



Public Safety and Court Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 10:30 AM

Old Lee County Courthouse, Third Floor, 112 E 2nd St, Dixon, IL 61021

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube using the web address below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJkIFXUr1rk>

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., by Chair Mike Koppien.

II. Committee Member Roll Call: Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair Keane Hudson, Katie White, Angie Shippert, Michael Pearson

Mike Koppien, Keane Hudson, and Katie White attended in person. Dean Freil was appointed to the committee by Mike Koppien during the meeting to ensure quorum. Angie Shippert and Mike Pearson attended the meeting via Zoom.

Also present: Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Kevin Lalley (EMA Director), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), Paul Rudolphi (Treasurer), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

III. Public Attendees

No members of the public were in attendance.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (October 8, 2024)

Minutes from the October 8, 2024, Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.

V. Animal Control

Teri Zinke from Animal Control was not able to attend the meeting and no report was submitted.

VI. Circuit Clerk

Amy Johnson reported that the Circuit Clerk's Office will be switching case management systems by the end of the year. She is also hoping to have the contract signed before the end of the year.

VII. Judges, Coroner, and Public Defender

No representatives were present from the Judges, Coroner, or Public Defender's Offices and no reports were submitted.

VIII. Emergency Management Agency

Kevin Lalley submitted a detailed report to the committee from the Emergency Management Agency. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

A. *Monthly Report*

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B. Resolution Authorizing Participation as a Member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System

The committee discussed the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Agreement referenced to in the resolution on the agenda. Charley Boonstra expressed concerns regarding the final paragraph in section six (6) that discussed jurisdiction over personnel, equipment, and assets. He was concerned that, although the intention of the agreement was clear, the County could be held responsible for those responding from other aiding units. Kevin Lalley will be reaching out to the organization to see if the language can be changed.

The committee voted once to move the Resolution Authorizing Participation as a Member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System to the Executive Committee, but revoted because Dean Freil had not officially been appointed to the meeting. Mike Koppien appointed Dean Freil to the committee. Below is the revote on this topic.

Motion to move the Resolution Authorizing Participation as a Member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the November County Board agenda. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Keane Hudson. **Motion** passed four (4) in favor, one (1) opposed.

IX. Health Department

No members of the Health Department were present. Minutes from the November 12, 2024, Lee County Board of Health Meeting will be included in the November County Board agenda packet.

X. Probation

Staci Stewart reported that she continues to work with IT to get new computers and software installed in her office.

XI. Sheriff

A. *Monthly Report*

Clay Whelan was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report from the Sheriff's Office. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

XII. State's Attorney

A. *Appellate Prosecutor Resolution*

Charley Boonstra explained that the Appellate Prosecutor Resolution on the agenda is a budget item that the State's Attorney's Office has every year. The Appellate Prosecutor assists with appellate work as well as conflicts in cases and legal advice. These services are a great asset to the office.

Motion to move to the Appellate Prosecutor Resolution to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the November County Board agenda. **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by Dean Freil. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

- B. *Quarterly Update on the Collection of Unpaid Fines - State's Attorney*
Charley Boonstra reported that the County had officially switched over to PayCourt for collections. They have only been on board for about a week but have hit the ground running. There were no figures to report at this time. Charley also reported that he will be looking for an Assistant State's Attorney. Brian Brim, his First Assistant State's Attorney, has announced his plans to retire in May of 2025.

XIII. Report of Abandoned/Nuisance Property Focus Group

Jeremy Englund reported the following information from the Abandoned/Nuisance Property Focus Group:

- Later in the day there would be a hearing on the Lee Center School and the County's interest in taking legal ownership of the facility and property.
- The Health Department continues to work with the Dixon Rural Fire Department and other County offices to resolve ongoing issues at the Magnuson Hotel as well as the Eldena School project.
- There is a developer that is potentially interested in the Eldena School for an industrial manufacturing site.
- To date, no funds have been expended from the Strong Communities Grant Program for residential housing. The County is currently working on potential projects from the City of Amboy, Franklin Grove, and Dixon. There are roughly six (6) months left to expend the funds.

