

Public Health & Safety Committee

Tuesday, September 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, Steve DeMoss, Taylor Rakers, David McCleary and Mark Sorensen. Also present were Coroner Scott Graham, and Jessica Frese for EMS Chief John Simon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

All bills were reviewed and appeared to be in order.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting was made by Steven DeMoss and seconded by Taylor Rakers. Motion passed.

Ambulance/Emergency Management: Jessica Frese

Ms. Frese reported that there are 9 vacancies in the department.

A new EMT class has begun with 8 students enrolled.

Calls and transports remain steady.

Billing and coding are up to date.

The agreement with Hancock County is at status quo.

Coroner's Report: Coroner Graham

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

75 reported deaths

1 autopsy

1 abandoned cremations

39 cremation permits issued

1 suicide.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Wagner (Written Report)

Jail:

Sheriff Wagner reports that the jail population is currently at 125 inmates.

The jail has started a new pilot program that releases qualified work-release inmates to be on Electronic Home Detention (EHD). EHD is a GPS monitoring device.

Sheriff's Office:

The Sheriff's Office received a check from the Illinois State Comptroller for \$98,610.00.

This is for IDOC inmate housing reimbursement during COVID. This is the round-2 payment which consisted of money left over from the 25 million budgeted in round 1. This brings our IDOC reimbursement total to \$443,745.00.

The Sheriff's Office will be hosting their 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat event on October 27th. This event will take place on the streets surrounding the Courthouse. More information will be released on this event soon.

Old Business

None

New Business

Director Simon sent a spreadsheet to the Committee regarding new radios for the EMS, Sheriffs and Coroners. The Committee has a number of questions regarding this spreadsheet. Due to the absence of Director Simon, the discussion was tabled until he is available to discuss this with the Committee in more detail.

Appointments

None.

Business being concluded, a motion to adjourn was made by David McCleary and seconded by Steven DeMoss. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the ROE Conference Room.

Barbara Fletcher
Chair, Public Health & Safety Committee