



This meeting was held via conference call per the Governor of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker's signed "Executive Order 2020-07" on March 16, 2020, Section 6, during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation of March 9, 2020, the provisions of the open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, requiring or relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body are suspended and "Executive Order 2020-08" on March 21, 2020, all public gatherings in the State of Illinois of 10 People or more are prohibited during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation of March 9, 2020.

The public was notified on April 1, 2020, via the Lee County website to email public requests to: [countyboardrequests@countyoflee.org](mailto:countyboardrequests@countyoflee.org) and the meeting was live streamed on April 8, 2020, at <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCO3ZPalJgtBWmfph0rstLXA>

### **Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

Third Floor Board Conference Room, Old Lee County Courthouse – 9:00 a.m.  
112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Mike Koppien

**Roll Call:** Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair Charlie Thomas, Tim Deem, Katie White and Jim Wentling were all present via conference call.

**Members absent:** None

**Board Members, Department Heads, Employees or Visitors present:** John Nicholson (County Board Chairperson) and Bob Gibler (Board Member) appointed for in-person claim review, Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Mike McBride (IT/GIS) and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were present in person, Kevin Lalley (EMA), Denise McCaffrey (Circuit Clerk), Staci Steward (Probation), Greg Saunders (Maintenance Supervisor), all present via conference call.

The March 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:** Roll call vote: Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair Charlie Thomas, Tim Deem, Katie White, and Jim Wentling. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Department Head Reports**

John Simonton reported that the Woodhaven Association had been very receptive in regards to his news release indicating that travel to vacation properties and campgrounds was not considered essential. Travel to Woodhaven from other areas has greatly declined.

#### **Old Business:**

Nothing for old business.

#### **New Business**

John Simonton addressed the committee in regards to retrofitting the old jail to house inmates that test positive COVID-19. Retrofitting the old jail is part of a catastrophic plan being organized in the event that Lee or Ogle County would need a place to house larger numbers of inmates that tested positive for the COVID-19

virus. The jails are outfitted to isolate a small number of inmates, but if the jails were to see an outbreak of COVID-19 infected inmates, the catastrophic plan would be used.

**Motion from Charlie Thomas:** To approve *Resolution:* Appointing Douglas Pettenger as a Trustee of the West Brooklyn Fire Protection District, Lee County, Illinois and *Resolution:* Reappointing Kevin Lalley, Steve Gilmore, and Ryan Buskohl to the Lee County Emergency Telephone System Board and forward to Executive Committee.

**Second by Tim Deem:** Roll call vote: Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair Charlie Thomas, Tim Deem, Katie White, and Jim Wentling. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Greg Saunders brought the Smoke Free Environment item before the committee. He has had some issues with employees smoking when they were not on their breaks. The consensus of the committee was to address the issue on the employee level and not create new policies within the County.

*Motion from Katie White: To enter into Executive Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)*

*Second by Charlie Thomas. Roll call vote: Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair Charlie Thomas, Tim Deem, Katie White, and Jim Wentling. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

*Roll call vote going into Executive Session: Roll call vote: Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair Charlie Thomas, Tim Deem, Katie White, and Jim Wentling.*

*Also present: John Nicholson, Bob Gibler, Charley Boonstra, and Becky Brenner.*

*Entered into Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.*

*Roll call vote coming back into Executive Committee: Roll call vote: Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair Charlie Thomas, Tim Deem, Katie White, and Jim Wentling.*

*Also present: John Nicholson, Bob Gibler, Charley Boonstra, and Becky Brenner*

*Back into open session at 10:27 a.m.*

**Motion to adjourn by Tim Deem:**

**Second by Jim Wentling:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:30 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, May 13, 2020*