

Public Health & Safety Committee

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

Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the ROE Conference Room

Committee members present were Barbara Fletcher, Steven DeMoss, Travis Cooley, David McCleary and Megan Howell. Also present was Coroner Scott Graham and Sheriff Rich Wagner. Adams County Ambulance and Emergency Management Chief John Simon was excused.

All bills were reviewed and appeared to be in order.

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

Coroner's Report: Coroner Graham

For the month of November 2021 there were:

- 98 reported deaths
- 6 autopsies
- 0 abandoned cremation
- 45 cremation permits issued

Coroner Graham submitted a year-to-date report detailing the types and numbers of calls received by his office by month. He also stated that there had been three suicides in the past three weeks.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Wagner.

Jail:

The jail population on this date is 120.

There are 20 inmates ready for transport to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The Sheriff's Office is conducting interviews this week for Corrections Officers. There are 13 candidates on the merit list, with 9 positions to fill. 4 of these individuals are on the list due to the new residency allowances.

Sheriff's Office:

The Sheriff's Office would like the County Board to reappoint Robert Shafer to the Merit Commission for a 6 year term beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2028.

The Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a drop-off location for Toys for Tots. It is completely full! Deputy Dave Mason has announced his upcoming retirement. His last day will be January 5, 2022. He is leaving with 25 years of dedicated service to the community.

Emergency Management/Ambulance: Written report from Director John Simon

Ambulance:

The 911 System has been experiencing an increase in call volume. As of today, they have had 8,806 calls since January 1, 2021. This is a 16 to 20% increase. Normal 911 call volume is about 22 calls per day, and it has been consistently over 30 calls per day.

The EMT class is going well, and they expect to graduate several new EMTs in March.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Appointments

None.

Business being concluded, a motion to adjourn was made by Steve DeMoss and seconded by Dave McCleary.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the ROE Conference Room.