



Public Safety and Court Services Committee

Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Jun 12, 2023 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

Michael Pearson was absent. Mike Koppien, Keane Hudson, Katie White, and Angie Shippert were all present in person.

Also present: Dean Freil and Jack Skrogstad (Board Members), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Kevin Lalley (EMA), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), Clay Whelan (Sheriff), Jonathan Henrikson (IT Technician), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were all present in person. Teri Zinke (Animal Control Administrator) attended via Zoom video conferencing.

III. Public Attendees

There were no members of the Public in Attendance.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (May 15, 2023)

Minutes from the May 15, 2023, Public Safety and Court Services Committee were approved as presented without modification.

V. Animal Control

Teri Zinke and Angie Shippert updated the committee on progress made regarding feral cat population control. Teri and Angie attended a meeting with several ladies that had experience with the TNR Program (Trap-Neuter-Return). The Board would need to approve a TNR Program to utilize pet population funds. Work that needs to be done before a program could be set in place would include educating the public regarding the program and finding individuals in the area to participate. Keane Hudson explained that he had taken Teri up on her offer to tour the Animal Control facility and expressed how impressed he was with the operation and how Teri handles everything she has under her care.

VI. Circuit Clerk

A. Request to Increase Juror Mileage Reimbursement

Amy Johnson requested that the committee move her request to increase the current juror mileage rate of \$.35 per mile to the IRS approved rate of \$.655 per mile.

Motion to move the Revision of Juror Mileage Compensation Resolution to the Finance Committee for consideration. **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. Judges, Coroner, and Public Defender

There was no one in attendance from the Judges, Coroner, or Public Defender's Offices.

VIII. Emergency Management Agency

Kevin Lalley reported that he was in Davenport to assist with the partial building collapse and is working closely with the Dixon Police Department to assist with several outdoor events that have been scheduled. EMA will also be assisting with the 4H Fair, Petunia Festival, Depot Days, and the Byron Nuclear Plant exercises. He also reported that through a donation campaign, 14 water filled jersey barriers have been purchased.

IX. Probation

Staci reported that the County should start receiving reimbursement from the State of Illinois to offset this FY budget expenses. She explained that the State of IL would not reimburse the County for salaries in her office until the annual plan submitted by the County was approved by the Administrative Office. The plan has now been approved. She also reported that the Dependent Children's Fund had officially been depleted. The fund is used to detain minors when arrested in the community and moved to a contracted detention facility. The per diem per day to house the minor is \$175. Probation budgeted \$27,000 for FY 2023, but because of the increase of minors being detained, additional funding for the line item will be required.

X. Sheriff

Clay Whelan reported the following information from the Sheriff's Office:

- The office is gearing up for contract negotiations, so he has been gathering comparable contracts and wage scale data to support what they will be requesting.
- He has been working with IDOT to provide a message board for the 4H Fair.
- Clay walked the committee through the circumstances surrounding a training waver that had been denied for a lateral transfer Correctional Deputy. He is working with Springfield to get the waiver granted so the deputy doesn't quit.

XI. State's Attorney

There was no report from the State's Attorney's Office.

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

Total collections for the month of May - \$7,959.21. Grand total collected for the year so far - \$35,464.41.

XII. Report of Abandoned Property Focus Group

There was no specific report from the Abandoned Property Focus Group. There was an issue with the Lee Center School that had been properly dealt with, but no specific details were brought forth.

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 10:52 a.m. **Moved** by Angie Shippert. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary