

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
COUNTY BOARDROOM  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021  
MINUTES  
4:30 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Chairman Logan.

**2. Roll Call**

Barry Logan (ch), Blake Parsons, Justin Faulk, and Donald Tolan all present. Al Durst is excused.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approval of September 13, 2021 minutes

Motion to approve September 2021 minutes made by Parsons, seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.*

- b. Approval of and release or keep confidential the September 13, executive session minutes

Motion to approve and keep confidential the September 13 executive session minutes made by Parsons, seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.*

**4. Public Input**

**5. Approval of Claims**

Motion to approve October claims made by Parsons, seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.*

**6. Coroner**

**7. Sheriff**

- a. Heartland Fiber Lease Agreement for Annex 4 Approval

This is to connect annex 4 back to the Public Safety Building via dark fiber. This would allow for data, phones, security cameras, etc. to be monitored at the Public Safety Building. The alternative would be point-to-point and would be significantly higher due to the purchase of all the equipment. The cost of the dark fiber is comparable to what we pay for Roanoke's connection to the Public Safety Building. Motion to approve and send to the full board made by Tolan, seconded by Parsons. *Motion passed.*

- b. Court House Dome / Plaster Project Update

There were a couple of issues they found, but the project is moving along. They are making sure the plaster is completely dry before painting.

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c. Heat Pump Replacement CH Update

The two heat pumps have been ordered, but delivery is 8-10 weeks out. The Sheriff will have the claim for heat pumps submitted next month, but hold the check till they are installed so that the expense can come out of this year's budget.

d. Sheriff Patrol Vehicle Replacement

Two vehicles have become inoperable and need replaced. These two vehicles were not on the replacement list for this year. A Taurus was totaled earlier, and was not replaced because staff was down. Now we are at full staff, and the vehicle is needed. The Sheriff wants to get a vehicle with low miles for less than \$30,000. There is currently \$36,582 in the vehicle impound fund. There were 7 cars budgeted for replacement this year. A couple cars that were not on the list to be replaced ended up being totaled and had to be replaced. Discussion on price of vehicle. Motion to approve car purchase, not to exceed \$36,550, and to be paid in vacation made by Tolan, seconded by Parsons. *Motion passed.*

e. Probation Annex 1-2 Card Access Update

The Sheriff has put a hold on this. The courthouse key card system has had some issues where the system dies. They were able to get it running again, but it was recommended that we replace this system.

**8. Animal Control**

a. Discussion and action on Animal Control proposals.

We have received 5 proposals for animal control administrator. Proposals were submitted from Heather Leman for \$300,000 for the year, Eryn Pearson for \$100,000 from 8-5 every other day and \$45 on hour on call, Thomas McKenna for \$150,000, Art Herm for \$48,000 and Tim Abney for \$70,000. We have currently budgeted \$69,000 for animal control. Some of the proposals are way out of budget reach. Discussion on if we can accomplish what we need at the \$69,000 salary. Motion to suspend rules to allow the two candidates who are present to address the committee by Parsons, seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.*

Mr. Herm is a retired vet. He was the animal control administrator for Tazewell County for over 26 years. He is no longer practicing but is still a licensed vet. He doesn't have facility, but would put up a temporary place for the animals. He would put animals down after 10 days if there were not claimed or adopted. He would take care of the whole program.

Animal control will be a sub-contractor with no benefits. It is financed through dog registrations. The Treasurer's Office handles animal control.

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Mr. Abney is an animal lover. He is retired with two part-time jobs – driving a school bus and taking care of the parks in Metamora. His family has a farm with buildings that they will allow him to use to house the animals. He has been in contact with Rubies Rescue Retreat and a vet for veterinarian services. He will purchase a dog truck with this salary. He currently does not have any cages or supplies, but he has made a list of what he believes he will need and he will purchase with his own money. He has already procured insurance.

Three of the five proposals came in a half hour before the meeting. In all fairness, the committee would like the opportunity to review all proposals more thoroughly. However, the committee does not want to wait until next month to get this settled. The committee will meet at 6PM before the board meeting to finalize this appointment. Assistant State's Attorney Gibson is willing to sit down with the candidates and go over the details of the job before next Tuesday.

**9. Health Department**

**10. New Business**

**11. Unfinished Business**

**12. Other**

**a. Discussion on use of Board Room IT**

There are issues with the system if you unplug the computer. For anyone using the boardroom, they need to connect their equipment/laptop/etc. to a different access point. There are three access points within in the boardroom.

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

Motion to go into executive session under 5 ILCS 120/(c)(5) made by Tolan, seconded by Parsons. Roll call vote – Logan-yes; Tolan-yes; Faulk – yes; Parsons-yes. *Motion passed.*

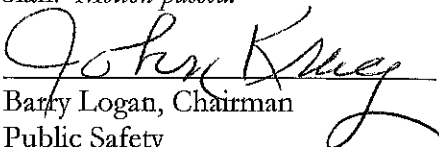
**14. Any action coming out of Executive Session**

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

**15. Adjournment**

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

Submitted by: Deb Breyman

  
Barry Logan, Chairman  
Public Safety