

**Approved 1/24/23**  
**MINUTES**  
**Public Safety and Justice Committee**  
**January 4, 2023**  
**@ 2:00 p.m.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> <b>Jennifer Groves Allison</b> – Chairperson; <b>Danny Phelan</b> – Vice Chairperson; <b>Brandy Bryant, Brian Elsasser</b> ( <i>via teleconference</i> ), <b>Nathan Hoerr, Rob Reneau, Steven Rieker, Sharon Williams</b>
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b> <b>Scott Sorrel</b> – County Administrator; <b>Shauna Musselman</b> – Assistant County Administrator; <b>Jennie Cordis Boswell</b> - State's Attorney's Office; <b>Heather McCord</b> – Finance; <b>Jodi Noe</b> – ETSB; <b>Gabe McLeod</b> – Court Administration; <b>Becky Spencer</b> – PCAPS; <b>Nathan Bach</b> – Public Defender's Office; <b>Chris Watkins, Randy Brunner</b> – Sheriff's Office

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Groves Allison called the meeting to order at 2:25 pm.

A motion to approve the participation of Mr. Elsasser via teleconference was made by Ms. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Reneau. The motion carried (7-0).

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of November 29, 2022 was made by Mr. Reneau and seconded by Ms. Williams. The motion carried (8-0).

**Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates**

- **ETSB**

Ms. Noe advised that the ETSB continues to work with Stark County on the E-911 project, and provided a brief summary of the project.

- **PCAPS Monthly Update**

Ms. Spencer directed committee members to the submitted report and stood for any questions. She noted that a comparison of 2021 and 2022 animal intake trends shows a lower number of animal intakes in 2021 due to the country continuing to recover from COVID-19, while 2022 saw a large increase in animal intakes.

- **Public Defender Report**

Mr. Bach advised that a year-end statistical report at the next meeting of the committee.

Mr. Bach advised that bids for the renovation of the Public Defender's Office were received today, and he will hold discussions on the bids and bid alternatives with Chief Information Officer Mark Little.

**Resolutions**

- **Police Service Agreement with Illini Bluffs School District**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Reneau. Sheriff Watkins advised that the Illini Bluffs School District approached the Sheriff's Office requesting one full-time School Resource Officer. He stated that staffing is adequate to

provide the officer to the school district. He advised that the term of the intergovernmental agreement is 3 years at a total cost of \$318,692.00. The motion to approve carried (8-0).

- **Appropriation into FY2023 budget for purchase of body-worn cameras and in-car cameras**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Reneau and seconded by Ms. Bryant. Sheriff Watkins advised that the Sheriff's Office requests entering into a 5-year contract with Axon, Inc., a manufacturer of body-worn and in-car cameras. He explained that DCEO awarded both the City of Peoria and Peoria County significant grant funding towards the purchase of the cameras, with Peoria County receiving over \$400,000.00. He added that the Sheriff's Office requests that the additional grant funds be appropriated into the FY2023 C.O.P.S Fund and Sheriff's Office General Fund budget. The motion to approve carried (7-0; Mr. Elsasser absent for vote)

- **FY2023 State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Authorization**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Hoerr. Ms. Cordis Boswell advised that the State Appellate Prosecutor's Office handles appeals coming from the State's Attorney's Office. She stated that Peoria County's FY2023 contribution to the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's County Fund totals \$36,000.00. The motion to approve carried (8-0).

- **FY2022 Appropriation of additional grant funds awarded to the Child Advocacy Center (CAC)**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Reneau and seconded by Mr. Phelan. Ms. Cordis Boswell advised that staff requests an appropriation of additional grant funds awarded to the Child Advocacy Center for the purchase of equipment and supplies. She noted that the funds have been expended by the State's Attorney's Office and will be reimbursed via the grant. The motion to approve carried (8-0).

### **Committee Action**

- **Review of Executive Session Minutes**

A motion to approve the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office was made by Ms. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Phelan.

Ms. Cordis Boswell advised that remains the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office that all previously held executive session minutes continue to be held as the need for confidentiality still exists, and to destroy executive session audio recordings more than two years old, except those that relate to pending litigation. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

### **Miscellaneous**

Mr. Rieker commended Sheriff Watkins for successful recruitment efforts and increase in officers in an effort to meet the demands of the community.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Groves Allison at 2:45 p.m.