

Minutes of the Winnebago County Public Safety Commission
Meeting date: June 27, 2013

Call to order: A regular business meeting of the Winnebago County Public Safety Commission was held at City Hall in Thompson. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. Chairman Andy Buffington presiding and Jennifer Ackerman Secretary.

Members in attendance: Terry Durby – representing Winnebago County, Dan Davis– representing Forest City, Nathan Ostrander – representing Lake Mills, Robert Johnson – representing Thompson, Sue Urbatsch – representing Leland, Jeffrey Larsen – representing Scarville, Andy Buffington and Jennifer Ackerman – representing Winnebago County Communications Center.

Members not in attendance: Representatives of Rake and Buffalo Center

Approval of minutes: Mr. Buffington requested a motion be made to approve the minutes of the last regular business meeting of the Commission on April 25, 2013. Mr. Durby made a motion, Mr. Davis offered a second. All voted aye, motion carried.

LEC Air Quality: Ms. Ackerman advised the commission the last time the issue of mold in the LEC was brought to their attention was in Feb of 2011. At that time Mr. Buffington then went to the board of supervisor's who purchased 3 low quality air purifiers for the building. Ms. Ackerman advised in May of this year there had been a lot of rain that leaked into the building and caused the dispatch room to be humid and to stink like mold. On May 20th, 2013 she brought the problem to the attention of the board of supervisor's who have since put a de-humidifier in dispatch, which she advised has helped. They also purchased an Airocide air purifier which had only been set up for a day at the time of the meeting so it was too early to tell if it was making a difference. Ms. Ackerman further stated employees had been experiencing symptoms of mold exposure while working in the dispatch room such as watery/itchy eyes, headaches, sore throats, sinus infections, coughing and sneezing. Ms. Ackerman advised she wanted the commission to be aware of these problems especially if a new building is not constructed and the mold problem does not get addressed by the county; she advised if that is the case she would be requesting that dispatch be moved out of the building. Mr. Durby advised Chairman Stensrud had taken a sample of the tile in the basement which tested positive for asbestos and now the county would be taking bids to clean up the asbestos but that has put the mold issue in the back seat. He further advised Chairman Stensrud has called for a new building committee to be formed. The former building committee was set up to do a study and advise the Board of Supervisor's what should be done with the Law Enforcement Center building. That committee advised a new building was needed. The new committee will be more public based because there will need to be public support to move forward.

Auto-Launch for Air Med: Mr. Buffington advised Mercy Air Med met with him, Sheriff Dave Peterson and Forest City Paramedic Supervisor Robert Davison about a program called Auto-Launch. The purpose is to save valuable time getting medical attention to patients with certain types of symptoms and/or trauma. Instead of waiting for people on scene to request Air Med, dispatch

would have a list of criteria to use to automatically call Air Med to the scene; Forest City Medic would also be dispatched and be able to call off Air Med if they are not needed to save cost to patients. Mercy Air Med will train all personnel, police, ambulance, fire and dispatch.

Mobile Update: Mr. Buffington advised at the last meeting Net-Motion was discussed to help connectivity from the server to the units that have mobile computers in their cars or rigs. He advised Buffalo Center was the test agency and had purchased the software. The Communications budget paid for the software to be placed on the server but going forward any end user costs will have to be picked up by the agencies should they decide to purchase Net-Motion as their mobile solution. Brian Blodgett with Next Generation Technology (NGT) is working on figures for each agency depending on their needs. He advised that Net-Motion is working well in Buffalo Center. Mr. Buffington has advised Mr. Blodgett to contact each agency directly with the quotes on cost.

Teamsters Contract: Mr. Buffington advised the union negotiations went well. Labor Attorney Michael Galloway was hired to represent the Commission and was present at the negotiation meeting. Mr. Buffington advised it was fairly simple this time around; The Commission had advised because the budget was already set they did not want any increases and Mr. Galloway advised because the union did not make the deadline they really had no negotiating power. Mr. Buffington advised the union contract has no increases this year but does include an increase of \$730 which will take effect July 1, 2014. The increase is to give employees on second shift a 25 cent shift differential which Mr. Galloway advised was an industry standard. Mr. Ostrander asked the length of the contract, he advised the city of Lake Mills does three year contracts which seems to work out better than shorter contracts. Mr. Buffington advised this is a one year contract. The Union would not agree to anything longer at this time. He further advised negotiations for fiscal year 2014/2015 will begin this October and advised he would like to see the Commission members more involved this time around. Mr. Davis agreed and advised the negotiations always come down to pay raises and benefits. Mr. Buffington asked if anyone had any other questions, there were none. Mr. Buffington purposed a motion be made to approve the Teamsters Union Contract. Mr. Davis made a motion, Mr. Ostrander offered a second. All voted aye, motion carried.

Other: Mr. Durby advised the county has purchased Critical 360 which is a part of Pictometry. It will be used in all the school in the county, public and private. They will have Waldorf Interns do the work. This will provide pictures of each school that will be available to emergency personnel should it be needed during an emergency situation.

Adjournment: Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Durby offered a second. Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Jennifer Ackerman

Dec 10, 2013

Secretary
Winnebago County Public Safety Commission

Date of Approval