



Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee Meeting – Tuesday, February 12, 2020

Third Floor Board Conference Room, Old Lee County Courthouse – 10:00 a.m.
112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chair Mike Koppien

Members present: Chair Mike Koppien, Jim Wentling, Tim Deem, and Katie White

Members absent: Charlie Thomas and Greg Witzleb

Board Members, Department Heads, or County Employees Present: Kevin Lalley (EMA); John Simonton (Sheriff)(10:00 -10:18), Denise McCaffrey (Circuit Clerk)(10:00-10:45), Charley Boonstra (State’s Attorney)(10:10-11:08), John Nicholson (County Board Chairperson), Dave Bally (Board Member)(10:00-10:36, 10:54-11:08), Staci Stewart (Probation)(10:10-11:08), Marty Meyer (Coroner’s Office), Cathy Myers (County Clerk), Greg Saunders (Maintenance Supervisor)(10:11-10:36), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary).

The January 2020 minutes of the Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee were approved without modification.

Review of Claims & Reports

Motion from Tim Deem: To approve all Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner, State’s Attorney, Probation, EMA, Public Defender, Judge Ackert, Judge Friel-Draper, Judge Klahn, and Judge Lee’s claims.

Second by Katie White: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Department Head Reports

John Simonton announced that he would not be at Finance Committee on Thursday so Dave Bowers would be bringing information on his behalf. He reported that his overtime line item would be significantly over budget because of retiring employees. Jeff Dallas announced he would be retiring on April 5, 2020. John also reported that the office is starting to research a food service option.

Denise McCaffrey reported that she had been to Lombard for training that was hosted by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. She explained that the way the training program was setup, different departments were present in the training so everyone would have a working understanding of how the system worked. She also reported that she continues to receive information in regards to the new cannabis laws and what changes are coming to the system.

Charley Boonstra reported that the State’s Attorney’s Office has been working on an application for a grant that is just shy of \$500,000. These funds would help offset costs as well as supplement some funds for the Lee County Sheriff’s Office, Dixon Police Department, YWCA, and would help with some of the domestic and sexual assault related crimes.

Staci Stewart reported that the Probation Department was fully staffed which makes getting into the field more manageable and has made the difference in meeting the home visit standards set by AOIC.

Kevin Lalley reported that he submitted a deposit to the Treasurer’s Office \$24,392.15 in reimbursements. He is working with the Health Department in Corona Virus preparedness and response. He also responded to a Nicor gas leak alongside of I-39.

Cathy Myers reported that early voting started on February 6, and since the Old Lee County Courthouse is a polling location, the campaign free zone rules are in effect. She also reported that the department is in need of election judges. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact the Election Department.

Other than agenda items posted, there were no additional department head reports from the Coroner's Offices.

Old Business:

Nothing on the Agenda

New Business

Motion from Jim Wentling: To Approve Resolution Appointment of Ryan Buskohl to the Lee County Emergency Telephone System Board and send to Executive Committee.

Seconded by Jim Wentling: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Wentling:

Second by Tim Deem: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Becky Brenner – County Board Secretary

The next scheduled meeting for Public Safety Committee will be 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, March 11, 2020