



# Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Jul 13, 2022 at 9:00 AM CDT

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

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Chair Mike Koppien.

### II. Committee Member Roll Call: Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair John Nicholson, Marilyn Shippert, Keane Hudson, Jack Skrogstad, and Mike Zeman

All members were present and attended in person.

### III. Meeting Attendees and Visitors

Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Wendy Ryerson (Administrator), John Simonton (Sheriff)(9:00-9:50), Kevin Lalley (EMA), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

### IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (June 15, 2022)

The minutes from the June 15, 2022, Public Safety, Health, and Judicial Committee Meeting were approved without modification.

### V. Review of Claims Report Provided by the Claims Committee

The committee was directed to the resource folder in OnBoard to review a copy of the claims report from the Treasurer's Office detailing all the claims paid from June 10, 2022 - July 7, 2022, from the Emergency Management Agency, Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Judges, Probation, Public Defender, Sheriff's Office, and State's Attorney's Office.

### VI. Administrator and Department Head Reports

Staci Stewart reported the following information from the Probation Department:

- The office continues to conduct Drug and Veterans Treatment Court.
- They continues to work through and plan for the changes coming down from the State with the Pretrial Fairness Act that will go into affect on January 1, 2023.

Amy Johnson reported the following information from the Circuit Clerk's Office:

- The offices continues to work through and plan for the changes coming down from the State with the Pretrial Fairness Act that will go into affect on January 1, 2023.

John Simonton reported the following information from the Sheriff's Office:

- John will be attending a meeting at 10:00 a.m., to discuss implementing the Medication Assisted Recovery Program (MAR) that he had reported on during the May Public Safety Meeting. This program would be a collaborative effort with Sinnissippi, Probation (drug court), KSB Hospital, the Lee County Health Department, and the Sheriff's Office to help inmates with substance abuse disorders get medication and behavior health counseling. The program would also help them find treatment and resources once they were released. The program starts with an \$18,000 grant once the application is approved. From there commissary funding can be used to continue or sustain the program for as long as possible.
- The two (2) deputies hired late last year as lateral transfers did not work out.
- The office is short one (1) patrol deputy due to a National Guard deployment. This deputy will be back near the end of December.
- The office has incurred several long term medical issues.
- Two officers will be graduating from the Police Academy on August 11, 2022, that will be go into patrol following completion of the FTO program.
- Another officer is selected for patrol that will be starting the Police Academy in mid August.
- Two additional Corrections Officers will be starting later in the Fall.
- Chief Deputy Glessner has ask to be transferred to the Investigations Bureau. Starting immediately, he will be a Lieutenant in Investigations
- Derek Ranken, Sergeant in patrol, will be taking over the Chief Deputy duties as well as patrol.
- If no-one is slated for the Sheriff's position on the ballot by the end of the month, Clay Whelan will be appointed as Chief Deputy Sheriff at the end of September to start his transition into all the roles within the department.
- John also reported that the public would be seeing a larger police presence at local events after the tragedy in Highland Park.

Following the statement made by the Sheriff, the committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the Highland Park shooting. All of the departments emphasized the importance of reporting any unusual or suspicious activity witnessed online or in public. Law enforcement is not able to act on situations they are not aware of.

Kevin Lalley reported the following information from the Emergency Management Office:

- Reported how important it was to help other counties in their time of need, because they will in turn be there when Lee County needs backup.
- EMA provided assistance with the Petunia Festival and is planning to assist with the 4-H Fair and Depot Days.

Charley Boonstra reported the following information from the State's Attorney's Office:

- The office continues to work through the complexities of the Pretrial Fairness Act.
- Approximately 24 felony cases were closed out last month.
- 19 new felony cases were filed.
- Several new cases would be filed before the end of July.

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

No updates were given in July.

VIII. Quarterly Update on Dangerous and Abandoned Properties - Sheriff

Wendy Ryerson reported that a request had been submitted and approved by the ARPA Committee for \$100,000 to fund the demolition and abatement of dangerous and abandoned properties. The request will be on the County Board agenda for approval by the full County Board.

IX. UTV Ordinance Update - Jack Skrogstad

Jack Skrogstad reported that Wyoming and Willow Creek Townships had pulled their ordinance allowing UTV on their roadways. TOIRMA is putting pressure on the Townships to not allow the UTV's because of liability and exposure issues.

X. Old Business

A. UTV Ordinance - Tabled in June 2022

**Motion** to take the UTV Ordinance off the table. **Moved** by Jack Skrogstad.

**Second** by John Nicholson. **Motion** passed five (5) in favor, one (1) opposed.

After discussion regarding permitting options and changes to the language in the ordinance, a motion was made to send the ordinance back to the UTV committee. After the UTV committee settled on revisions, the ordinance could be moved back to the Public Safety Committee.

**Motion** to send the ordinance back to the UTV Committee. **Moved** by Marilyn

Shippert. **Second** by John Nicholson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

XI. New Business - None

There were no items under new business for discussion.

XII. Executive Session

There was no request for an executive session.

XIII. Adjournment

**Motion** to adjourn at 10:09 a.m. **Moved** by Jack Skrogstad. **Second** by Marilyn Shippert. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next meeting of the Public Safety, Health, and Judicial Committee will be  
9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, August 17, 2022