

Public Health & Safety Committee

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the County Board Room

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

Committee members present: Becky Weed, Mark Peter and Seldon Totsch. Present via ZOOM was Barbara Fletcher. Excused was Steve DeMoss. Also present was Ryan Niekamp and Rich Wagner. Present via ZOOM was John Simon.

All bills were reviewed and appeared to be in order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting was made by Mark Peter, seconded by Seldon Totsch.

Sheriff's Report: Rich Wagner

New Hires: Corrections Officers Cole Anderson, Mark Patterson, Dakota Doran and Keith Ganaway.

Jail population = 121

There are 12 inmates ready to transfer to IDOC.

At this time we **do not** have any known employees or Inmates with COVID.

On February 19, the Adams County Sheriff's Office sent the IDOC a bill for \$387,413.07. This is for the housing and medical costs for IDOC sentenced inmates.

The jail salary overtime budget line is already over by \$7,400. They have budgeted \$40,000 and to date have spent \$47,000. This overage is due to COVID staffing issues. They have hired 5 new corrections officers in the last month to help with this. They are requesting that if the County receives a second installment from the CURE grant or other stimulus monies that they be reimbursed for this overtime. The Sheriff's Office has not received and CURES money that has been allocated to Adams County.

Coroner's Report: Scott Graham

In December 2020 there were 149 reported deaths, 9 autopsies, 2 unclaimed/indigent cremations (1 cremation, 1 burial), and 76 cremation permits issued.

In January 2021 there were 134 reported deaths, 6 autopsies, no unclaimed/indigent cremations and 65 cremation permits issued.

There have been no suicides this year.

Emergency Management/Ambulance: John Simons

John Simons gave us a video tour of the new expansion to the facilities. He stated that the expansion was projected to be completed by mid-April.

COVID vaccination efforts continue and are going well. Additional employees will be hired as needed to continue the efforts.

Business being concluded, a motion to adjourn was made by Mark Peter and seconded by Seldon Totsch.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the County Board Room