



Public Safety and Court Services Committee

Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Oct 10, 2023 at 10:30 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 10:35 a.m., by Chair Mike Koppien.

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

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

Also present: Tom Kitson (County Board Vice Chairman), Dean Freil (Board Member), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Kevin Lalley (EMA Director), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), Wendy Ryerson (Administrator), Clay Whelan (Sheriff), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person. Teri Zinke (Animal Control Administrator) attended via Zoom video conferencing.

III. Public Attendees

No members of the public were in attendance.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (September 11, 2023)

Minutes from the September 11, 2023, Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented.

V. Animal Control

A. Monthly Report

Teri Zinke reported that there had been an influx of dogs at the shelter because they were not being reclaimed by their owners or they were being surrendered by the owners due to hardships from the downturn in the economy.

VI. Circuit Clerk

A. Monthly Report

Amy Johnson walked the committee through the monthly report that she submitted from the Circuit Clerk's Office. The report will be attached to the minutes and will be included in the October County Board agenda packet.

VII. Judges, Coroner, and Public Defender

There were no reports from the Judges, Coroner, or Public Defender's Offices.

VIII. Emergency Management Agency

A. Monthly Report

Kevin Lalley walked the committee through the monthly report that he submitted from the EMA Office. The report will be attached to the minutes and will be included in the October County Board agenda packet.

IX. Probation

A. Monthly Report

Staci Stewart was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report from the Probation Department. The report will be attached to the minutes and will be included in the October County Board agenda packet.

X. Sheriff

A. Monthly Report

Clay Whelan submitted a detailed report from the Sheriff's Office. The report will be attached to the minutes and will be included in the October County Board agenda packet. Following are items reported after the report was submitted:

- Lieutenant Dave Glessner will be retiring at the end of November 2023. He has over 28 years of service with the Lee County Sheriff's Office.
- Clay reported that on October 6th he was informed that the office had a Patrol Deputy and a Correction's Deputy that were both in the last stages of the hiring process with Ogle County, so he will be losing two more deputies.

XI. State's Attorney

A. Monthly Report

Charley Boonstra was not able to attend the meeting and no report was submitted for review.

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

There was no update on the collection of unpaid fines.

XII. Report of Abandoned Property Focus Group

There was no report from the abandoned Property Focus Group, and no new news was reported regarding any one specific property. Wendy Ryerson explained that there is a resolution coming to the Executive Committee later in the week that would officially approve the County's participation in The Strong Communities Program, Round 2 Grant that was awarded to the County in September. The grant focuses on the mitigation of abandoned residential properties and was a collaboration effort between the County, City of Dixon, and the Village of Franklin Grove. The amount requested from the grant was over \$500,000. The amount awarded was \$154,000. Wendy also noted that the current properties being considered for mitigation by the County are commercial

properties and would not be covered by this grant. She is still studying the grant to see if the County could be reimbursed for the two residential properties that were recently mitigated.

XIII. Unfinished Business

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

XIV. New Business

There were no items under New Business.

XV. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:03 a.m. **Moved** by Angie Shippert. **Second** by Keane Hudson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting is scheduled for
10:30 a.m., Monday, November 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

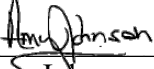
CIRCUIT CLERK OFFICE REPORT
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In September, members from Winnebago County, Judge Matthew Klahn and I attended the Court Technology Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. This was a huge event that brought in approximately 1600 people from across the United States and abroad. We went to many classes that will help us determine what case management system will be best for Lee County. We also attended a demonstration from a vendor called Journal Technologies. On October 17th we have another demonstration set up with Goodins and Associates at the courthouse.

The Circuit Clerk's office currently has two full-time positions open and one part-time position open. There is a job posting listed on Indeed.com. I have been interviewing candidates the past two weeks.

Amy Procnier has worked at the Circuit Clerk's office for 25 years this month. She will be recognized at the County Board meeting on October 19th.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Johnson
Lee County Circuit Clerk

Lee County Emergency Management Agency

Major Activities for the Month of September 2023

- Transported and setup water filled Jersey barriers for parade in Paw Paw on Labor Day
- Attend the annual IEMA 3-day Training Summit in Springfield
- Completed online IT training
- Assisted in search for missing person on eastside of Lee County
- Purchased and distributed lapel mics for radios being used by Courts Security
- Completed and submitted DCEO report for August
- Attended meeting with Motorola on radio alignment and programming for Sheriff's Office
- Submitted report for spill on 8/31 to Ag View FS
- Developed specifications for trailer to transport water filled barriers to events

Kevin E. Lalley, Director
Lee County Emergency Management

Lee County Probation & Court Services

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Monthly Update

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The Lee County Drug Court received a federal Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$977,696. This is the third grant the Drug Court has received since beginning in 2005. Our primary focus will be on continued recovery services & housing for participants, transportation needs and treatment. Sara Leisner from the State's Attorney's Office took the lead in preparing the grant and it is graciously appreciated. In a matter of a few years, this is the third grant the Courts Services Department has had the pleasure of working with her on.

The union matters are nearly resolved for the Court Services Department. Signatures for the contract are all that remain. The current contract expires November 30, 2023 and the new contract is set to begin December 1, 2023 for a period of 4 years.

Pretrial Bail Reform took place on September 18 and since then, the impact on my office has been manageable.

The cost of juvenile detention continues to increase. This past month, we had 3 minors who were detained for a period of time throughout the month. As stated earlier in the year, the continued use of detention has exceeded the budgeted amount.

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Lee County Sheriff's Office

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In the month of September, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 832 calls for service. The county is still in contract negotiations with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police prior to the expiration of the contract on November 30th. The negotiations are at a stalemate and the parties appear to be going to mediation.

As far as notable calls for the month of September, the following incidents occurred...

In September, I reported to the committee that the sheriff's office received a report of a missing suicidal subject on August 15th from the West Brooklyn area. The Richardson Wildlife Foundation is in close proximity to the residence of the individual, and the sheriff's office utilized K-9 teams, drones, and ATVs in the search of the area. On September 13th, a larger scale search was conducted with law enforcement along with a search group from Christian Aid Ministries. Unfortunately, the body of the 65-year-old male was discovered in the middle of a corn field near his residence. The cause of death was self-inflicted.

On September 28th, the Lee County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) received a call regarding a fully involved vehicle fire. The location of the incident was in the Boat Trailer Park Lot at Lowell Park. The Lee County Sheriff's Office, Dixon Rural Fire Department, and Dixon Police Department responded to the scene. When Dixon Rural Fire arrived at the scene, they began to extinguish the fire and the body of a male subject was observed in the driver's seat of the vehicle. Due to evidence at the scene, investigators believed that the fire originated from an explosion in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office and the Illinois State Police – Crime Scene Services were subsequently contacted to assist with the investigation. Special Agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were also called in to aid at the scene. Once the scene was processed, the Lee County Coroner's Office removed the body of the male decedent. An autopsy was conducted, and he was subsequently identified as a 20-year-old Dixon man from his dental records. The death has been ruled a suicide.

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