

Approved 9/22/20
MINUTES
Public Safety and Justice Committee
August 25, 2020
@ 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Paul Rosenbohm – Chairman; Rob Reneau – Vice-Chairman; Eden Blair ; Linda Daley (<i>via teleconference</i>); Brian Elsasser (<i>via teleconference</i>); Steven Rieker ; Phillip Salzer , Sharon Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Brandy Bryant ; Kate Pastucha
OTHERS PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Randy Brunner – Chief Financial Officer; Dave Tuttle , Jodi Noe – ETSB; Rena' Parker – Courts Administration; Brian Asbell , Doug Gaa , James Middlemas – Sheriff's Office; Kevin Lowe – Public Defender; Mark Bronke – Juvenile Probation

Call to Order

Chairman Rosenbohm called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

A motion to allow the participation of Ms. Daley and Mr. Elsasser via teleconference was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Mr. Reneau. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020 was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- **PCAPS Monthly Department Report**

Mr. Sorrel directed committee members to the monthly report included in the packet. Mr. Rieker noted that the number of field calls have remained steady, and asked if staff is experiencing any issues in handling the demand in service for field calls. Ms. Musselman advised that on-call hours have been restructured in order to accommodate the current workload and temporarily reduced staff.

- **ETSB**

Mr. Tuttle advised that construction has begun on the new 911 Centers in Peoria and Bartonville. He advised that work on both centers is due to be complete by the end of February 2021.

Mr. Tuttle introduced Jodi Noe, the new 911 Coordinator.

- **Emergency Management Agency**

Mr. Sorrel directed committee members to the monthly report included in the packet and stood for any questions. There were no questions or comments from committee.

- **Public Defender Report**

Mr. Rieker asked if the public defenders have the resources necessary to meet the increased case demand due to the backlog of delayed cases. Mr. Lowe advised that there is a backlog in caseload due to the COVID-19 shutdown, and stated that the Public Defender could better speak to the issue of adequate resources.

Resolutions

- **ILEAS Vehicle Agreement for LENCO Bearcat**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Ms. Daley. Sheriff Asbell advised that in 2006 ILEAS provided the Sheriff's Office a LENCO Bearcat, which is an armored vehicle utilized in tactical situations. He stated that ILEAS is offering Peoria County to be the custodian of a new 2020 LENCO Bearcat. He stated that the Bearcat is provided by ILEAS at no cost to Peoria County, noting that the Bearcat is available to other agencies in the area.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (8-0), with Ms. Daley and Mr. Elsasser voting aye via teleconference.

- **FY2020 Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Overtime Appropriation**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Mr. Reneau. Sheriff Asbell advised that the annual appropriation from ILEAS funds overtime for training expenses throughout 2020. He noted that the \$20,000.00 appropriation is a lower than in past years as there have been less training practices due to COVID-19.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (8-0), with Ms. Daley and Mr. Elsasser voting aye via teleconference.

Miscellaneous

Sheriff Asbell provided an update on the impact on jail operations and resources over the past several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that inmate offsite transfers have begun within the past week, which will begin to alleviate the stalled and overcrowded housing situation. He remarked that 18 inmates have been transferred, while 42 are still awaiting transfer.

Ms. Parker provided an update on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on court systems. She noted that Courts Administration had a good infrastructure in place for remote processes prior to the pandemic and were able to increase utilization of those processes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rosenbohm at 2:27 p.m.