



Public Safety and Court Services Committee

Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

May 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM CDT

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, Katie White, and Angie Shippert all attended in person. Michael Pearson attended the meeting via Zoom.

Also present: Dean Freil and Tom Kitson (Board Members), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Kevin Lalley (EMA Director), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), Teri Zinke (Animal Control Administrator), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

III. Public Attendees

No members of the public were in attendance.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (April 9, 2024)

Minutes from the April 9, 2024, Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modifications.

V. Animal Control

A. *Graphs for the Month of April*

Teri Zinke provided the committee with graphs from Animal Control detailing activities within the department. These graphs will be attached to the minutes and included in the May County Board agenda packet.

Also discussed during the report from Animal Control was the potential purchase of an additional vehicle for the office. Teri provided the committee with supporting documentation that included the cost for used vehicles, a new vehicle, and statistics that supported her request. The topic was not on the agenda and no action was taken.

VI.

VII. Circuit Clerk

A. *Monthly Report*

Amy Johnson walked the committee through the report that she submitted. This report will be attached to the minutes and included in the May County Board agenda packet.

VIII. Judges, Coroner, and Public Defender

No representatives were present from the Judges, Coroner, or Public Defender's Offices and no reports were submitted.

IX. Emergency Management Agency

A. *Monthly Report*

Kevin Lalley submitted a detailed report to the committee from the EMA Office. From the report he highlighted the new mandate from the Federal Government that requires all personnel operating in the EOC to attend National Qualification Systems training. Failure to attend the training will negatively affect federal funding. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the May County Board agenda packet.

X. Probation

Staci Stewart thanked Kevin Lalley for letting Probation use the EOC for training. She also reported that there would be a Drug Court Graduation at 4:00 p.m., on June 5, 2024, at the New Courts Building in Judge Ackert's Courtroom.

XI. Sheriff

A. *Monthly Report*

Sheriff Clay Whelan was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report from the Sheriff's Office. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the May County Board agenda packet.

XII. State's Attorney

Charley Boonstra reported that last month he had the opportunity to meet with some of the Criminal Justice students at Sauk Valley Community College and walk them through the duties of the State's Attorney's Office and how they interact with Law Enforcement. He is hopeful that some of the students will come back to the community to grow their careers.

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

No report was given regarding the Quarterly Update on the Collection of Unpaid Fines.

XIII. Report of Abandoned Property Focus Group

Jeremy Englund reported that on May 10th the group met with Attorney Zollinger and State's Attorney Charley Boonstra to discuss the next phases of dealing with some of the County's nuisance and abandoned properties issues. Both gentlemen helped the Zoning Office and the Health Department understand what the next steps would be in the legal process to either acquire the properties or pursue different judicial processes. The County currently has just under \$60,000 in funds that were set aside in last year's budget. There is also \$77,000 from the Strong Communities Grant that is only available to be used for residential properties only. Currently there are very limited funds to mitigate commercial properties.

XIV. Unfinished Business

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

XV. New Business

A. *Opioid Funding Request - Discussion Only*

Jeremy Englund reported that the County Opioid Focus Group had received two (2) requests for funding. In the last two years the County has received roughly \$78,000 from a nationwide Opioid Settlement. Funding from the settlement is not scheduled and the County receives funds randomly. This obviously creates an issue committing to funding requests. Following is a breakdown of the request:

- Sinnissippi Centers has requested up to \$270,000 from the Opioid Settlement Funds to aid in building a new recovery home.
- PHLC, a local group that works closely with Sinnissippi Centers, has requested \$20,000 from the Opioid Settlement Funds for marketing and data collection expenses to tackle substance abuse stigma issues.

