



Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee

Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Nov 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM CST

Old Lee County Courthouse, Third Floor, 112 E 2nd St, Dixon, IL 61021

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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

Mike Koppien, John Nicholson, Marilyn Shippert, Keane Hudson, Jack Skrogstad, and Mike Zeman were all present in person.

Also present: Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Wendy Ryerson (Administrator), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), John Simonton (Sheriff), Kevin Lalley (EMA), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were all present in person.

III. Public Attendees

No members of the public were in attendance.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (October 12, 2022)

The minutes from the October 12, 2022, Public Safety, Health, and Judicial Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.

V. Circuit Clerk

A. Report

Amy Johnson reported that she had an employee leaving on December 1, 2022. She was able to quickly hire a replacement employee that started November 7, 2022.

VI. EMA (Emergency Management Agency)

A. Report

There was no report from EMA other than the action item on the agenda.

B. Action Items

1. UAS Drone Replacement Cost and Specs

Kevin Lalley reported that the office had a drone damaged due to an unintentional hard landing. The drone is out of production and parts are limited. He explained that the office is looking to replace the drone with an updated version. Kevin walked the committee through the drone capabilities and reported that the replacement drone would cost \$20,999.

John Simonton recommended repairing the damaged drone for the estimated quote of \$900, in addition to purchasing the new drone. The older drone could be used as a backup and for training additional personnel in the operation of drones.

Motion to purchase the new drone at the cost of \$20,999 from the capital fund, and repair the old drone, and move to the Finance Committee. **Moved** by Marilyn Shippert. **Second** by Keane Hudson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. Probation

A. Report

Staci Stewart reported that she, along with other Lee County Officials, attended a meeting at NIU to discuss and prepare for the Pretrial Fairness Act. Many of the Northern Illinois Counties were there representing the offices of law enforcement, State's Attorney's, Probation, Judiciary, and Circuit Clerks. The Pretrial Fairness Act will bring about drastic changes in the judicial system and associated offices, so there is a great deal of activity going on behind the scenes to prepare for the changes.

Staci also extended an invitation to everyone to attend the Veteran's Treatment Court Graduation that will be taking place on November 29, 2022. The graduations will be at the New Courts Building at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. Sheriff

A. Report

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

- The "Stuff the Squad" event organized by Lori Miller and the Wellness Committee raised \$427 in cash donations and roughly 1500 lbs. of food that was donated to the Food Pantry.
- The "Shop with a Sheriff" and "Shop with a Cop" event will be Saturday December at 8:00 a.m. and noon at Walmart. Anyone interested can contact Dave Glessner or Derek Ranken.

- Staffing - On Friday one officer will be graduating from the Corrections Academy and one officer will be graduating from the Law Enforcement Academy. Both will then start the Field Training Program.
- One officer is transferring from Corrections to Patrol so the office will be looking for a hire in Corrections.
- One officer will be coming back from the Reserves after the first of the year and several officers will be returning from work related injuries.
- The Sheriff took the time to thank the committee for their support during the last 8 years.

B. Quarterly Update on Dangerous and Abandoned Properties

Wendy Ryerson reported that the Compton property had been demolished, the basement had been filled in, fill dirt had been placed on the property which will be leveled in the near future. The unsafe condition has been mitigated. She also reported that an additional property the County purchased via tax sale is now on the radar.

Charley Boonstra reported that the Joseph E. Meyer property that was voted on in the October County Board Meeting will need to be quickly addressed because the property needs to be cleaned up.

IX. State's Attorney

A. Report

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

- The office will be losing an employee to retirement in January. His new employee, a transfer from the Circuit Clerk's Office, will be starting in the office on December 1, 2022.
- Charley echoed Staci Stewart's sentiments in regard to the Pretrial Fairness Act. Charley reported that the County seemed to be ahead of the curve when it comes to preparation for the upcoming changes.
- He also reported that Lee County has joined in the lawsuit with the Safety Act and is hoping for a decision on or before December 15, 2022.

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

There were no updates on the collection of unpaid fines.

X. Judges, Coroner, and Public Defender

A. Reports

There were no reports from the Judges, Coroner's Office, or Public Defender's Office.

XI. Unfinished Business

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

XII. New Business

A. City of Dixon Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Dispatching

The committee briefly discussed the City of Dixon Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Dispatching.

Motion to approve the City of Dixon Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Dispatching and move to the Executive Committee. **Moved** by John Nicholson. **Second** by Jack Skrogstad. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

XIII. Executive Session

There was no request for an executive session.

Before the meeting ended Wendy Ryerson reminded the committee that there would be a Truth in Taxation Hearing at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, prior to the 6:00 p.m., full County Board Meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. **Moved** by Marilyn Shippert. **Second** by Jack Skrogstad. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.