

Minutes- Public Safety Committee Report

Monday, Thursday, January 12, 2022, 3:30 p.m.

303C, Courthouse, Cambridge, IL

Members present: Dale Stiles (arrived 3:50 pm), Jim Thompson, Kippy Breeden, Bob Wachtel, and Pat Koga

Members absent: Jeanna Moore Ex-Officio Members present: Others present: Erin Knackstedt, Mat Schneppe, Marshall Jones (arrived 4:10 pm), Mat Schneppe (arrived 4:10 pm) PD Camp, Kathy Nelson (arrived 3:35p.m.), Sheriff Verscheure, and SA Runty (arrived 3:50 pm)

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

There were no guests.

Member Breeden moved to approve the agenda, Member Wachtel seconded, all were in favor and motion carried, amended, all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Member Thompson moved to approve the December 19, 2022 minutes as presented, Member Breeden seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

The December 2022 claims reports were reviewed.

Under presentations, Director Schneppe reviewed the activities of OEM which included, HazMat plan and OEM training.

Sheriff Verscheure reviewed the Sheriff's Department report packets. (on file) The Sheriff reviewed the jail totals, Sheriff sales, wrecked squads, Public Safety sales tax, staffing, social media, courthouse training, and jail activities.

Public Defender Camp reviewed the activities of the Public Defender's Office which included staffing and workload.

States Attorney Runty reviewed the States Attorney Department report staffing issues, IL regulations, HB5471, and a recruited conference call.

There was no old business.

Under new business,

The committee discussed the state legislation regarding HB5855/5471. The States Attorney and Sheriff both discussed opposition. The committee directed the SA to draft an opposition resolution which states collective opposition while still upholding the law.

Member Thompson moved to approve hiring a temporary Public Defender Assistant for \$5,000 for 8 weeks, Member Wachtel seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Member Thompson moved to approve the jail painting bid, Member Koga seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Member Thompson moved to approve the Mercer County OEM IGA, Member Breeden seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. Director Schneppe discussed the budget impact, salary and position requests, as well as the impact on grant writing for Henry County.

There were no Public Safety committee comments.

Member Thompson moved to adjourn, Member Stiles seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Erin Knackstedt, County Administrator