

# Public Health & Safety Committee

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

Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the County Board Room

Committee members present were Becky Weed, Barbara Fletcher and Travis Cooley. Also present were John Simon and Scott Graham. Absent was Steve DeMoss.

All bills were reviewed and appeared to be in order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting was made by Barbara Fletcher, seconded by Travis Cooley. Motion passed.

## **Sheriff's Report: Written Report Submitted by Sheriff Wagner**

### **Jail:**

Three new Corrections Officers were hired to replace officers who have left.

The current jail population (7/20/2021) is 166.

The jail has only 1 male work-release bed available. The female work-release section is full.

The jail has reached holding capacity on several days during this past month. The jail currently has inmates sleeping on the floor on plastic portable beds.

There are 25 inmates ready for transport to the Illinois Department of Corrections, but they are refusing to accept them.

### **Sheriff's Office:**

They have hired 1 new Court Security Officer.

Deputy Tom Pickett will be retiring on July 30, 2021.

Deputy Dave Mason will be retiring on January 5, 2022.

## **Coroner's Report: Scott Graham**

There were 89 reported deaths in June 2021, 6 autopsies, 1 abandoned cremation and 39 cremation permits issued in June 2021. Coroner Graham reports that they have been busier than usual.

## **Emergency Management/Ambulance: John Simon**

Director John Simon reported that COVID numbers are on the rise again and that there were 41 new cases yesterday (7/19/2021).

The new Delta Variant is active in Adams County.

While some vaccinated people are getting COVID, 87% of the new cases in Adams County have been among those NOT vaccinated. Director Simon urges those not vaccinated to get a vaccine.

They will be continuing the COVID Dashboard with the new resurgence in cases.

Director Simon reports that staffing is beginning to become an issue and that they are looking at options to address it through recruiting and training.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

Business being concluded, a motion to adjourn was made by Travis Cooley and seconded by Barbara Fletcher.

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the County Board Room.**