

Approved 2/28/23
MINUTES
Public Safety and Justice Committee
January 24, 2023
@ 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jennifer Groves Allison – Chairperson; Danny Phelan – Vice Chairperson; Brandy Bryant, Brian Elsasser, Nathan Hoerr, Rob Reneau, Steven Rieker
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Sharon Williams
OTHERS PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Gretchen Pearsall, Nick Ruybalid – County Administration; Jodi Noe – ETSB; Gabe McLeod – Court Administration; Becky Spencer – PCAPS; Nathan Bach – Public Defender's Office; Randy Brunner – Sheriff's Office; Robert Spears – Circuit Clerk

Call to Order

Chairperson Groves Allison called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2023 was made by Mr. Elsasser and seconded by Ms. Bryant. The motion carried (7-0).

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- **ETSB**

Ms. Noe advised that new drawings and cost estimates for the Stark County Dispatch Center will be presented at the next meeting of the Technical Committee, as the size of the project has been downsized due to the cost of construction.

- **PCAPS Monthly Update**

Ms. Spencer advised that the submitted update also includes a review of PCAPS activity for 2022. She noted that the animal shelter saw a 28% increase in animal intakes and kept live release rate consistent. She provided an update on the progress of a dedicated surgical room and dedicated veterinary services, noting that the goal is to have both implemented by July 1, 2023.

Ms. Spencer responded to several matters of recent public concern. She noted an incident regarding animal control officers' responses to stray animals around the January 1, 2023 holiday, noting that the issue was a miscommunication between the dispatch center and the public. She also explained that the closure of outdoor animal drop-off kennels in 2020 was a decision made in line with guidelines and standards for care of animals in animal shelters, issued by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians. She stressed that if an animal drop-off after hours or during a holiday is necessary, animal control officers may be accessed through the dispatch line.

- **Public Defender Report**

Mr. Bach directed committee members to the submitted report and stood for any questions. There were no questions or comments from committee.

Resolutions

- **Police Service Agreement with Village of Bellevue**
- **Police Service Agreement with Village of Princeville**
- **Police Service Agreement with Medina Township**
- **Dispatch Service Agreement with City of Elmwood**

A motion to consider for approval the (3) Police Service Agreements and (1) Dispatch Service Agreement as a whole was made by Mr. Reneau and seconded by Ms. Bryant. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brunner explained the terms and services of each individual agreement. The motion to approve the four agreements carried (7-0).

- **FY2023 Budget Appropriation for Illinois Court Technology Modernization Program**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Rieker and seconded by Ms. Bryant. Mr. McLeod advised that in late 2022 notification was received from AOIC of the re-opening of their Court Technology Modernization Grant Program. He noted that the Courts previously received nearly \$175,000.00 from this initiative for technology improvements in the courts. He stated that an application for \$19,585.00 was submitted for funding additional equipment in order to complete the new AV system project for courtrooms 201 and 203, and the Courts were advised in December that the full amount of the request had been approved. He advised that Courts requests an appropriation of \$19,585.00 into the FY2023 budget.

The motion to approve carried (7-0).

- **PCAPS Grant Award for purchase of microchips**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Reneau and seconded by Ms. Bryant. Ms. Spencer advised that PCAPS has been awarded a \$5,000.00 grant for the purchase of microchips. She stated that acceptance of the grant award necessitates an appropriation of the funds into the PCAPS Fund.

The motion to approve carried (7-0).

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Harwood requested that a monthly update from the Coroner's Office is added to the Public Safety and Justice Committee agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Groves Allison at 3:00 p.m.

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