

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARDROOM
MONDAY JUNE 12, 2023
MINUTES
4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 by Vice Chairman Miller.

2. Roll Call

Nick Miller, Tim Worner, John Krug, Randy Barth all present. Blake Parsons arrived at 4:37 PM.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of May 8, 2023 minutes
Motion to approve May 8th minutes made by Krug, seconded by Barth. There were no corrections. *Motion passed.*

4. Public Input

None

5. Approval of Claims

a. Approval of June 2023 Claims
Motion to approve June claims made by Barth, seconded by Krug. *Motion passed.*

6. Coroner

7. Probation

8. Health Department

a. ARPA Storm Shelter

A storm shelter was appropriated for use of ARPA funds. Ms. Aggertt received three quotes for the shelter. Safe Shed was the low bidder. The shed will need to have a concrete pad poured. Ms. Aggertt received two quotes for the pad. Both concrete pad bids met the specs for the Safe Shed. Lonewolf was the low bid for the pad at \$2,250. The shed is an 8x10 foot structure, will hold 14 people and has an escape hatch. She is working with the Sheriff on where to place. Will need to look at utilities, property lines, permits, etc. \$10,000 in ARPA funds was set aside for this project. This project is \$10,209. The digitization of the Health Department's records came in under what was obligated. The excessive funds from that project can cover the increased funds for this project. Motion to approve the Lonewolf concrete pad for \$2,250 and the Safe Shed for \$7,951 made by Krug, seconded by Barth. *Motion passed.*

b. ARPA Discussion about construction project for lobby and clinical areas

Ms. Aggertt had proposed to take a section of the lobby and make an additional room. This room would be used for vaccinations, and the current vaccination room would be turned into another treatment room. \$100,000 was set aside from the ARPA funds for this project. It would be best to have a general contractor for this project. Ms. Aggertt would like committee input on who to contact for the general contractor. She will report back to the committee when she has information.

c. ARPA for Annex 4 signage

Ms. Aggertt had asked the committee about putting up a sign on the side the building to indicate the Health Department location. She has received two quotes for the sign. The Martin sign would have color on it and be \$1,380. A photo of the sign was provided, and the committee liked the look of the sign. Since this was not part of the original ARPA fund allocation, it was discussed how to fund this project. Several ARPA projects have come in under what was allocated from the ARPA funds. We could use that money to pay for the sign, or it could come out of contingency. We are also earning a substantial amount of interest on the ARPA funds and could use that also. Motion to pay for the sign out of ARPA funds made by Miller, seconded by Worner. *Motion passed.*

9. Sheriff

a. ARPA Projects update

- The Courthouse HVAC is still set to start in Sept.
- Public Safety Building HVAC system is waiting on the roof top units to arrive
- The fire alarm in Annex 4 is installed and they are moving over to do EMA has been annex 1 & 2.
- Preliminary phone work has been started. The Sheriff has been meeting with Heart and Mitel
- concrete projects – some are completed. We are on the list of the contractor, just when they can get to us.

b. Bellwether Fee Update

The Sheriff is waiting to hear from the State’s Attorney on the notifications that must be placed. He hopes to have the new fees in place by July.

c. FEMA Grant Update

Some of the paperwork had to be corrected. The corrected paperwork has been turned in and the last word was that we are still in the running to receive the grant. The grant will probably not be awarded till later this year and won’t be paid in this fiscal year. The Sheriff will just move it over to next year.

d. AOIC Grant Project Update

The paperwork has been sent in. The voucher was signed by the Chief Judge and the Treasurer. Reimbursement should be coming soon.

e. Sheriff Report

The Sheriff’s range is moving forward. There has been a lot of support from the community and donated time from the Sheriff’s staff. The next step is pouring the concrete. They hope to use the range this fall.

Sheriff’s Office information for May 2023

Below is a partial list of calls for service for May

Assist other Agency	25	Noise Complaint	6
Business Checks	264	Open Door	6
Burglar Alarm	28	Paper Service	189**
Criminal Damage	11	Reckless Driver	21
Check Wellbeing	31	Road Hazard	35
Dispute	16	Suspicious Activity	18
Domestic Disturbance	37	Suspicious Person	2
Flag down	5	Suspicious Vehicle	18

May Total Calls 2188

Follow up	61	Thefts	7
Fraud	8	Threats	12
Keys Locked in Vehicle	23	Trespass	5
Motorist Assist	62	Traffic Stop	331
Motor Vehicle Accident	53*	Unknown Problem	16
Vacation Checks	2	Extra Patrol	103

