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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – Ansel Burditt (ch), Blake Parsons, Albert Durst, Justin Faulk, Donald Tolan

3. Approval of Minutes
   a. Approval of February 7, 2022 minutes

4. Public Input

5. Approval of Claims
   a. Approval of March 2022 Claims

6. Coroner

7. Sheriff
   a. Annex 1 -2 HVAC Project Bids
   b. Stop the Bleed / AEDs for CH, PSB, Annex 1 &4 Bids
   c. Keith Engineering HVAC Project update
   d. RLF Projects update
   e. Heartland Fiber Annex 4, Washburn Substation
   f. Corrections Jail Control System Bids
   g. Card Access System Bids
   h. MOU ETSB Data and System Support
   i. EMA

8. Animal Control
   a. Changes to Animal Control Ordinance

9. Health Department

10. New Business

11. Unfinished Business

12. Other

13. Executive Session – Roll Call Vote
14. Any action coming out of Executive Session

15. Adjournment
1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Chairman Burditt.

2. Roll Call – Ansel Burditt (ch), Blake Parsons, Donald Tolan present. Albert Durst and Justin Faulk was absent. Also present was committee alternate Jerry Smith.

3. Approval of Minutes
   a. Approval of December 13, 2021 minutes
      Motion to approve December 2021 minute made by Parsons, seconded by Smith. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

5. Public Input
   There was no public input.

6. Approval of Claims
   a. Approval of January 2022 Claims
      Motion to approve January claims made by Smith, seconded by Tolan. Motion passed.

7. Coroner

8. Sheriff
   a. Sheriff Vehicle Bids
      The Sheriff put out an RFP for 4 Sheriff vehicles and one (1) EMA vehicle. Bids were received and opened January 5th at 2PM. This allowed the Sheriff to review the bids and make sure that those bids met the spec requirements. Mangold Ford was the low bid at $170,490.00. Delivery of these vehicles is to be late summer. It was asked if the price would still be honored if the late summer date was pushed out. We have 120 days delivery date written into the bids specs, but there is an exclusion if they can’t get parts due to COVID or the shipping delays, we don’t hold them to it. EMA wants a hitch put on their vehicle, and the price of that hitch is not in the quote. Discussion on how to pay for the hitch. Motion made by Parsons to approve the Mangold bid, not to exceed $171,490, seconded by Smith. Motion passed.

   b. Cures Funding
      The request for reimbursement has been submitted to the CURES portal. $65,513.64 was transferred from the Health Dept. to Woodford County. Justification was sent on how we could use the money. Once it is received, the money will go into the general fund. This money is will be used for payroll for corrections due to COVID.

   c. IDOC Support Funding
      Due to COVID, the Illinois Department of Corrections is not taking inmates that were sentenced to IDOC. These inmates have been staying in the county jails. Several of the Sheriff’s departments got together and were going to sue the IDOC to get the inmates
moved out as it was causing over population and costing a lot of money to house them. The state has 25 million dollars of Federal funds to help offset the cost to the county jails. They have offered $35 dollars a day per inmate for inmates that are setting in the county jails, but were sentenced to IDOC. We asked to get Federal rates ($66 a day), but were only offered the $35. 74 Illinois counties have entered into this agreement with the state. It was felt that taking $35, even though that is not enough, was better than to not receive anything. We have submitted all the required paperwork to the state. The time frame covered was from March 20, 2020 through August 21, 2021. We have had 3894 days of inmates, at $35 a day, we should be receiving a check for $136,290 from the state. It was asked what happens when the 25 million is expended, but not all counties have been paid and IDOC did not have an answer. Break even for housing inmates depends on if medical is paid or not. Breakeven is roughly $50-55 a day. The Federal formula says it is $66 a day. IDOC is not paying medical, so the cost is higher.

The new regulations require that all sworn officers have to undergo a mental health evaluation annually. This mental health evaluation is a public safety oriented, trauma, PTSD based evaluation. This is a specialized evaluation, and is much more than our employee assistant plan offers. Any new recruit, has to have a mental health evaluation when offered the job, when they come out of the academy, and then also their annual evaluation. Sheriff Smith is talking to two different groups who do this kind of evaluation and meet the Illinois requirement. The Sheriff will do so many a month as these evaluations are 90 minutes in length. The cost of this will be between $12,000 and $14,000 a year. This is to start this year and it has not been budgeted for. They want to defund the police, and yet they keep coming up with requirements that cost extra. We don’t have an option as this is mandatory. If an evaluation shows that a person is not fit for duty, then they can be pulled from duty, causing an additional expense and burden on the department. The Treasurer will create a new line item for this expense. We will draw the line item over and fix it at the end of the year.

