

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARDROOM
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019
MINUTES
4:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

1. **Roll Call** – Barry Logan, Donald Tolan, Emily Barker, Justin Faulk, Blake Parsons all present.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of April 8, 2019 minutes

Motion to approve April 2019 minutes made by Parsons, seconded by Barker. *Motion passed.*

3. Public Input

4. Approval of Claims

Motion to approve May 2019 claims made by Tolan, seconded by Faulk. There are a lot of vehicle upkeep claims this month. It was questioned if this was routine or have problems arisen. The claims are for oil changes, brakes, and a water pump had to be replaced. It was just a coincidence that it all happened this month.

5. Coroner

6. EMA

a. Tabletop Exercise

Mr. McCanless informed the committee of a table top exercise that will be held in Woodford County on July 25th. Lake Evergreen flows into the Mackinaw River. The scenario for the exercise is the Lake Evergreen damn braking, flooding the area. It would flood the bridge on I-74, and several other places. IDOT, Illinois State Police, fire departments, Police, IDNR, EMA, McLean County EMA are all participating. Mr. McCanless encourages the Board members to also be present. Next year there will be a functional exercise and in 3 years a full scale exercise. He will provide more information as the time draws closer. It was asked how long it would take for the water to reach Carlock. It would take 2 hours for it to reach Carlock, 2.5 days for it to recede. However, it would take a couple weeks for the bridges to be inspected for safety. If the dam would ever break, there are approximately 1300-1400 structures that would be affected.

7. Sheriff

a. Noise Complaints/Noise Ordinance

The Sheriff has received a few call regarding noise pollution. This is the third or fourth time this issue has come up. Woodford County does not have a noise ordinance. The callers want us to enforce the Illinois EPA Act. There is specific equipment that is needed for noise control. This equipment measures decibels of noise and is needed before the Act can be enforced. The Sheriff called other communities to see how they handle noise complaints. Some counties have the equipment to handle this, some counties let the State Police handle the calls. The equipment to enforce the Act is over \$7,000. The price does not include training cost or recertification of equipment. The calls he has received are for areas that are unincorporated. There is 5 to 6 acres where people are riding motorcycles around, like a dirt track. The calls are coming in during the day, not at night. The committee feels that we cannot permit people from doing what they want on their own property if it is not breaking the law. And how do you distinguish noise created from one vehicle, say a motorcycle, as opposed to a large truck. There are items under the vehicle code that govern cars on public streets and highways, but there is nothing for private property. It was asked if there are any complaints received regarding loud farm equipment. Farm equipment is exempt. The committee does not want the County to get into a position where we are implementing policy between two disputing parties.

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b. Approval of CCTV Project Equipment Upgrade

The Sheriff needs to upgrade the DVR's in the jail. We currently have two – one is a loaner from Tazewell County. This cost has been budgeted for. The last one purchased was 7-8 years ago. Motion to approve low bid from Teufel Hunden for \$39,750 made by Tolan, seconded by Parsons. *Motion passed.*

c. Approval of Telephone System Maintenance & Software Quality Assurance Agreement

There is nothing new on this at this time.

d. Germantown Hills #69 / ROE School Resource Officer

Chief Deputy Tipsword and Mr. Logan met with the school. This will be a shared officer between the District 69 and WCSEA. The total cost for this officer, including car would be \$79,393.60. The District and WCSEA feel so strongly about having a SRO that they will cover the whole cost so there is no cost to the County. We can pull that officer if an emergency need arises. This will be a year to year contract with both parties agreeing to renewal. The county will get the use of the deputy in the summer months when school is out. It was asked if this officer will need to attend sporting events, and was stated that there may be a fair amount of that. There is a deputy in house that is interested in becoming the SRO. The Sheriff would then need to hire a deputy to replace him. Motion to approve contract for SRO for District 69 and send to County Board made by Faulk, seconded by Barker. *Motion passed.*

e. StarCom 21 Communications System Update

Still moving forward with the project. The Minonk site has been approved and they are finishing up details for the 2nd tower site. The Sheriff hopes to have the equipment bids out and back by next committee meeting.

f. Street/Alley transfer from City of Eureka Update

The City of Eureka was taking care of the quick claim deed and recording it. The Sheriff just needs to verify that it is completed.

g. Approval of Server Room HVAC Replacement Bid

There has been an issue with the server room in the jail. It was never designed to house the IT equipment. As more and more equipment is being installed there, the heat produces by that equipment it making the room too hot. They will be placing a split HVAC unit in there to cool the room down, and moving some controls. Ruyle has bid the project at \$9,860, and it has been budgeted for. Discussion on requirements for bids. Motion to approve Ruyle bid for \$9,860 made by Faulk, seconded by Barker. *Motion passed.*

8. Animal Control

A committee member spoke to the Mayor of Germantown Hills and they are not going to pursue the feral cat issue with the Germantown Feline Association.

9. New Business

a. Kent McCanless Award

Mr. McCanless was awarded the EMA Director for the Year for Illinois. The committee wanted to thank him for all his good work. The committee is excited for this and the County, and very proud that Mr. McCanless has made Woodford County number one in the state.

b. Bids for S. Main St. property lawn care

We have received two bids for the mowing on the South Main Street property. Mr. Anderson has been mowing the property for Mr. Litweiller. Mr. Anderson is already at the property mowing, and his bid is for \$32 per mow, while the other bid was for \$105 per mow. Motion to approve Don Andersen bid for \$32 for mowing S. Main Street property made by Parsons, seconded by Tolan. Question if this has to be paid at prevailing wage. It was stated that owner/operator is exempt. If Mr. Andersen hires someone to mow, then he has to pay prevailing wage. It was stated that it has recently changed. But in the instance it is not an issue. *Motion passed.*

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10. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion and action on addition maintenance help

Last month it was discussed as to where the person would fall within the ASCME contract. Chief Deputy Tipsword has reached out to the State's Attorney several times for clarification on this, but has heard nothing back. ASCME starting wage is \$13.99. An additional maintenance person has been needed for some time. It was discussed if paying a few dollars more than starting ASCME wages would be a problem. Payment for this person would be paid out of the Health Department line item. The Sheriff would like permission to advertise, interview and hire a second maintenance person. It has to be posted in house for 10 days before he can advertise outside. Discussion on if a person in house takes the job, do we pay them at their current rate or the starting ASCME wage. We are bond by the contract and have to follow what it says. It was felt that no one would take a job at a lower pay rate. Motion to approve to post for hiring the maintenance assist at the base ASCME rate and paid from the Health Department line item made by Faulk, seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.* The authority to hire was given to the Sheriff.

11. Other

The real estate taxes have been mailed last Friday. The Treasurer received an email today stating that the \$31,000 grant money for the asbestos removal has been awarded. It was discussed whether we would demolish the building or upgrade it. Ms. Breyman explained about her conversation with the grant manager, and it was stated in the grant that we would demolish. Remodeling estimates was over \$200,000. Mrs. Andrews read the verbiage on the award letter and the letter states, "*This grant opportunity is for the abatement of asbestos and renovation of an annex to a courthouse.*" Discussion that renovation can include demolishing. This will be discussed with the whole board.

At one point there was discussion on replacing the flooring in the Board Room. At one time they got bids, but didn't go any further. If Ad Hoc decides to make changes, then the flooring may need to be changed. We need to see where they are going.

12. Executive Session – Roll Call Vote


13. Any action coming out of Executive Session

14. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Submitted by: Deb Breyman



Barry Logan, Chairman
Public Safety Committee