

# Public Health & Safety Committee

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the ROE Conference Room

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

Committee members present were Barbara Fletcher, Taylor Rakers, Megan Howell, and David McCleary. Excused was Steven DeMoss. Also present were Sheriff Rich Wagner and Coroner Scott Graham.

All bills were reviewed and appeared to be in order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting was made by David McCleary and seconded by Taylor Rakers.

## **Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Wagner**

### **Jail:**

The jail population on this date is 135.

There are 20 inmates ready for transport to the Illinois Department of Corrections. This is starting to cause problems with the jail population. Multiple requests to transfer inmates have been ignored.

The Sheriff's Office has exhausted its 2022 overtime budget of \$40,000. This is in part due to \$22,000 in unexpected overtime for inmate security in a Peoria hospital and staff shortages causing hire-backs for minimum staffing.

There are currently no cases of COVID among the Jail inmates or staff.

Corrections Officer testing has been completed. They now have a new list to hire from.

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

Sheriff Wagner would like to recognize Terry Bower and his staff for their long hours spent on Court House snow removal.

The Department will be holding a test for Deputies on March 19. They currently need to hire 2 deputies.

The Department has submitted a quote to the Finance Committee and to the County Board for ARPA Funding for new in-car computers. The total amount is \$102,984 for 24 computers and docking stations.

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

Coroner Graham reported that during the month of January 2022 there were:

122 reported deaths

10 autopsies

No abandoned cremations

42 cremation permits issued

1 suicide

The overall numbers are on track with last year, though the monthly total of 10 autopsies is a bit high.

**Ambulance/Emergency Management: Chief Simon**

No report.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Appointments**

None.

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

**The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the ROE Conference Room.**

Barbara Fletcher  
Public Health & Safety Committee