XIV. Unfinished Business

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

XV. New Business

There were no items under New Business.

XVI. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. **Moved** by Katie White. **Second** by Dean Freil **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting is **tentatively** scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

Lee County Emergency Management Agency

Office of Emergency Management Activity for October 2024

Lee County EMA Director Kevin Lalley presented the FEMA IS100 Course to KSB Staff. This is the second of a series of classes to be NIMS ICS certified in preparation for Hospital Certification process.

Motorola was on site and aligned the first group of radios (portable, mobile and fixed radios in the Command Trailer) in compliance with the Starcom user agreement. One Starcom Motorola XTS5000 portable radio failed the alignment and is not repairable due to its age and parts not being available as this radio which is over 20 years old. Due to the high cost of a new replacement, research will be done on the availability and cost of a used compatible radio.

EMA obtained an excess CradlePoint and excess MegaFi for use in providing cellular communication during critical events.

After long negotiations with SARTOPO, Lee County EMA was able to obtain the CalTopo app for the cost of \$700 per year vs the list price of \$2000 per year. This app will assist in Ground Search and Rescue and Damage Assessment.

The 4th quarter EMPG reimbursement was submitted using Amplifund.

Lee County maintenance staff assisted in the installation of a storage box on the side-by-side trailer. The toolbox will store items in a secure location.

Lee County EMA hosted an ILETSB Interoperability Summit. The training was held in the EOC, and equipment was displayed in the parking lot across the old Lee County Jail. Approximately 30 Law Enforcement officials from Northern Illinois attended the Summit. The Summit provides information on the new communication SWIT and other comms updates.

Lee County EMA hosted an Illinois Fire Service Institute Wildland Search and Rescue Training in the EOC on Saturday Oct 19. Over 22 students from the area department and Search and Rescue Teams attended. The training was a 12-hour basic awareness training. 9 hours in the classroom and 3 hours in the field. 8 members from the Lee County Ground Search unit graduated from the class.

Helm Group converted an overhead light in the EOC to a night light and installed a cord protector on cables that ran across the floor in the front of the EOC to prevent tripping.

All motorized equipment, generators, environmental control unit, light tower were checked and run for a minimum of 30 minutes to ensure they are in a ready state. Battery operated equipment such as the message board, portable radios, power packs and other devices are charged. The Drones are checked to ensure they have the latest software, batteries are charged, and they are air worthy.

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The Director assisted at the Galena IL Halloween Parade on Saturday Oct 26. The parade draws over 35,000 attendees to a small 6-7 block area of downtown Galena. This year's parade was advertised on HG TV as one of the Top 10 Halloween Parades in the US. Other surrounding agencies provide support in protecting the visitors and participants.

The Dixon Growmark facility is mandated to conduct at a minimum of at least one annual tabletop exercise with outside partners to evaluate the facilities emergency response plan. One of the required participants is emergency management. The exercise is designed to reveal areas of improvement. The exercise solidifies partnerships in advance of an incident.

Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA) is an organization of emergency managers throughout the State of Illinois who provide mutual assistance to their neighbors and peers. The organization is the liaison with the State legislature and provides input in rule changes and funding regarding emergency management. IESMA is updating the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System (IEMMAS) Agreement. The language has been modernized regarding insurance, indemnification, and reimbursement. The agreement is similar to the MABAS, ILEAS and IPWMAN programs. The agreement is in the packet for your review and approval.

On Oct 30, Lee County EMA hosted the quarterly IEMA Region 2 meeting in the EOC. EMA Directors from most of the 17 Counties in IEMA Region 2 attended. Members from IEMA Region 2, NWS Chicago, Lincoln and Quad Cities Office, IEMA Hazard Mitigation Staff, and Representatives from IPWAMAN, IESMA, and Safe2Help also attended. Each provided a presentation. Each county EMA in attendance provided an update on the activities in their area of responsibility.

