

## Minutes- Public Safety Committee Report

Monday, October 16, 2023 5:00 p.m. 303C, Courthouse, Cambridge, IL

Members present: Jim Thompson, Bob Wachtel, Jeanna Moore, and Pat Koga Members absent: Dale Stiles  
Ex-Officio Member present: Kippy Breeden Others present: Sheriff, Kathy Nelson (arrived 5:15 pm), PD  
Camp, Director Schnepple, Todd Peterson from Wolf Pipeline, Matt Swanson, and Katie Reynolds

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05 p.m.

Chair Thompson introduced Mr. Peterson from Wolf Carbon Solutions.

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

Under public comment, Mr. Peterson spoke regarding the Wolf Pipeline safety procedures, his meeting with the OEM to answer specific safety questions, and how the pipeline runs through the county.

Member Breeden moved to approve the September 18, 2023 minutes as presented, Member Moore seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

The September 2023 claims reports were reviewed. Under presentations,

Director Schnepple reviewed the report for the Office of Emergency Management which included school briefing on family reunification plans, OEM/HD flu clinic, additional training, Putnam/Bureau hazardous waste event, and the pipeline meeting. The committee, OEM, and Mr. Peterson had a discussion which included safety, distances, redundancies, regulations, radio connectivity, reporting, county ERP plan, permitting, ICC permit, and EMS response times. The committee specifically asked about the project timeline, possible delays, and health impacts.

Sheriff Verscheure reviewed the Sheriff's Department report packet. This included the jail totals, Sheriff sales, jail totals, public safety tax revenue, October recognition, staffing, and FTO resignation.

PD Camp gave an update for the Public Defender Office which included staffing, drug court conference, and PD Association conference, and PD grant money.

Katie Reynolds gave the update for the States Attorney which included staffing, drug court, new detention process, and caseloads.

There was no old business.

Under new business,

Member Wachtel moved to approve the change in Job Classification Title to add Chief Deputy to the Captain description, Member Koga seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. Administrator Knackstedt discussed the assignment of Chief Deputy to the position of Captain to allow for continuity if

something were to incapacitate the Sheriff. Adding the assignment classification of Chief Deputy to the Captain job description provides transparency.

Member Moore moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Henry County ETSB and Henry County to Manage ETSB Finances through Henry County Processes, Chair Thompson seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. ETSB Director Matt Swanson explained the IGA to the committee.

Under Public Safety comments, the committee briefly discussed pipeline specs and county board thoughts on pipeline opposition.

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

Respectfully submitted, Erin Knackstedt, County Administrator