XVI. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

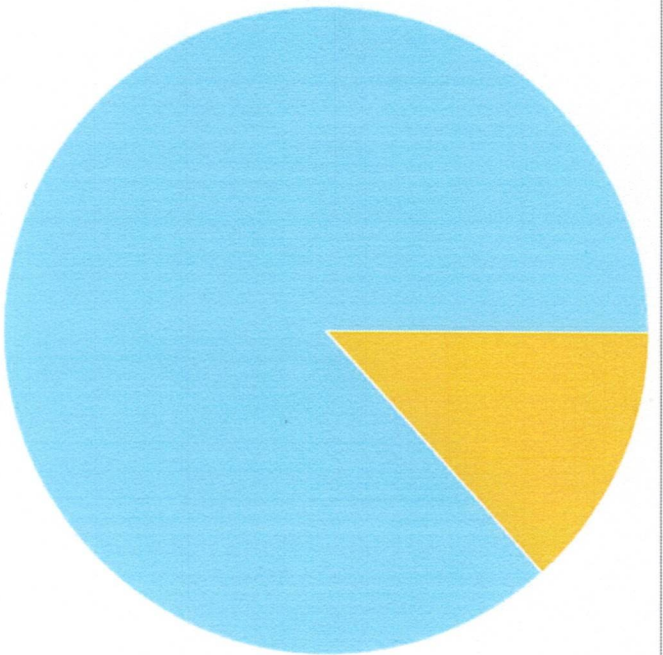
XVII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:15 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., Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

**** CITATIONS ISSUED BY TYPE-GRAPH ****



County Registration (2)
Vaccine (13)

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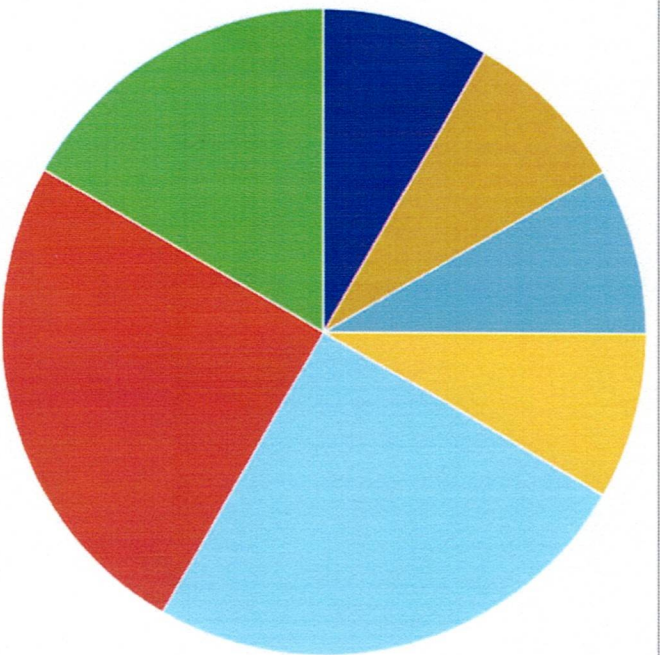
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**** INCIDENTS BY TYPE-GRAPH ****



- Abandoned (1)
- Animals at large (3)
- Bite (3)
- Dog on Dog (2)
- Neglect (1)
- Number of pets (1)
- Unfounded complaints (1)