e. ARES Funding for Harmony Tower Site.
The amateur hand radio group has the opportunity to receive a grant. With that grant they want to replace the old generator and a few other items at the Harmony Tower. This is a good thing for the county.

f. Body Camera project and Data storage.
The Sheriff is moving forward with the body camera project. Getting it all set up has been through grant money from Motorola. There will be a yearly cost of $20,000 that will be added to the budget for storage of the recordings.
g. EMA
Nothing to report on EMA

9. Animal Control

a. Approval and action of changes to the Animal Control Ordinance

Mr. Abney presented the committee with a call log generated through dispatch. There were 32 calls in the month of December that came through dispatch, and 8 additional calls that came directly to animal control. 60 dogs have been picked up, he has seized 16, currently has no dogs (they have either been euthanized or adopted out), and between 17 and 20 cases have been sent to the State’s Attorney for prosecution. Mr. Abney gave the committee a current citation, which are not being used at the direction of Assistant State’s Attorney Gibson. These citations need to be changed in order for animal control to issue them. It was asked where the citations were printed and the Sheriff felt that they were left over from when the Sheriff’s Dept. did animal control and would have come from PF Pettybone. Time frame for paying citation is set by statute. Mr. Abney feels that the fines charged for offenses are too low. The amounts are set in our ordinance, and are not dictated by statute. The committee needs to look at the ordinance and determine the amount that would be appropriate for offenses. This past month, 66 offenses have incurred from running at large, unvaccinated, to not having the dog registered. Mr. Abney has submitted his report to the State’s Attorney but has not had any feedback. Mr. Abney keeps a file on each animal and would like to know what is happening with the cases. This would be especially helpful when he is getting multiple calls for the same animal. Mr. Abney also received a call from Mr. Gibson asking him to contact Byno Pearson for help rounding up 30 some cats. Mr. Abney reached out to Erin, but she never called him back. He would like clarification on how to handle cats. Last month ASA Gibson stated that the statute does not compel us to take on cats. Until we get some clarification from the State’s Attorney’s Office, we cannot move forward. It was stated that Mr. Abney was hired to do dogs. If we mandate that he also does cats, then the contract will need to be reevaluated and modified – more money, facility, extra personnel, etc.

Several years ago the County chose not to register cats. We chose not to amend our ordinance to include cats. The only time our animal control should get involved with cats is for a hoarding case or a bite case.

The ordinance specifically states impounding of dogs only. While the statute includes all animals, where do you stop? Do we pick up squirrels, moles, etc.? If we take on cats we immediately need to reevaluate the contract.
Mr. Burditt has don’t some research and Peoria and Tazewell both have shelters. Tazewell is self-funded, with no revenue from the county. They have a facility with 8 or 9 employees. Mr. Abney is on board with whatever the committee decides. He has a special use permit going before ZBA in January for his facility. We need to figure out to collect and report data so we have it to back up our decision on how to move forward.

Section 8 of the animal control ordinance specifically spells out that a citation can be written. Mr. Gibson wants to revise it. It is felt that Mr. Abney should be able to write citations for minor infractions. The conflict with our ordinance and the statute is that the statute states that a sworn officer must write the citation if it goes through the Circuit Clerk’s office. However, we have addressed that if the citations that Mr. Abney would write will be going through the Treasurer’s office and not the Circuit Clerk’s office. People will have 30 days to pay. If not paid in that 30 days, then the ticket will be given to the State’s Attorney’s office for them to handle.

10. Health Department

As of today there have been 8305 total positive cases, 7269 have recovered, 994 home isolations, 12 hospitalizations, and 114 deceased. December 2021 is the highest case total for a month since the beginning of the pandemic with a total of 1201 positive COVID cases. There are already 650 total cases for the month of January. The biggest age groups that are affected in the last 30 days are 20-29 year olds with about 15% of total cases, 10-20 years old with about 15% of total cases, 30-39 year olds with about 15% of total cases, and 40-49 year olds with about 14% of total cases. The zip code 61548 (Metamora/GTH) accounts for 40% of cases in last 30 days. The most cases that populated in 1 day is on January 7, 2022 at 148 cases. 52.4% of Woodford County is vaccinated. Hospitalization have gone up creating a delay in treatment of any kind. The CDC has shortened the isolation period to 5 days, then 5 days wearing a mask. However, any individual that does test positive for COVID, there is a 20-30% chance they are still contagious at the end of 5 days. The antigen test does not pick up the omicron strain in the early stages. The committee asked Hillary to have a hand out to give to the board with these numbers. As of January 13th traditional services are on hold with the Health Dept. If you need to reach the Health Dept. you need to call (312) 777-1999 which is the IDPS State contact tracing line.