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Lee County Sheriff's Office

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In the month of October, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 754 calls for service.

As far as notable calls for the month, the following incidents occurred...

On October 1st at approximately 10:40 a.m., we received a FLOCK license plate reader (LPR) notification of a stolen vehicle that was traveling northbound on Illinois Route 26 from I-88 in Dixon. The vehicle was a gray 2019 Jeep Compass with Iowa Registration. Lee County Squads along with Dixon Police were advised of the alert. Dixon Police Officers began checking for the vehicle at the gas stations, hotels, and parking lots in the vicinity. The Jeep was observed at a gas pump at Casey's Gas Station, located at 1751 South Galena Avenue. A male subject was observed walking towards the vehicle and he was taken into custody by a Dixon Police Officer. The vehicle was verified as stolen from Cedar Rapids, and the individual was placed under arrest for Unlawful Possession of Stolen Vehicle. The subject that had been taken into custody was identified as 32-year-old Antwan Davis from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A search of his person revealed a bottle of tequila in his waistband. Additional personnel including Lee County Deputies arrived to assist. A second subject was observed inside the gas station that was suspected of being involved. Surveillance video was reviewed, and it was verified that the second subject was actually the driver of the stolen vehicle. He was identified as a 15-year-old juvenile that was also from Cedar Rapids. The surveillance video also showed that Davis had taken the bottle of tequila from Casey's without paying for it. He was additionally charged with Retail Theft. The juvenile was released to the custody of his mother, and Davis was released in accordance with pretrial release provisions of the Illinois SAFE-T Act. The Lee County Case Number against Antwan Davis is 24 CF 251.

On October 15th at approximately 7:04 a.m., the Sheriff's Office received a call from the Rochelle Police Department regarding a subject that walked into their lobby. The subject was a 17-year-old male that advised he was involved in a murder. Rochelle Police took the information and provided an address in Ashton. The subject was identified as David J. Sosa of Ashton with a date of birth of 12/18/06. Lee

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County Deputies responded to the address and conducted a welfare check. The body of his girlfriend, 16-year-old Jaedyn Hill, was located inside the apartment. Per the wishes of her mother, the 16-year-old victim's name was later released as Jaedyn A. Hill with a date of birth of 10/06/08. Sosa and Hill resided at the apartment, and they were in a dating relationship.

On October 16th, an autopsy was conducted at the Peoria County Coroner's Office on Jaedyn Hill. The preliminary cause of death was ruled as strangulation. After consultation with the Lee County State's Attorney's Office, charges were filed alleging four counts of First-Degree Murder against 17-year-old David Sosa. The charges against Sosa were filed as an adult and they carry a sentencing range of 20 to 60 years in the Department of Corrections. A detention hearing was held, and Sosa was remanded to the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center since he is currently 17-years of age.

The Lee County State's Attorney's Office, the Lee County Juvenile Probation Department, the Rochelle Police Department, the Illinois State Police – Crime Scene Services, the Lee County Coroner's Office, and the Peoria County Coroner's Office all assisted with the investigation.

On October 17th, the Sheriff's Office assisted the Dixon Rural Fire Department with distributing notices at the Magnuson Hotel, located at 443 Illinois Route 2 in Dixon. The documents were notifications to the occupants that the hotel was being closed due to health and life safety code violations. A hearing date was set for October 23rd in Lee County Case Number 24 MR 21. A hearing was held on October 23rd and the Magnuson Hotel was ordered to be closed for occupancy. On October 24th, Lee County Sheriff's Deputies along with personnel from the Dixon Rural Fire Department conducted a sweep of the location to verify that there were no occupants.

Staffing Update

From the Corrections Division, we are one correctional deputy short with two correctional deputies currently going through the field training process. Another correctional deputy is still off on family medical leave.

From the Patrol Division, we are one patrol deputy short with two other deputies working through the field training programs. Another deputy is still off for the next year on active-duty service with the military.

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