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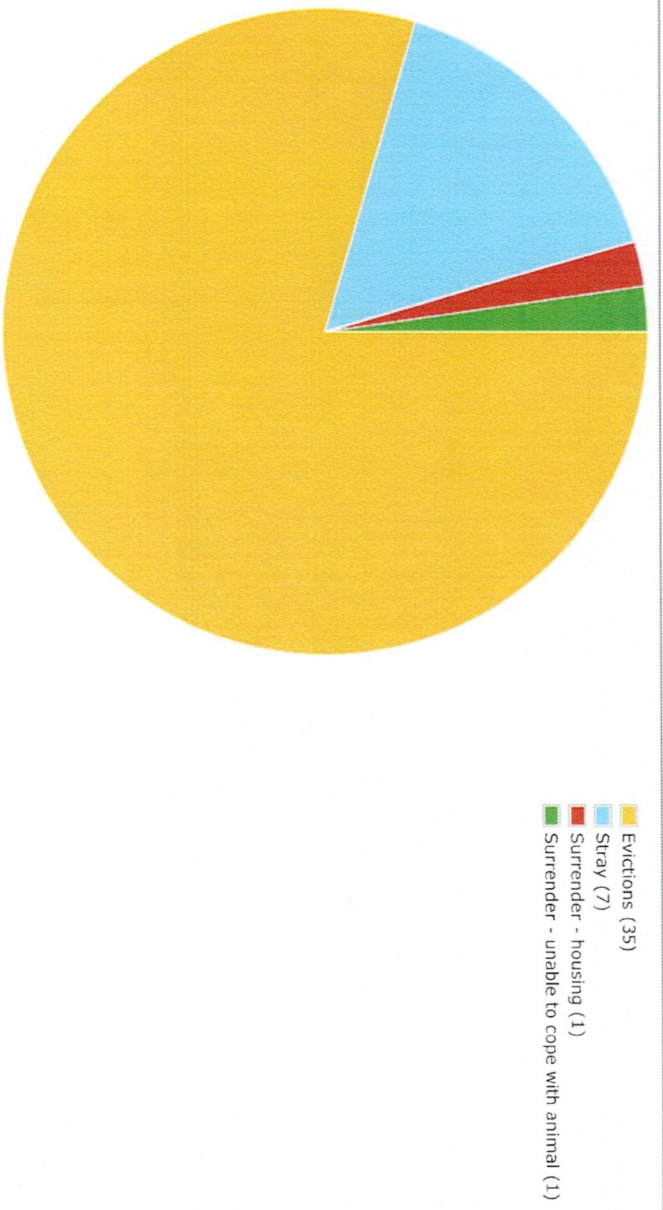
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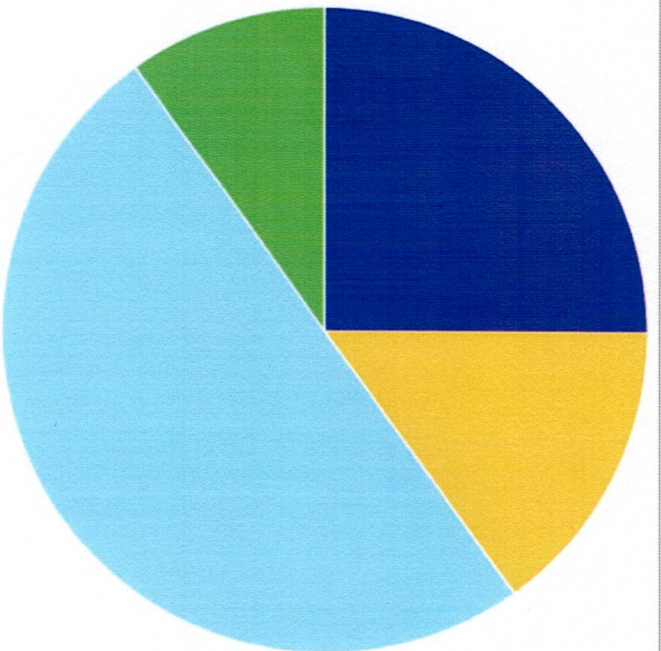
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**** ANIMAL EXIT REASONS-GRAPH ****



Euthanized (3)
Transfer (10)
Died (0)
Adoption (2)
Redeemed (5)

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CIRCUIT CLERK OFFICE REPORT
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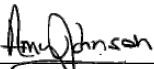
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The Circuit Clerk's office is still in the process of searching for a new case management system. Our current system was bought out by a company called Avenu Insights and Analytics. In February representatives from Winnebago County and I went to Virginia to their headquarters to meet with their team and discuss the future of the software. They recently provided us with a roadmap detailing a 2-3-year time frame of when certain functionalities can be done. We believe 3 years is a little too long considering you can get a new case management system up and go live in about 2 years give or take.

