

Minutes- Public Safety Committee Report

Monday, April 17, 2023 5:00 p.m.

303C, Courthouse, Cambridge, IL

Members present: Dale Stiles, Jim Thompson, Jeanna Moore, Bob Wachtel, and Pat Koga (arrived 5:05 p.m.) Members absent: none Ex-Officio Members present: Kippy Breeden Others present: Erin Knackstedt, Mat Schnepfle, Marshall Jones (arrived 5:20 p.m.), Sheriff, Kathy Nelson (arrived 5:15 p.m.), Lance Camp, Gary Moore, and Captain Franklin

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

Gary Moore was introduced.

There was no public comment.

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

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

The March 2023 claims reports were reviewed. There was a brief discussion regarding the circuit clerk fines and fees, and the process for distribution.

Under presentations, Director Schnepfle reviewed the activities of OEM which included, reviewing the incident recap report from the storm damage and how FEMA assess damage.

Sheriff Verscheure reviewed the Sheriff's Department report packet. This included the jail totals, Sheriff sales, Sgt. Haars training, Captain Franklin conference presentation, officer incident, sold used squad, praise for auxiliary staff after storm event, and Public Safety sales tax.

PD Camp reviewed the activities of the Public Defender's Office which included the office being fully staffed and getting ahead on backlog.

Administrator Knackstedt reviewed the States Attorney Department report including the hiring of a new PT attorney, hiring a new FT attorney, part of the assault weapons amicus brief, and the progress on creating a drug court.

There was no old business.

Under new business,

Member Moore moved to approve the Stark County Intergovernmental Agreement Addendum for Emergency Management Services, Chair Thompson seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. Director Schnepple reviewed the need for the addendum and how hours would be calculated.

Member Stiles moved to approve the Mercer County Intergovernmental Agreement Addendum for Emergency Management Services, Member Wachtel seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Member Koga moved to approve hiring a Full Time Emergency Management Deputy Chief Position, Member Wachtel seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. Director Schnepple described how the position would function in his department, the need and reasoning for the position to be FT, and how the position would be funded.

Member Stiles moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Illinois Professional Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Professional Emergency Management Association System by Intergovernmental Cooperation, Member Moore seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. Director Schnepple outlined the intent of the agreement. The committee asked questions including dues, funding, and mutual aid structure.

There were no Public Safety committee comments.

Member Wachtel moved to adjourn, Member Koga seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Erin Knackstedt, County Administrator