

Public Health & Safety Committee

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in the ROE Conference Room

Overseeing the Sheriff, Emergency Management, Coroner, Veteran's Advisory Commission and Animal Control.

Present were Keith Callaway, Mark Dietrick, Barbara Fletcher, Steve McQueen, and Mark Sorensen. Also attending were Ambulance and EMS Director John Simon, Sheriff Tony Grootens, Coroner Scott Graham and VAC Director Paul Havermale.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

There was no speaker.

The bills were reviewed and appeared to be in order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024, meeting was made by Steve McQueen and seconded by Keith Callaway, motion carried.

Department Reports

Sheriff – Sheriff Tony Grootens reported that for the month of June there were:

1 new hire:

Kenya Vaughn - Jail

3 Departures:

George Newbanks - Jail

John Barner – Jail

Jerry Miles - Jail

The average jail population was 98.

Sheriff Grootens reports that there are 10 to 11 Federal inmates at present. They are speaking with the Feds about bring in in female inmates soon.

Coroner – Coroner Scott Graham reported that for the month of June there were:

76 reported deaths

5 autopsies

1 abandoned remain.

30 cremation permits were issued.

1 suicide

Veterans Assistance Commission- Paul Havermale

Director Havermale stated that since January 2, they have seen 118 clients. Of those, 45 are seeking VA services.

Through the efforts of the VAC, \$200,000 new VA dollars have been brought into the County,
They have hired an Administrative Assistant.
They are trending ahead on their budget. They have approximately 70% of their budget dollars remaining.
Emily is now fully accredited with VA access.

Emergency Management/Ambulance-Director John Simon

Director Simon reports that they are communicating with the Army Corps of Engineers to be a staging location for flood fighting equipment. It would be stored at the EMS/EMA warehouse.

The Ambulance Service is working on a Mass Casualty Grant.

The Tactical Medic program is complete. They have Tactical Medics trained and ready to support the Sheriff and Quincy Police as needed.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Committee received the 2024 Compliance Monitoring Report for the Adams County Jail from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Sheriff Grootens reviewed the report with the Committee. Mark Dietrich made a motion to accept the report and Steve McQueen seconded. The Public Health and Safety Committee will present the report to the Adams County Board and recommend acceptance at tonight's meeting.

Appointments

None

Executive Session:

None

Business being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the ROE Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J Fletcher

Chairman, Public Health, and Safety Committee