



Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee

Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Jun 15, 2022 at 9:00 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 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 in person.

III. Meeting Attendees and Visitors

Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), Kevin Lalley (EMA Director), Zack Owen (IT), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary).

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (May 11, 2022)

The minutes of the May 11, 2022, Public Safety, Health, and Judicial Committee Meeting were approved with one correction. John Nicholson was identified as attending the meeting as a committee member and as a visitor.

Motion to approve the Minutes from the May 11, 2022, Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee Meeting with correction. **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by John Nicholson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

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 claims paid from May 13, 2022 - June 9, 2022, from the Emergency Management Agency, Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Judges, Probation, Public Defender, Sheriff's Office, and the State's Attorney's Office.

VI. Administrator and Department Head Reports

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

- The Technology Grant Project in New Courts is beginning to wind down. Computers, printers, and copiers have been installed and are working. The

courtroom monitors will be mounted this week. The software that will program the monitors is still a work in progress.

Staci Stewart reported the following information from the Probation Department:

- The office continues to work through the data conversion process with the new software
- The Probation Office and other offices in the New Courts Building continue to discuss and plan for the changes mandated by the State with the pretrial bond reform that will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

Kevin Lalley reported that EMA is keeping a close eye on the weather, heat, and power outages

Charley Boonstra reported that he had addressed the issues that the Pretrial Fairness Act would be having on the County's finances with the ARPA Committee on June 9, 2022.

The act that is set to go into effect on January 1, 2023, would:

- Reduce revenue to the Circuit Clerk's Office because of the loss of cash bail
- Drastically change the procedures of the criminal justice system
- Require the presence of Judges, Law Enforcement, Probation, Circuit Clerk, State's Attorney, and Public Defender staff for weekend court proceeding's

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

No updates were given during the June meeting.

VIII. Quarterly Update on Dangerous and Abandoned Properties - Sheriff

Charley Boonstra reported that he met with Mike Koppien, John Nicholson, Attorney Tim Zollinger, Jennifer Kolb from the Health Department, and Dee Duffy and Alice Henkel from Zoning on June 7, 2022. A default judgement was ordered on one of the properties being pursued so the group discussed demolition of the property and methods of funding the demolition and possible abatement. Charley reported that during the meeting several additional properties were identified and a formula for addressing the most dangerous properties first was discussed.

IX. UTV Ordinance Update - Jack Skrogstad

Jack Skrogstad walked the committee through the information that came out of the May 27, 2022, UTV Committee Meeting. He provided a map showing the eight (8) townships of the twenty-two (22) in Lee County that have signed an ordinance allowing the use of

UTV's on their roadways. Jack also explained that many of the towns in Lee County currently have UTV ordinances that they abide by. He also shared a letter from TOIRMA (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association) which cautioned their members that "these types of vehicles create liability and exposure" and they do not recommend that their members authorize such vehicles. Jack also reported that state legislators received pushback from the State Police, Secretary of State Police and the Farm Bureau. At the conclusion of the May UTV Meeting the committee motioned to send the Lee County Ordinance, in it's current form, to the Public Safety Committee for movement to the County Board Meeting. Due to a recent accident involving a fatality in the County the Public Safety Committee motioned to table the item.

X. Old Business

No items under new business.

XI. New Business

A. UTV Ordinance

Motion to table the UTV Ordinance. **Moved** by Jack Skrogstad. **Second** by John Nicholson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Appointment of Steven Howell Jr. to the Emergency Telephone System Board

Motion to move the Appointment of Steven Howell Jr. to the Emergency Telephone System Board to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the June County Board agenda. **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by Mike Zeman. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

XII. Executive Session

No executive session was requested.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 a.m. **Moved** by John Nicholson. **Second** by Jack Skrogstad. **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, July 13, 2022.