

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARDROOM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022
MINUTES
4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call –

Ansel Burditt (ch), Blake Parsons, Albert Durst present. Justin Faulk and Donald Tolan are excused.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of September 12, 2022 minutes

Motion to approve September minutes made by Durst, seconded by Parsons. *Motion passed.*

4. Public Input

5. Approval of Claims

a. Approval of October 2022 Claims

Motion to approve October claims made by Parsons, seconded by Durst. There are two claims for Animal Control that they would like clarified. The \$740 claim is for a dog being held for a criminal case. The \$300 claim is for a Pitbull that animal control has been housing for awhile. The claims are being paid out of two different line items, thus the reason for being listed separate. *Motion passed.*

6. Coroner

7. Health Department

a. Approval of Health Department MOU

The MOU is the same as was addressed last month, except now the rent has been taken out, and the ending clause that this MOU will continue until the Woodford County Board send a 30 day notice to the Board of Health to alter or renegotiate. It was stated that while they do not have a problem with that clause, the MOU should have a sunset clause. The MOU will be signed, and years down the road forgotten about without a time frame to look at it. It was stated that we have other contracts that do not have sunset clauses. Motion to pass MOU and send to the full Board made by Parsons, seconded by Durst. *Motion passed.*

b. Budget Revisions

Ms. Aggertt reported that the revisions showed a proposed increase. The Board of Health would like to give the nurses a 10% increase to keep the good nurses we have and make our wages comparable with the going rate. They have maxed out all the grant funds and the payments are coming out of the reserves. They have budgeted for a new person also. The rent is currently in their budget but the Treasurer will make the rent changes to the budget.

8. Sheriff

a. Staffing Update Informational

They have hired another patrol deputy from East Peoria. They have one deputy out on medical. They still have a corrections position open and a maintenance position open.

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b. Vehicle Update Informational

A squad car was totaled when a stolen vehicle purposely rammed into it. We will seek restitution from the perpetrator. We received a \$23,575 check from IPMG for the vehicle. We are working on submitting the paperwork for new equipment, as the old equipment will not fit the new vehicle. Insurance will cover the new equipment.

c. Vehicle Purchase for next Budget Informational

We received word from Ford that we missed the deadline for ordering a 2023 police vehicle. Ford said they were only going to make so many pre ordered vehicle, and that was it. We still have the Dodge, but it is showing some issues. We are getting pushed toward Tahoes, which are about \$8,000 more. Mangold will be ordering the 2024 Tahoe and will receive in mid to late summer. We will bid this out. Chrysler is having problems getting parts, including brakes, so for now we are status quo.

d. Sheriff's Report

Project Updates.

- 1833 Early Voting - **The project is complete.**
- PSB Domestic Hot Water Boilers Replacements - **Project is complete.**
- Front Parking Lot - **Project is complete.**
- South Lobby Door – **Installed needs painted. Painter is scheduled**
- Courthouse Elevator - **Possibly starting around the end of November still working with Otis Elevator. Looking at a November 21st start date with completion by January 6th, 2023**
- Card Access Project- **Project has started with Court Services Annex 1-2, Health Department Annex 4, and Emergency Management Facility. PSB and Courthouse are still uncompleted as well as new access card programming and distribution.**
- ARPA HVAC project continues with the bidding of the PSB portions and still working to finalize some of the design and implementation planning for the Courthouse portion.

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Sheriff's Office information for September 2022

Below is a partial list of calls for service for August

Assist other Agency	10	Noise Complaint	8
Business Checks	158	Open Door	6
Burglar Alarm	12	Paper Service	148**
Criminal Damage	10	Reckless Driver	31
Check Wellbeing	20	Road Hazard	13
Dispute	11	Suspicious Activity	9
Domestic Disturbance	32	Suspicious Person	15
Flag down	14	Suspicious Vehicle	27
Follow up	81	Thefts	17
Fraud	9	Threats	7
Keys Locked in Vehicle	17	Trespass	6
Motorist Assist	52	Traffic Stop	507
Motor Vehicle Accident	47*	Unknown Problem	12

Sept. Total Calls 2088

(August Calls Total 2144)

*All Types

**Includes OP

Total Calls for Service as of the end of Sept. 2022: 2088

Total Calls for Service as of the end of Sept. 2021: 2241

Below is information for the Corrections Facility September 2022

Jail Average Dailey Population Sept. 2022: 80

Jail Average Dailey Population Sept. 2021: 66

Sept. 2022 Bookings:

Male- 74

Female- 24

Total Bookings Sept. 2022: 98

September 2022 Inmate Transports Completed: 21

Bookings September 2021: 78

Last night at the Finance Committee there was a discussion regarding Chief Deputy Tipswords and tracking his hours working for the County versus his hours working for the State. There was a big concern regarding him receiving double pay and keeping track of his hours worked for the County and could we produce physical evidence should those hours be FOIA'd. The Sheriff's Department has a program called Schedule Anywhere that can track his physical hours that he works for the County. Chief Deputy Tipsword has no problem with logging his hours that he works for the County. It was brought up that he is a salaried employee. Most salaried employees do not track their hours. And it

