



Public Safety and Court Services Committee

Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Dec 12, 2022 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., by Chair Mike Koppien.

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

Mike Koppien, Keane Hudson, and Angie Shippert attended in person. Katie White was absent. There is a resolution on the Executive Committee agenda that, if approved by the County Board on December 22, would appoint Michael Pearson to the board. Michael attended the meeting via zoom.

Also present: Tom Kitson (County Board Vice Chairman), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Wendy Ryerson (Administrator), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), Kevin Lalley (EMA), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were all present in person.

III. Public Attendees

No members of the public attended the meeting.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (November 16, 2022)

The minutes from the November 16, 2022, Public Safety, Health, and Judicial Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.

V. Animal Control

On one from Animal Control was in attendance.

VI. Circuit Clerk

Amy Johnson explained amendments to the Pre-Trial Fairness Act had recently been passed. To comply with the changes included in the act and amendments, the County would be required to hold weekend court starting January 1, 2022. Many of the details regarding the changes, including employee weekend compensation, are still being worked out.

VII. Coroner

No one from the Coroner's Office was in attendance.

VIII. Emergency Management Agency

Kevin Lalley reported that the office had received the new drone that was purchased, and the original drone had already been repaired and returned to the County. Training on the new drone is now being scheduled with the deputies.

IX. Judges

No one from the Judge's Offices were in attendance.

X. Maintenance

No one from the Maintenance Department was in attendance. However, Wendy Ryerson explained to the committee that the Chairman was seeking the approval of the full Board in December to create a County Facilities and Maintenance Committee to manage the capital improvement projects budgeted in coming months.

XI. Probation

Staci Stewart reported that three individuals would be graduating from the County's Drug Treatment Court Program on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., at the New Courts Building in Judge Ackert's Courtroom. There have been 35 graduation ceremonies since the program starting in 2005 and over 150 graduates. Staci went on to report some of the challenges that her office now faces in preparing for weekend court to comply with the Pre-Trial Fairness Act.

XII. Public Defender

No one from the Public Defender's Office was in attendance.

XIII. Sheriff

No one from the Sheriff's Office was in attendance.

XIV. State's Attorney

Charley Boonstra explained that the Trailer Bill with amendments to the Pre-Trial Fairness Act had been signed by the Governor earlier this month. This bill would expand the scope of forcible felonies for which a judge could deny pretrial release if detainees are proven to pose a "real and present treat" to communities. He went on to explain the challenges being experienced by his office as they work to comply with the Pre-Trial Fairness Act.

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

There was no update during the December meeting.

1. Action Items

a. Appellate Prosecutor's Office Resolution

Charley Boonstra explained that this resolution is passed through committee every year and was in his budget for FY2023. This resolution allows the Appellate Prosecutor's Office to assist the State's Attorney's Office with appeals and conflicts.

Motion to move the Appellate Prosecutor's Office Resolution to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the December County Board agenda. **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by Angie Shippert. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

XV. Unfinished Business

There were no items under unfinished business.

XVI. New Business

A. Test of OnBoard Voting System

The committee tested the OnBoard Voting System for future use.

XVII. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

XVIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:08 a.m. **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by Angie Shippert. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next meeting of the Public Safety and Court Services Committee will be
10:30 a.m., on Monday, January 9, 2023