11. New Business

12. Unfinished Business

13. Other
14. Executive Session – Roll Call Vote

15. Any action coming out of Executive Session

16. Adjournment
   Motion to adjourn made by Tolan, seconded by Smith. *Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Submitted by: Deb Breyman

Ansel Burditt, Chairman
Public Safety Committee
SECTION 7. DUTIES OF ANIMAL CONTROL ADMINISTRATOR.

It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Administrator, through education, rabies inoculation, stray control, impoundment, quarantine, and any other means deemed necessary to control and prevent the spread of rabies in this county. It shall also be the duty of the Animal Control Administrator to investigate and substantiate all claims made under Section 24 of this Act. The following duties are expected by the Board, but are not intended to be an exhaustive list of responsibilities:

(i) Supervise the County’s animal control program, including stray animal control and impoundment of biting dogs, and follow state statutes under the Illinois Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/1, et seq.) and the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act (510 ILCS 70/1, et seq.).

(ii) Supervise enforcement of Intergovernmental Agreements between the County and local municipalities for animal control.

(iii) Humanely treat dogs, cats, and other companion animals that come under the care of the County by providing adequate food, water, and shelter.

(iv) Euthanize animals by acceptable and common practices recognized by veterinarians throughout the state of Illinois.

(v) Educate the residents of the County of Woodford regarding responsible pet ownership, programs offered by the Woodford County Animal Control Ordinance, and local and state laws regarding pet ownership.

(vi) Recommend changes in ordinances and state law to the Public Safety Committee of the Board.

(vii) Work with the Public Safety Committee regarding personnel matters.

(viii) Submit written reports to the State’s Attorney for violations of the Illinois Animal Control Act, the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act where allowed by such Acts, and also for violations of the Woodford County Animal Control Ordinance.

(ix) Submit written monthly status report to the Public Safety Committee to include, but not limited to, number of calls, nature of call, impounded animals, active cases and case disposition.
SECTION 8. DUTIES OF ANIMAL CONTROL WARDEN/OFFICER

It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Warden/Officer(s) to do the following (this is not an exhaustive list):

(i) Respond to complaints of animal abuse, animals running at large, and other similar offenses and create written reports of any suspected illegal activity from such complaints.

(ii) Impound dogs running at large in violation of this Woodford County Animal Control Ordinance.

(iii) Issue citations and complete written reports for violations of the Woodford County Animal Control Ordinance and other state laws as they pertain to animals.

(iv) Investigate dog bites and make appropriate reports to the Administrator, and if needed, the State’s Attorney for civil or criminal action.

(v) Follow the commands of the Administrator and Board.
SECTION 11. CITATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT.

Citations shall be issued for violations of failure to register a dog, failure to inoculate a dog, or failure to report change of ownership or address. The defendant may choose to plead guilty and the defendant shall pay a $50.00 fine for the first offense, $100.00 fine for the second offense, and a $200.00 fine for the third offense (these fines are per dog) to the Woodford County Treasurer's Office for each such offense within thirty days of the issuance of the citation. In all other offenses, or offenses which aren't satisfied within thirty days, the case shall be forwarded to the Woodford County State's Attorney's office which shall have discretion to file a Complaint in the Circuit Court requiring a court appearance. If the defendant fails to appear for any set court appearance, the Court shall enter an ex parte judgment pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rules. Any judgments resulting from the court appearances shall be paid to the Woodford County Circuit Clerk. Additionally, the Circuit Court shall order restitution based on any damages caused by the violation of this Ordinance, which also shall be paid to the Circuit Clerk. The Court shall set a date not less than 21 days nor more than 45 days away for payment of all fines, restitution and costs, and the Circuit Clerk shall notify the defendant of the amount and date due.

Failure of a defendant to pay a fine as directed by the Circuit Court shall subject the defendant to charges of contempt of court.

Deleted: When a citation is issued that does not require a court appearance and the defendant fails to pay or otherwise appear within thirty days, the court shall enter a default judgment against the defendant, assess a fine of $50.00 fine for the first offense, $100.00 fine for the second offense, and a $200.00 fine for the third offense (these fines are per dog), plus court costs, and set a date not less than 21 days nor more than 45 days away for payment of all fines and costs, and the Circuit Clerk shall notify the defendant of the amount and date due.

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