(April Calls Total 2202)

*All Types

**Includes OP

Total Calls for Service as of the end of May 2023: 12,276

Total Calls for Service as of the end of May 2022: 7,146

Below is information for the Corrections Facility May 2023

May 2023 Average Daily Population: 82

May 2022 Average Daily Population: 67

Bookings May 2023:

Male: 75 Female:18 Total: 93 Year to Date Total: 468

Bookings May 2022:

Male: 65 Female: 21 Total: 86

Prisoner transports completed May 2023: 32

IT Report

	2022		2023
January	53		49
February	49		37
March	52		26
May	41		31
May	54		30
June	50		
July	28		
August	50		
September	60		
October	66		
November	50		
December	41		

Total Service Tickets 2021 – 599

Total Service Tickets 2022 – 582

Total Service Tickets YTD 2023 - 189

Year End	582		
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Open tickets as of June 8, 2023 - 60

f. EMA

a. Illinois Incident Management System All Hazards Incident Management Mutual Aid Agreement

We have had this agreement in place, but there were some modifications made to it. In the event of a disaster, this agreement allows the County to get outside help from other counties. It is in effect until it is modified. The State's Attorney has reviewed it. This agreement is separate from MAVIS.

- b. Approval of Resolution 2022/23 #062 Authorizing the Execution of the Illinois Incident Management System All Hazards Incident Management Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Incident Management System by Intergovernmental Cooperation.

This Resolution goes along with the Agreement. Motion to approve a and b made by Krug, seconded by Miller. *Motion passed.*

It was asked if the Sheriff had all the squad cars up and running. The two new Explorers have come in. One Tahoe is on the road, the other is still waiting on an airbag.

10. Animal Control

a. Facility discussion

The bids for a contractual Animal Control Warden are to be opened next month. A facility in German Town has been looked at as a potential facility to house animal control. In the past we have discussed purchasing farmland around the County Highway facility. We would then have to build a facility. We have not heard back from the farmer, so several members have been looking for property/buildings that are available. The property in German Town is turnkey. It has water, electricity, existing flooring, etc. We would have to add runs for the animals, but very little work would have to be done to make it usable for animal control. Discussion on the steps we need to take. We need to get the vet administrator first. We need to look at the bids. If we are going to purchase a facility, then we need to bring animal control back in house and not have a private contractor. Eventually we need to move in the direction of having our own facility, but some of the committee don't feel we are at that point quite yet to purchase a facility.

Ms. Leman gave a report. She has adopted two dogs but has had a pit bull for 30 days that she cannot find a home for. She has not billed the County for this dog. She wants this to work out. This is boarding season for her business. People in Kappa moved out and left two dogs that she had to go get. Another dog bit a kid on the lip and she had to handle a very hostile situation. In another case a woman moved and called Ms. Leman to come take her dog because she could not take it with her. This really isn't an animal control situation, but it ends up becoming one as the people just leave the dog and she has to get it anyway. She stated that we need a facility. When she picks up a dog, she needs a place to take it. Her facility is not the place for them. If the dogs she picks up have fleas, diseases, etc., she cannot put them in with the dogs she is boarding. It was brought up again that we need a vet to give us direction.

There have been discussions with the Menssen Trust. They have expressed an interest in helping fund a facility but have not stated to what amount.

The County needs to evaluate the long-term goals. The building in German Town could be an ideal solution. It was brought up that we may also need an animal control vehicle. The commercial market is low right now. Some committee members don't want to see us lose the opportunity to purchase this building. While this building is bigger than what we need now, it will not be bigger in the future.

It was discussed that we first need to get a long-term plan. What are we doing – bringing it back in house in which we need a facility, vehicle, etc., or having an independent contractor. Some of these questions may be answered next month when we see what the proposals are. This is sudden, but we are in a unique position.

In the past we had a contract with a vet and a deputy was the animal control warden. He had a vehicle and took the animals that he picked up to the vet. If we purchase a building, we would need to control the operation. The committee will continue to discuss this next month.

11. New Business

12. Unfinished Business

13. Other

14. Executive Session – Roll Call Vote

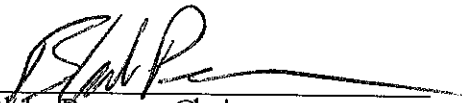
15. Any action coming out of Executive Session

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Miller, seconded by Krug. *Motion passed.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.

Submitted by: Deb Breyman


Blake Parsons, Chairman
Public Safety Committee