



# Public Safety and Court Services Committee

## Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Feb 13, 2024 at 10:30 AM CST

Old Lee County Courthouse, Third Floor, 112 E 2nd St, Dixon, IL 61021

### I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Vice Chair Keane Hudson.

### II. Committee Member Roll Call: Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair Keane Hudson, Katie White, Angie Shippert, Michael Pearson

Keane Hudson, Katie White, and Angie Shippert attended in person. Mike Pearson attended via Zoom video conferencing. Mike Koppien was absent.

Also present: Reed Akre, Dean Freil, Tom Kitson, and Jack Skrogstad (Board Members), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Kevin Lalley (EMA Director), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

### III. Public Attendees

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (December 12, 2023)

Minutes from the December 12, 2023, Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.

### V. Animal Control

Teri Zinke was not able to attend the meeting and there was no report submitted on behalf of Animal Control.

### VI. Circuit Clerk

#### A. *Monthly Report*

Amy Johnson submitted a detailed report from the Circuit Clerk's Office. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included on the February County Board agenda.

### VII. Judges, Coroner, and Public Defender

There were no representatives present or reports submitted from the Judge's, Coroner, or Public Defender's Offices.

VIII. Emergency Management Agency

A. *Monthly Report*

Kevin Lalley submitted a detailed report to the committee. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included on the February County Board agenda.

IX. Probation

Staci Stewart reported that pre-trial cases are continuing to run smoothly through the Probation Office.

X. Sheriff

A. *Monthly Report*

Clay Whelan was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report to the committee. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included on the February County Board agenda.

B. *Ordinance Amending Administrative Impound Fee*

**Motion** to move the Ordinance Amending the Administrative Impound Fees to the Finance Committee for consideration. **Moved** by Angie Shippert. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

XI. State's Attorney

Charley Boonstra reported that his office continues to monitor how well cases are moving through the system under the structure of the Pretrial Fairness Act.

A. *Quarterly Update on the Collection of Unpaid Fines - State's Attorney*

Charley reported the following information regarding the collection of unpaid fines:

- Total fees received for December 2023 - \$6,361.57
- Total fee collection for all of 2023 - \$65,598.12
- Total fees collected since 2019 - \$273,138

XII. Report of Abandoned Property Focus Group

Jeremy Englund explained that he was looking to get an additional Board Member appointed to the Abandoned Property Focus Group so meetings could be scheduled. The focus group will be concentrating on properties that meet the requirements for the Stronger Communities Grant Program that the County was awarded in partnership with the City of Dixon.

XIII. Unfinished Business

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

XIV. New Business

A. Resolution: Non-Sanctuary County

**Motion** to move the Non-Sanctuary County Resolution to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the February County Board agenda. **Moved** by Angie Shippert. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

XV. **Executive Session**

There was no request for an Executive Session.

XVI. **Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn at 10:44 a.m. **Moved** by Katie White. **Second** by Mike Pearson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting is scheduled for  
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:  
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

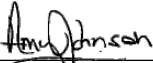
CIRCUIT CLERK OFFICE REPORT  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND COURT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
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The Circuit Clerk's office was recently informed our case management system has been bought out again by a company called Avenu Insights and Analytics. They have reached out to Lee County and Winnebago County, and they want to discuss what they can do for us. They are keeping our current software Full Court Enterprise. Representatives from Winnebago County and I will be going to Virginia to their headquarters to meet with their team and discuss the future of the software.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Amy Johnson  
Lee County Circuit Clerk

# Lee County Emergency Management Agency

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Report for the February 13, 2024, County Services Committee Meeting

- Received call from Ogle Sheriff of gas leak smell all over Ogle County- Discussed with Lee Sheriff and Dispatch. No reports- leak was near Clinton Co IA, drifting into IL.
- Returned call and assisted a person who had no money and no place to live.
- Traveled to NITE Equipment to pick up trailer - return home loaded trailer with Jersey Barriers and type II barricades.
- Attended IEMA monthly Director's call.
- Assisted zoning with CRS questions.
- Monitored weather and attended briefings / sent out updates via Facebook and emails.
- Provided HMP info to Zoning Dept
- Attended Davenport weather brief - posted weather information to Facebook.
- Test and installed Shield Megi Fi including running updates on Mac minis in CIRU.
- Monitored weather conditions and submitted reports twice a day to IEMA - update FB page and sent emails with newest data.
- Monitored and assisted with shelter for 8 occupants and one pet at Amboy shelter due to heavy snow.
- Sent status report to IEMA - update Facebook page- Participated in on air interview with WIXN.
- Received call from a Fire Dept on how to obtain a Unified Command Post for Moore Tire Fire
- Received call from Illinois EPA about Moore Tire Fire in Rock Falls.
- Received call from Illinois State Representative Tony McCombe about Moore Tire Fire.
- Attended AmpliFund online training.
- Attended Odin Dawn briefing.
- Discussed incident on lack of snowplows on an emergency call.
- Monitored Rock River for Ice jamming.
- Participated in Zoom interview with WREX on Ice jamming on Rock River in Lee County.
- Prepared for Regional meeting on Thursday hosted by Lee County EMA.
- Submitted 1st quarter reimbursement.
- Changed Mac Mini's in CIRU to Wi-Fi from ethernet.
- Completed on air live interview with WIXN on the Rock River level.
- Met with Laura about Flooding and processes.
- Received a call from NWS about river flooding and ice jamming - complete visual observation river and provided report.
- EOC floor was used 4 times during the month of January by other departments.

