



**Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee Meeting – Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

Third Floor Boardroom, Old Lee County Courthouse – 9:00 a.m.

112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Mike Koppien

**Member Roll Call:** Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair Marilyn Shippert, Keane Hudson, Katie White, Mike Zeman and Jack Skrogstad were present in person, no committee members attended via Zoom video conferencing.

**Members Absent:** None

**Board Members, Department Heads, or County Employees Present:** Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Staci Stewart (Probation), John Nicholson (9:00-10:15), John Simonton (Sheriff)(9:00-10:15), Jonathan Henrickson (IT Intern), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were present in person, Shelley Dallas (ETSB-911) and Jesse Partington (Coroner) attended via Zoom video conferencing.

Minutes of the January 2021 Public Safety, Health, and Judicial Committee meeting were approved without modification.

Internet connection dropped off around 9:16. The meeting came back up around 9:43.

**Review of Claims & Reports**

**Motion from Marilyn Shippert:** To accept and approve all claims from the Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner, State's Attorney, Probation, EMA, Public Defender, Judge Ackert, Judge Friel-Draper, Judge Klahn, and Judge Lee.

**Second by Keane Hudson:** Jack Skrogstad abstained from the vote. All other members voted in favor.

**Collection of Unpaid Fines – States Attorney -** No report for March

**Update on Dangerous and Abandoned Properties –** No report for March

**Department Head Reports**

Charley Boonstra reported that in January his office had 20 felony cases that were closed and 18 filed. In February, the office opened 19 new cases and close 23.

Staci Stewart walked the committee through the Probation Department's pretrial program and how it works. The office is waiting to see how the new legislation will change the process.

**Old Business:**

No items for old business.

**New Business**

John Simonton quoted from an article that he presented to the committee that explained in detail what qualified immunity is and what it is perceived to be. He went on to explain that if qualified immunity is abolished, officers would be less likely to act for fear of being sued and agencies would find it harder to recruit sworn personnel. The Sheriff reported that he is currently researching for avenues that the County can take if qualified immunity is abolished, and he plans to present the committee with a resolution next month.

**Motion to adjourn by Katie White:**

**Second by Jack Skrogstad:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Becky Brenner – Lee County Board Secretary

*The next scheduled meeting for the Public Safety Committee will be 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 7, 2021*