

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 9, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. County Building

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Newberg – Chairman, Christy Pruser, Megan Myers, and Claro Carter. Also, Dee Dee Rentmeister, County Administrator.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brian Riddle

No one was present to speak to the committee.

### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

- Motion by Pruser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carter to approve the claims including property claims. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Motion by Pruser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carter to approve last month's minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Sheriff Walker updated the committee on the following items:
  - Fully staffed in patrol with two in the academy.
  - One correctional officer in the academy and will be hiring one more in the next week.
  - No longer housing Champaign County inmates due to COVID. May try to house inmates again in the near future.
  - Will be attending the Illinois Sheriff's Association conference next week.
  - Will be asking the finance committee for ARPA funds to purchase new body cameras, in-car cameras and laptops.
- Micah Gallardo and Melissa Fratzen from EMA was present to update the committee on the search and rescue team.
  - The car that search and rescue were using is now back in the county lot but does not run – again. It currently has a recall on it and the battery is dead.
  - Have not heard back from the search and rescue team since the meeting last month.
  - Committee discussed the vehicle and the fact that it is not running and has a recall. Members felt that this car should be disposed of due to the multiple issues and the number of miles and age. Could reach out to the fire departments to see if they would want the car for training purposes. Will refer disposal to the finance committee and Micah will check with the fire departments.
- Newberg thank EMA and the Sheriff personnel for their work during the recent snowstorm.
- Discussion on contract with Timbercrest. Timbercrest is not interested in a contract. Donny Benson indicated that he provided them with a list of services that the county would need. Timbercrest indicated that the county would receive a 20% discount for services. Will ask the State's Attorney about a contract.
- Donny Benson, Animal Control Administrator, informed the committee that the key fob systems has been installed and waiting on the software to be programmed. Discussed who to issue key fobs to for access after-hours. Donny stated that of the list of people that Megan gave him he felt that only Heather Wantland should be issued a fob for specific time periods. Maybe others in the Spring/Summer could be given fobs to walk the dogs after hours.
- Myers stated that Dr. Fischer had given her a list of dates and times that she is available to do a site visit at the shelter. Donny will get with Myers on what works best for him.
- Motion by Pruser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myers to adjourn at 7:29 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

- Approve the claims including property claims.
- Approve last months' minutes.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD:**

None

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** March 17, 2022 at 7:00 a.m.