Kevin E. Lalley, Director  
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Lee County Sheriff's Office

Public Safety and Court Services Committee

February 9, 2024

In the month of January, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 814 calls for service. As far as notable calls for the month of January, there were several weather events along with the following incidents that occurred...

During the early morning hours of January 9<sup>th</sup>, the Sauk Valley area received the first big snowfall of the winter. The area received between 4.5" and 6.5" of heavy, wet snow that made for slippery travel. Most schools and public buildings to include the Lee County Courthouses, were closed due to the weather. Over the two days of January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, deputies responded to 48 weather related calls for traffic crashes and stranded motorists.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, the Sauk Valley area received a second round of harsh winter weather. The area received between 8" and 12.5" of lighter, blowing snow that was followed up with frigid well-below zero temperatures that made for dangerous and treacherous travel. Wind chills for the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of January were in the -20 to -40 degree range. Schools and public buildings were again closed due to the conditions. Over the five-day stretch of the storm from January 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, deputies responded to 172 weather related calls for traffic crashes and stranded motorists. (51 on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 54 on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 35 on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 20 on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and 12 on the 16<sup>th</sup>) During this time frame, plow operators and tow truck drivers were spread very thin for this weather incident.

On January 15<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:05 p.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office was notified that a train from Union Pacific Railroad had struck a tractor-trailer that was blocking the railway on Willow Road at Track Road just east of Franklin Grove. Responding deputies were informed that the driver of the tractor-trailer had possibly jumped out of the cab of the semi prior to being struck by the train. Upon arrival, deputies met with the driver of the semi, who was identified as Carlos Rivera Rodriguez, age 35, of Mexico. Mr. Rodriguez is a driver for Olvera Freight, and he recently left Crest Foods with a load of Hamburger Helper products. The tractor-trailer was heading south on Willow Road when it apparently became hung up at the crossing and was struck by the eastbound train. The snowy weather conditions appeared to be a factor as to how the tractor-trailer was stuck. Mr. Rodriguez was transported to KSB Hospital by Franklin Grove Ambulance for evaluation of minor injuries. Dabney Services was

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contacted for removal of the tractor-trailer and the product that was spread out across the scene. It took several hours for personnel to clear the scene.



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On January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Sauk Valley area received a third round of winter weather in the form of freezing rain. Schools and public buildings delayed opening due to the icy road conditions. Over the two-day stretch, deputies responded to 24 weather related calls for traffic crashes and stranded motorists.

On January 26<sup>th</sup> at approximately 12:20 a.m., deputies from the Lee County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on Pump Factory Road near Walker Road outside of Dixon. The registration on the vehicle had been expired for four years. During the traffic stop, it was determined that there were several motor vehicle violations. Through the deputy's investigation of the driver, Lucas W. Underhile, age 26, of Tampico was arrested and charged with the following:

- Possession of a Firearm Without Requisite FOID Card – Suspended, a Class 3 Felony
- Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon (3 counts), a Class 4 Felony
- Unlawful Use of a Weapon, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Possession of a Firearm Ammunition Without Requisite FOID Card, a Class A Misdemeanor
- No Valid Registration, a petty offense
- Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, a petty offense
- Operating a Motor Vehicle with Expired Registration, a petty offense
- No Front Registration Plate, a petty offense

The case is pending in Lee County Case Number 24 CF 17, and he was released from custody on pretrial release provisions.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Lee County State's Attorney's Office announce the following charges that stem from the investigation of a fatal hit-and-run traffic accident that occurred near the intersection of Sterling Road and Walton Road at approximately 9:29 p.m. on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Kristin Kisich, age 42, of Custer Park, Illinois was charged with the following offenses:

- Failure to Report and Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Death, a Class 1 Felony
- Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Death, a Class 4 Felony

From the investigation, 40-year-old Patrick J. Yocum from Rock Falls was walking near the area and was struck by a vehicle. Yocum was located by a passerby in the middle of the roadway. He was

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transported to KSB Hospital by the Amboy Fire Department and was later pronounced deceased. Evidence left at the scene revealed that the offending vehicle had significant front-end damage to the grill, hood, and windshield of the vehicle. The offending vehicle was identified as a Jeep Cherokee with the model years being from 2014 to 2018. A media release with the offending vehicle information was disseminated the following day on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Over the afternoon of December 5<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Kisich contacted the Lee County Sheriff's Office and reported that she may be responsible for the incident. Her vehicle, a 2014 Jeep Cherokee, was located at a residence in Dixon. It was subsequently impounded as part of the investigation. Detectives interviewed Ms. Kisich and obtained a statement. Further investigation was conducted that culminated in the charges listed. The case is pending in Lee County Case Number 24 CF 26, and she was released from custody on pretrial release provisions.

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