

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
COUNTY BOARDROOM  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020  
MINUTES  
4:30 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

- 2. Roll Call** – Barry Logan (ch), Donald Tolan, Emily Barker, Justin Faulk all present. Blake Parsons is excused. Also present is Jerry Smith alternate. Mr. Smith will not vote as we have a quorum.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of February 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes

Motion to approve February 10, 2020 minutes made by Barker, seconded by Faulk. *Motion passed.*

- b. Approval of February 18, 2020 special meeting minutes

Motion to approve February 18, 2020 special meeting minutes made by Tolan, seconded by Faulk. *Motion passed.*

**4. Public Input**

Wade Reinthaler, 485 CR 2570 E. El Paso gave the committee sample ordinances from other counties that banned burning and asked the committee to consider passing on ordinance in Woodford County to ban burning. He stated that for a week and a half they had straight burning, but since Deputy Campbell came out and spoke with the neighbor, there has only been one day of burning. Joel and Kim Hartman, 449 CR 2570 E also commented that they did not believe the non-burning would continue.

**5. Approval of Claims**

Motion to approve the March claims made by Tolan, seconded by Barker. Motion to amend the claims and remove the two (2) claims for 1000bulbs.com for \$83.50 and for 1000bulb.com for \$277.00 made by Barker, seconded by Faulk. *Motion passed.* It was asked about all the clothing allowances. The corrections officers have done the same as patrol. This clothing is being purchased with part of the uniform allowance and part of the money that was forfeited in the last contract negotiation. Also questioned was the money for the sex offender registration act. We collect all the money for registration of the county's sex offenders. There are three organizations that receive that money. 65% of the money we collect gets paid back to the state. This is usually done annually. Vote taken on original motion as amended – *Motion passed.*

**6. Coroner**

**7. Sheriff**

- a. Annex 4 bid approval and project discussion.

Chief Deputy Tipword presented the committee with the bids they have received. It was felt that it would be best to take each section individually. Riverside Construction and Wright Way Construction were the only two bids for the remodeling. Both companies are local and have done work for the county in the past. Riverside Construction was low bid. Motion to hire Riverside Construction for dry wall and carpenter work made by Faulk, seconded by Barker, *Motion passed.*

There were three bids for the desks/lectern/chairs. Huber bid the desks and lectern only as these would be custom build and he does not build chairs. Lincoln Office and Widmer bid desks, lectern, 17 board chairs and 48 public chairs. Discussion on what we want the board room to look like. It was felt that with Huber custom building the desks, it would be better constructed, and more professional looking. All desks would have power/data ports. The public chairs would be mesh, no armrests, and stackable. Discussion on if 50 additional chairs is needed. Motion to accept Huber bid for custom desks and lectern for \$11,505 for option to decide on trim, accept bid from Widmer for 48 chairs for public and 17 desk chairs for board at \$17,287, and accept bid from Widmer for up to 50 additional chairs for \$11,601.56 made by Faulk, seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.*

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It was asked who would design the desks. We will ask Huber to give us some design options. The current board room chairs can be used in the room that will be utilized for executive sessions.

There were two bids for floor coverings – Faulk Flooring in El Paso and Knapp Tile and Flooring in Eureka. Both bid the same tile, base board, and carpet squares. The carpeted squares would have an adhesive back and can be removed and replaced should one get damaged. It was asked if they would also level the floor, and they will not. This is strictly for coverings. Motion to approve the low bid of \$7,471.32 from Knapp Tile made by Tolan, seconded by Barks. *Motion passed.*

Ruyle has looked at the HVAC in the building. They do not believe that the current heating and air conditioning system is large enough to heat or cool the room once it is filled with people. The current unit is also 10-11 years old. It was asked if Ruyle uses the insulated duct. Their bid says ‘insulate as needed’. Motion to accept Ruyle bid to replace the current heating and air conditioning system for \$16,165 made by Faulk and seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.*

Discussion on the current floor. We don’t really know the issues with the floor until we get the carpet pulled up. We will need to do some concrete work inside and trench for the power cables. Since we are keeping the ceiling tiles, whatever concrete work that is done will have to be mindful of the dust created when fixing the uneven floor.

Also discussed was the technology to be placed in the building. There are several pieces to the technology part – microphones, phone, monitors, etc. Heart has suggested that we go with monitors and not a projector. The County Clerks likes the microphones so she can hear what is being said. We will need to decide what technology is needed before we start the concrete work on the floor. We also need to look into security monitors. It was felt that the Health Department also needed the security. The type of security that would be most beneficial would be one that would set off an alarm if a window was broken, or door opened. Currently the voting machines are being kept in the building. The County Clerk may be able to use some of the grant money to help with the security because of the voting machines. The committee would like to get several bids on the technology.

Ms. Aggertt asked about fiber cable being run to the Health Department. It is in already in the works. The voting equipment will need to be moved during construction. It was felt that we could move them into 1833.

**b. Illegal Burning complaint and ordinance discussion.**

Sheriff Smith met with the Hartman’s and Mr. Reinthaler after last month’s meeting. Sheriff Smith stated that the Sheriff’s Department would respond to calls, make a report and forward the report to the State’s Attorney. It would be up to the State’s Attorney at that point to take any action. State’s Attorney Minger will be sending a letter to the neighbors in that area informing them of the statutes, penalties and advise them that there is enforceable action. The EPA is coming to train all road deputies in illegal burnings. We currently do not have an ordinance on burning. Prosecution for burning can come from state statutes and environmental code. If an ordinance is to be done, it will probably come from CP&Z and not this committee. It was asked that if we do an ordinance, if someone request an exemption, we do not give an exemption. The public input is that while they have had a few good days, this will not continue. There are laws in place, but they are not being enforced. They have asked the State’s Attorney for over three years to write a letter, and nothing has been done. They thank the Sheriff, as he seems to have made more progress than they have in three years. They do not understand how there can be a law, but not enforceable. If an ordinance is in place, it would allow the deputy to write a ticket. Then the person would either have to pay the ticket or fight it in court. The ordinance would allow a ticket to be written, as opposed to now, a report is being sent to the State’s Attorney Office and nothing is being done. The ordinance would lay out what would be done. Even with writing a ticket, if the person challenges the ticket in a court of law, the state’s attorney can still drop the charges. The problem has been brought to the forefront, and we are

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working on correcting it. It was explained to the public that the State's Attorney is the county attorney. He is the prosecutor for the county and also the county's attorney for any dispute that the county has. Mr. Reinthaler doesn't believe that it is the democratic way to operate by having a law, and the State's Attorney not enforcing a law. EPA laws says to contact the local authority. If you call on burning, by the time the EPA could get there, the fire would be out. Discussion on why it would fall under CP&Z.

c. IT projects, billing & IT service contract 4. Projects update PSB, CH, StarCom21, & Other. All projects are moving forward.

**8. Health Department**

The Health Department is working with the CDC and the state on the Coronavirus and containing it, but we are at low risk.

**9. Probation**

**10. New Business**

**11. Unfinished Business**

**12. Other**

**13. Executive Session – Roll Call Vote**

Motion to go into executive session made by Faulk, seconded by Tolan. Roll call vote – Logan –yes; Barker – yes; Faulk – yes; Tolan- yes; *Motion passed.*

a. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) – Contract negotiations

**14. Any action coming out of Executive Session**

Motion to come out of executive session made by Faulk, seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.*

**15. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Faulk, seconded by Barker. *Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Submitted by: Deb Breyman

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Barry Logan, Chairman  
Public Safety Committee