Our office recently signed up for InLingo which is a language services provider. They have interpreters and translators with over 150 different languages. The Courts already have this in place in the courtrooms where they can do it over the phone or by video if a litigant needs that service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Johnson
Lee County Circuit Clerk

Lee County Emergency Management Agency

Synopsis of EM Activities for April 2024

- Assisted with planning of funeral for DeKalb Deputy
- Traveled to NWS Chicago to renew StormReady certification
- Attended Pipeline training
- Discussed Satellite Communication backup system
- Hosted LCVC Training
- Attended meeting @ NIPARC Warehouse
- Attended IEMA Region 2 meeting
- Attended multiple webinars with NWS on severe weather
- Began working on budget for next year
- Submitted application to SC21 for two additional TGs for EMA
- Attend meeting in Rochelle on NQS – National Qualification System
- Collaborate with Sheriff's Department on how to live stream drone video
- Work on HB 3434
- Opened EOC to level 3 from severe weather - sent preparedness messages

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Lee County Sheriff's Office

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In the month of April, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 747 calls for service. As far as notable calls for the month of April the following incidents occurred...

On Friday, April 5th, Lee County Deputies were made aware of individuals selling narcotics at the Magnuson Hotel in rural Dixon. At approximately 9:00 p.m., Blake A. Keane, age 21, of Sterling, Illinois and a 15-year-old juvenile of Morrison, Illinois, attempted to sell Methamphetamine to two Lee County Deputies. Both subjects were taken into custody without incident.

The male juvenile was charged with Methamphetamine Delivery (a Class 2 Felony) and Possession of Methamphetamine - Less than 5 grams (a Class 3 Felony). The juvenile was processed at the Lee County Jail and released to their parents.

Blake A. Keane was charged with the following:

- Methamphetamine Delivery - a Class 2 Felony
- Possession of Methamphetamine - Less than 5 grams - a Class 3 Felony
- Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver (30-100 grams) - a Class 3 Felony
- Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (30-100 grams) - a Class A Misdemeanor

At the time of the new arrest on April 5th, Keane was already on pretrial release conditions with a GPS monitor out of Whiteside County for pending charges of Unlawful Possession of Firearm Ammunition by a Felon. In accordance with provisions of Illinois SAFE-T Act, Blake was given a court date and released from the custody of Lee County Deputies.

On Monday, April 15th at approximately 5:40 p.m., Lee County Dispatch received a call of trespassing on property in the 1000 block of Inlet Road. While Deputies were enroute to the area, the homeowner followed the trespassers. Deputies were able to locate the homeowner and one trespasser on Schmitt Road near Fell Road. Once on scene, Deputies were able to determine what had transpired.

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Three juveniles had trespassed on the Inlet Road property on dirt bikes and then left the area. The homeowner followed the juveniles in a side-by-side utility vehicle. Once the juveniles realized the homeowner was following them, they separated and attempted to flee. The homeowner followed one juvenile and pulled up next to him three times to get him to stop. The incident ended approximately three miles from where it began, on private property of the Richardson Wildlife Foundation. The homeowner rear-ended the dirt bike with his side-by-side, and the juvenile crashed the dirt bike. The homeowner then struck a tree that damaged his side-by-side.

As a result of the crash, the juvenile was transported to Mendota Hospital by Amboy Ambulance where they were treated and released for injuries sustained in the collision.

As a result of the incident, the homeowner identified as Max Muetze, age 38, was arrested and charged with the following.

- Reckless Driving, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Aggravated Reckless Driving, a Class 4 Felony
- Trespassing - Ordinance Violation (for trespassing on Richardson Wildlife Foundation property during the chase)

Muetze was processed at the jail and released from custody with a court date. The juvenile was issued Ordinance Violation for Trespassing at a later date.

On April 26th at approximately 10:31 p.m., Deputies from the Lee County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on East Seventh Street near South Ottawa Avenue in Dixon for a speeding violation of 48 miles per hour in a posted 30 mile per hour zone.

As a result of the stop, Kaden J. Ulve age 18, of Rock Falls has been arrested and charged with the following:

- Unlawful Use or Possession of Weapons, a Class 3 Felony
- Aggravated Unlawful Use or Possession of Weapons, a Class 4 Felony
- Possession of a Firearm without a Firearm Owner's Identification Card (4 counts), Class A Misdemeanors
- Possession of Firearm Ammunition without a Firearm Owner's Identification Card, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (30 grams but less than 100 grams), a Class A Misdemeanor

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The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Dixon Police Department.



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