

Minutes- Public Safety Committee Report

Monday, March 20, 2023 6:00 p.m.

303C, Courthouse, Cambridge, IL

Members present: Dale Stiles, Jim Thompson, Jeanna Moore, Bob Wachtel, and Pat Koga Members absent: none Ex-Officio Members present: Kippy Breeden Others present: Erin Knackstedt, Mat Schneppe, Marshall Jones, Kathy Nelson, Captain Franklin

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

There were no introductions

Member Moore moved to approve the agenda, Member Stiles seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Member Stiles moved to approve the February 20, 2023 minutes as presented, Member Moore seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

The February 2023 claims reports were reviewed. There was a brief discussion regarding the new canine officer.

Under presentations, Director Schneppe reviewed the activities of OEM which included, reviewing the OEM training schedule, THIRA training completed for all three counties, and hired a PT employee.

Captain Franklin reviewed the Sheriff's Department report packet. This included the jail totals, Sheriff sales, canine officer, CPR masks replaced in deputy vehicles, NARCAN in deputy vehicles, 2023 polar plunge, officer testing, and Public Safety sales tax.

Administrator Knackstedt reviewed the activities of the Public Defender's Office which included the office being fully staffed.

Administrator Knackstedt reviewed the States Attorney Department report including the hiring of a new PT attorney.

There was no old business.

Under new business,

Chair Thompson moved to approve the Employment agreement for Director of Emergency Management, Member Moore seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. Member Stiles stated that the salary outlined in this contract would have to be reevaluated in the event of a new hire for the position.

Chair Thompson moved to table the Mercer County Intergovernmental Agreement Addendum until the next month, Member Wachtel seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. The addendum was delayed in Mercer County review and so the item was tabled to allow for SA Office review.

Chair Thompson moved to approve the purchase of a courthouse metal detector, Member Moore seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. Chair Thompson explained the need for the approval of an emergency purchase because the current metal detector is 23 years old and has reached the end of its useful life.

There were no Public Safety committee comments.

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

Respectfully submitted, Erin Knackstedt, County Administrator