

Public Health & Safety Committee

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the County Board Room

Overseeing the Sheriff, Emergency Management, Coroner and Animal Control.

Committee members present: Seldon Totsch, Mark Peter, Steve DeMoss and Barbara Fletcher. Becky Weed was present via Zoom.

Also present were Ryan Niekamp and John Simon.

All bills were reviewed and appeared to be in order.

Our committee approved minutes of July 21, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Barbara Fletcher / Second by Steve DeMoss

Emergency Management – John Simon

- Covid-19 disease prevalence is stable. The numbers are not increasing exponentially.
- There are between 140 and 150 active cases today.
- The Covid-19 relief money is beginning to come in. There is about 4 million in relief funds in 6 different pots of money.
- They are awaiting the beginning of school to see what that does to the number of Covid cases.
- They expect to close out the Flood of 2019 in the next month. Representatives from Adams, Pike and Calhoun Counties to meet with Representative Davis regarding the Sny Levee District. It has been an unusually long time to close out the Flood monies, but they hope to have it completed by the end of the fiscal year so that nothing is carried over into fiscal year 2021.

Coroner — by email from John Myers

For the Month of July 2020

- There were 71 reported deaths.
- There were four autopsies.
- There was one new unclaimed/indigent cremation.
- There were 26 cremation permits issued.

Sheriff Dept – by email from Rich Wagner

- The current jail population is 119.
- On August 5th and 6th they transported 32 inmates sentenced to the DOC to Graham Correctional Facility. On both days they were turned away and they refused to take out inmates. The Sheriff's Department is working with the Illinois Sheriff's Association to come up with a solution to make the DOC change their current policy on accepting inmates during the Covid-19 time.
- The jail has only had one inmate test positive for Covid-19. The inmate is set to come off quarantine any day now (as of August 18) and was doing well.
- All corrections staff except for one that either suspected or tested positive for Covid-19 are back to work and doing well.
- They had a labor meeting scheduled with the corrections sergeants that week over staffing concerns in the new jail.
- Deputies Logan Peter and John Schone have completed their field training and are now working patrol duties on their own.

Our meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. Motion by Steve DeMoss / Second by Seldon Totsch

Our next meeting will be Tuesday September 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the County Board Room

Barbara Fletcher, Secretary
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