

Public Health & Safety Committee

Tuesday, April 13, 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, David McCleary, Steven DeMoss and Mark Sorenson. Also present were Coroner Scott Graham, Sheriff Rich Wagner and Ambulance Chief John Simon .

All bills were reviewed and appeared to be in order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting was made by Steven DeMoss and seconded by Taylor Rakers. Motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Wagner

JAIL:

Sheriff Wagner reports that the jail population is at 140 inmates.

There are 8 inmates ready for transport to the Illinois Department of Corrections. They are scheduled to be transported on April 14.

The Sheriff's Office has completed the required documentation requested by the Illinois Department of Corrections to receive partial reimbursement for holding their sentenced inmates during the COVID shutdown. It is estimated that we will receive \$340,000 from the IDOC.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

The Sheriff's Office has been working with the IT department on solutions to the courthouse and other county building public address system. This planning was going on prior to the recent bomb threat. With the new Red Flag system, we will have the capability to quickly send email, text and voice announcements to all the County employee phones.

Coroner's Report: Coroner Graham

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

- 78 reported deaths
- 4 autopsies
- 1 abandoned cremations
- 37 cremation permits issued
- 0 suicides.

Coroner Graham reports that the numbers are at average or below. He also reports that he has ordered a new mortuary cot, but that it is on a one-year backorder.

Ambulance/Emergency Management: Chief John Simon

Things are going well.

A Critical Care Paramedic class began today with 10 medics. They are learning expanded scope of care tasks such as medications, vents, chest tubes, etc.

They are back to full staffing.

There were 13 graduates of the recent EMT class. they are working on their Illinois licensing and National Registry.

An Emergency Medical Responder class began on April 4.

They will offer another EMT class in August.

They plan to offer a Paramedic class in conjunction with Blessing and John Wood in August.

The Hancock County agreement is going well. They are receiving good support. It is not affecting operations in Adams County.

The service assisted the Boy Scouts with EMS Training Weekend at Saukenauk this past weekend.

They will have activities in celebration of EMS Week during the week of May 15.

One of their medics recently completed a week-long tactical training course in North Carolina.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Appointments

None.

Business being concluded, a motion to adjourn was made by Steve DeMoss and seconded by Mark Sorenson. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May10, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the ROE Conference Room.

Barbara Fletcher

Chair, Public Health & Safety Committee