



Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee

Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

May 11, 2022 at 9:00 PM 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 committee members were present in person.

III. Meeting Attendees and Visitors

John Nicholson (County Board Vice Chair), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Wendy Ryerson (County Administrator), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), John Simonton (Sheriff)(9:03-9:32), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were all present in person.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (April 13, 2022)

The minutes from the April 13, 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 provided a report of all the claims submitted and paid for from April 8, 2022 - May 5, 2022, from Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Judges, Probation, Public Defender, Sheriff's Office, and the 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 work with IT and an outside contractor to make progress on the new computer software data conversion project. The contractor reported that the bulk of the data (all information through 2021) is in a separate file and this data will be review by the new software company to ensure the information is as expected. She is hoping that in the next 30 - 60 days, the office will be using the new software program.
- Staci also thanked Keane Hudson for presenting the coin and speaking at the recent Veterans Court Graduation ceremony.

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

- On Sunday, May 8, 2022, the office sent an officer currently working in corrections and a new hire candidate to the Police Academy. Both will be working in patrol after graduation from the academy.
- The office will be looking for a replacement officer for corrections and a new hire from the interviews that recently took place.
- At the May Finance Committee Meeting John will be presenting a request for ARPA funding for new and refurbished portable and mobile radios. The amount being requested is \$24, 200.
- Police Academy training at Sauk Valley Community College is looking favorable. There are timelines and requests that need to be addressed. These requests are a usable shooting range and a commitment on dorms for overnight stays.
- John explained that the office is apply for a new program that would be a collabroraive effort with Sinnissippi, Probation (drug court), KSB Hospital and the Sheriff's Office to help inmates afflicted 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.

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

- The office recently closed roughly 44 felony cases and filed roughly 35 felony cases.
- The trial calendar would be very busy through October of 2022.
- He continues to attend the Zoning Board of Appeals hearings and resolve matters brought to him by Department Heads.

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

Charley Boonstra reported the following information regarding unpaid fines:

- Total amount collected in unpaid fines from 2019-2022 was \$165,539.
- Tax intercept this year was roughly \$3,500.
- The total collections received in the last month was roughly \$9,000.

VIII. Quarterly Update on Dangerous and Abandoned Properties - Sheriff

States Attorney Charley Boonstra and Attorney Tim Zollinger continue to pursue dangerous and abandoned properties in Lee County. Several more properties have been added to the list recently.

IX. UTV Ordinance Update - Jack Skrogstad

Jack Skrogstad reported that he will be participating in a Zoom meeting with representatives from TOIRMA (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association) the week of May 16th to iron out matters regarding insurance coverage and the use of ATV's on Township Roads.

X. Old Business

There were no items under Old Business.

XI. New Business

Motion to send both appointment resolutions on the agenda the Executive Committee at one time. **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by Marilyn Shippert. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to send to the Executive Committee the Resolution: Appointment of Mark Appelquist as Trustee of the Franklin Grove Fire Protection District and the Resolution: Appointment of Edwin Lilja to the Amboy Fire Protection District. **Moved** by John Nicholson. **Second** by Mike Zeman. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

- A. Resolution: Appointment of Mark Appelquist as Trustee of the Franklin Grove Fire Protection District

See motion above.

- B. Resolution: Appointment of Edwin Lilja to the Amboy Fire Protection District

See motion above.

- C. Resolution in Support of ETSB (9-1-1)

Motion to approve and move to the Executive Committee the Resolution in Support of ETSB (9-1-1). **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by Jack Skrogstad. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

XII. Executive Session

No executive session was requested.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:32 a.m. **Moved** by Marilyn Shippert. **Second** by Marilyn Shippert. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.