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was brought up last night that a full time employee should work 2080 hours in a year, and the committee is sure that Mr. Tipsword puts in more than the 2080 per year with his job. The consensus of the committee is that it is wonderful to have Mr. Tipsword as our State Representative. They also feel that the Sheriff and Mr. Tipsword have done a great job in addressing the issue brought up at Finance in such a quick manner. With Schedule Anywhere you log in your hours you are working, and log out the hours when you are not working – so it can keep track of hours worked for the County. When Mr. Tipsword is doing State work, has a day off, or what not, those hours will not be logged – therefore showing only hours that are worked for the County. This will provide the physical evidence needed should it be asked.

Mr. Tipsword addressed the committee. Things are being said that are not true about him and he requested that the committee not pass along stories they hear. Unless the Sheriff or himself says it, it is not fact. Mr. Tipsword had no intention of taking a state benefit package. The job was designed to be a citizen legislator, not a full time politician. He has life experience that he can take to Springfield and just because he was elected he should not have to stop his life experiences. He should be allowed to continue to grow and take those experiences with him to the State. The committee feels that we need to put in writing something about tracking his hours to protect Mr. Tipsword and the County. Mr. Tipsword felt that he was being personally attacked in the way the agenda for the Finance Committee memorialized the stand on his hours. The committee commented that since he is salary, they are not sure the tracking of hours will work out. The committee asked him to address the full Board on Tuesday. They were informed that it is already on the agenda.

9. Animal Control

10. New Business

a. Discussion on ARPA funds for Setting up Animal Control Facility

It was asked if there was an interest in setting up an animal control facility using ARPA funds. The committee feels that having our own facility is the direction we are headed. If the funds are available, then we need to take advantage of those funds. Should we decided to do this, then we can write an Ordinance to use the ARPA funds. We will put this on Novembers agenda for continued discussion.

11. Unfinished Business

a. Approval of Revised Menssen Trust Contract for Veterinary Services funding Agreement

This was approved at last month's committee meeting, but then changes were made. There has been an amendment added to the Agreement – 4a. Also, the reimbursement went from \$2,000 to \$7,500. The trust now included cats. The County has never used all the of \$2,000 but the \$7,500 will help. Short discussion on the County taking on cats. Motion to move the Agreement on to the full Board made by Parsons, seconded by Durst.
Motion passed.

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b. Continued discussion on Direction of Animal Control Contract/bids
The current agreement with Mr. Abney expires November 30, 2022. It renews automatically for up to four years. Discussion on contract and boarding fees - the contract stated the administrator shall provide the lodging of the animal but nothing about the food or watering, but under compensation it does state the administrator will be paid \$10 a day per animal for animals being held for criminal cases. There has been a controversy that this should be part of the \$70,000 paid to the administrator. We cannot change or modify the contract without it being rebid. There is no mention in the Ordinance about how long we should hold a dog. We are currently paying \$10 a day for a dog that we have been holding for over 30 days. There needs to be a set time for how long we keep a dog so the County is not paying for a dog for months. Ordinance says we hold a dog for 10 days to be sure they do not have rabies, but it doesn't state what to do after the 10 days. Dogs running at large, we have an obligation to impound that dog. There needs to be discretion on this. If a dog is just running in a field, we do not need to pick up. But if someone has a dog in its possession that it caught, we should go get that animal. This adds cost to Mr. Abney. So we will have to rebid in order to adjust the salary.

The Ordinance needs to be amended to address the issues we are having – what to do with dog after 10 days, cost per day, definition of an Ordinance case, etc. We have no idea of the number of dogs that could be housed by animal control in a year. Should the cost not be separate from the salary we pay. All of this could be cleaned up with the Ordinance. We also need to figure out if we are doing cats. This will also make an additional cost. And in taking on cats, it will require additional staff for animal control. If we take on cats, we will have to change the contract with Mr. Abney, in which case we have to rebid the contract. If we take on cats, we will have to start registering them. We need to discuss this with the ASA. Should Mr. Abney not like the changes that would be made he has the option of stepping away from his contract. Mr. Abney addressed the committee. He stated that he based his proposal on what the old administrator was doing. It was laid out in his proposal that he will charge for holding animals, which the Board agreed to his proposal. Rosie is the only dog he has charged for food and she was being held for a criminal case and had to be on special food because of her skin condition. If we take on cats, we would need a separate facility, additional personnel, current contracts, etc. Two years ago the state made it a law that cats had to be vaccinated. At that time the SA said we did not have to register cats, but we did have to enforce the vaccination of the cats.

We will keep this on the agenda for next month and continue to discuss amendments to the Ordinance.

12. Other

13. Executive Session – Roll Call Vote

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14. Any action coming out of Executive Session

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Parsons, seconded by Durst. *Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Submitted by: Deb Breyman



Ansel Burditt, Chairman
Public Safety Committee