

Minutes - Public Safety Committee Report (Submitted 8-10-10)
Thursday August 5, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Courtroom 102J, Judicial Wing, Courthouse

Members present: Kippy Nelson, Jim Kursock and Betty Murphy. Member absent: Ted Sturtevant. Others present: Gib Cady, Bob Streight, Nancy Lessard, Rich Nelson and Naomi Stahl.

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Member Kursock made a motion to approve the agenda as printed, motion seconded by Member Murphy, motion carried.

Member Murphy made a motion to approve the July 1, 2010 Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes, motion seconded by Member Kursock, motion carried.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the July 2010 claims. Member Murphy made a motion to recommend claims for payment, motion seconded by Member Kursock, motion carried.

Under Old Business, a report from the Sheriff's Department was provided. The average monthly total of inmates for July was 93 with 32 inmates being out-of-county (1 from Cook County). Sheriff Cady thanked Deputy Lessard for preparing these monthly reports.

The implementation of accounting procedures was discussed. Copies will be provided to all Public Safety Committee members and will be discussed next month.

Under New Business, the Animal Control Department budget request was discussed. Public Safety asked Ms. Stahl to pass along to the Finance Committee to consider an increase to the Department Head line item of 2%. The Animal Control Warden has worked for the County one year (partly temporary and ultimately full-time as of 12-09-10). The Committee did not wish to submit a revised budget at this time, but would like the conversation started for consideration. Projected expenses will be below budget this year and the budgeted expenses for 2011 will be below the 2010 budget as well. Income is on target to be higher than expenses in both cases as well, allowing the department to be self-sustaining.

The EMA Department budget request was reviewed.

The Sheriff's Department budget request was reviewed. The Committee asked the Sheriff's Department to be prepared to answer questions regarding food expenses being just as high or higher when the jail population has been lower.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for Public Safety is Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry County Courthouse in Courtroom 102J, Judicial Wing.

With no further business to discuss, Member Kursock made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., motion seconded by Member Murphy, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Stahl, Deputy County Administrator