tom Montgomery – representing Forest City

**Members not in attendance:** Representatives of Leland and Rake

**Approval of minutes:** Mr. Buffington requested a motion be made to approve the agenda and minutes of the last regular business meeting of the Commission on May 18, 2017. Buffalo Center made a motion, Lake Mills offered a second. All voted yea, motion carried.

**Video Storage:** Ms. Ackerman presented figures Next Generation Technologies (NGT) had given on the cost of a video storage solution. Mr. Buffington advised the Commission had previously decided it would not cover the cost of video storage on the server because of the amount of room it takes up. NGT advised at a previous meeting a possible solution for the agencies that need video storage would be to have the Commission buy the storage and have the agencies reimburse the Commission. The numbers presented were an estimate of the cost to the Commission and an estimate of what the reimbursement could be based on how much data they were storing. After a brief discussion Mr. Buffington asked if the Commission would like to table the matter for now. Buffalo Center agreed and there were no objections to table the matter.

**Jail & Dispatch Matters:** Mr. Buffington advised of the recent concerns about having the dispatchers who are not under the Sheriff being in the jail and not under the Sheriff's authority. There were 4 solutions that had been discussed at previous Board of Supervisor meetings and at the meeting between the Board of Supervisors and the Public Safety Commission. Two solutions were not viable options: Winnebago County withdraw from the Commission or the Commission dissolves. The other two options

- 1- Sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the Sheriff's Department and the Public Safety Commission
- 2- Amend the By-Laws to make the Sheriff the Chair of the Commission with authority over the day to day operations of the Communications Center

After much discussion on these two options Lake Mills made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Agreement and Forest City offered a second. Mr. Buffington took a roll call vote: Winnebago County – nay, Buffalo Center – nay, Forest City – yea, Lake Mills – yea, Leland – not present, Rake – not present, Scarville – nay, Thompson – yea. Mr. Buffington advised 3 to 3, motion defeated.

Winnebago County made a motion to amend the By-Laws to make the Sheriff the Chair of the Commission, Buffalo Center offered a second. Mr. Buffington took a roll call vote: Winnebago County – yea, Buffalo Center – yea, Forest City – nay, Lake Mills – nay, Leland – not present,

Rake – not present, Scarville – yea, Thompson – nay. Mr. Buffington advised 3 to 3, motion defeated.

Mr. Durby advised of a possible compromise, to change the duration of the Memorandum of Agreement to expire in one year to see how things go and to revisit this matter again, before the year is up. Mr. Ostrander agreed.

Mr. Durby made a motion to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement with a change to the duration Section 3.1 to expire on July 31, 2018. Lake Mills offered a second. Mr. Buffington took a roll call vote: Winnebago County – yea, Buffalo Center – yea, Forest City – yea, Lake Mills – yea, Leland – not present, Rake – not present, Scarville – nay, Thompson – yea. Five – yea, One - nay, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Buffalo Center made a motion to adjourn, Thompson offered a second. All voted aye, meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Jennifer Ackerman

11/09/2017

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**Secretary**

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**Date of Approval**

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