



Public Safety and Court Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 10:30 AM CDT

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=BdgVw1tUnM8&t=226s>*

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 Angie Shippert attended in person. Mike Pearson attended via Zoom. Katie White was absent.

Also present: Dean Freil and Tom Kitson (Board Members), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Alice Henkel (Zoning Administrator), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), Clay Whalen (Sheriff), Jared Yater (Zoning Compliance Officer), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

During attendance:

- Jared Yater walked the committee through some of the County compliance matters that he is dealing with through the Zoning Office. He assists the office by following up on building permit requirements and dealing with the cleanup of junk and junk vehicles throughout the County. Jared has been instrumental in assisting owners obtain junk titles for cars so they can be legally removed by junkyard. He is currently working on the removal of 47 junk vehicles and is in the process of putting together a vendor list to help get junk removed from yards.

III. Public Attendees

No members of the public were in attendance.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (August 13, 2024)

Minutes from the August 13, 2024, Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.

V. Animal Control

Teri Zinke was not able to attend the meeting, but did ask Jeremy Englund to give a shout out to the Maintenance Department for helping her fix some of the outdoor paneling that the dogs had torn down. The graphs she provided will be attached to the minutes and included in the September County Board agenda packet.

- VI. Circuit Clerk
Amy Johnson reported that the search for the new case management software had been narrowed down to two (2) vendors. She is in the process of getting updated quotes and nailing down dates for final demos.
- 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 was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report from the EMA Office. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the September County Board agenda packet.
- IX. Probation
Staci Stewart reported that roughly 50 Probation Officers recently attended the annual circuit wide training conference in Galena for the 15th Judicial Circuit. There is an emergency preparedness training being held in Kane County in two weeks and a statewide problem-solving courts conference coming up in October that employees of the County will be attending.
- X. Sheriff
Clay Whelan submitted a detailed report from the Sheriff's Office. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the September County Board agenda packet. Clay reported that the Sheriff's Office received a medical call during Depot Days in Amboy involving a woman that went unresponsive due to a seizure. Amboy Police Officer Tom Layman and Deputy Sheriff Kyle Kellen responded to the call and administered life-saving procedures to the individual.
- XI. State's Attorney
Charley Boonstra reported that his office is working with the Circuit Clerk's Office to get PayCourt set up. This company will serve as the new collection agency. His office continues to resolve cases and have trials scheduled out through the end of January.
- XII. Report of Abandoned/Nuisance Property Focus Group
Jeremey Englund explained that he along with Sam Bay from the Health Department toured the Old Lee County Infirmary in Eldena from the outside and took photos. The County will be writing up a letter of issuance and posting from the Health Department. He will be working with council to work through the next steps with the property owner.
- XIII. Unfinished Business
There were no items under Unfinished Business.
- XIV. New Business

There were no items under New Business.

XV. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

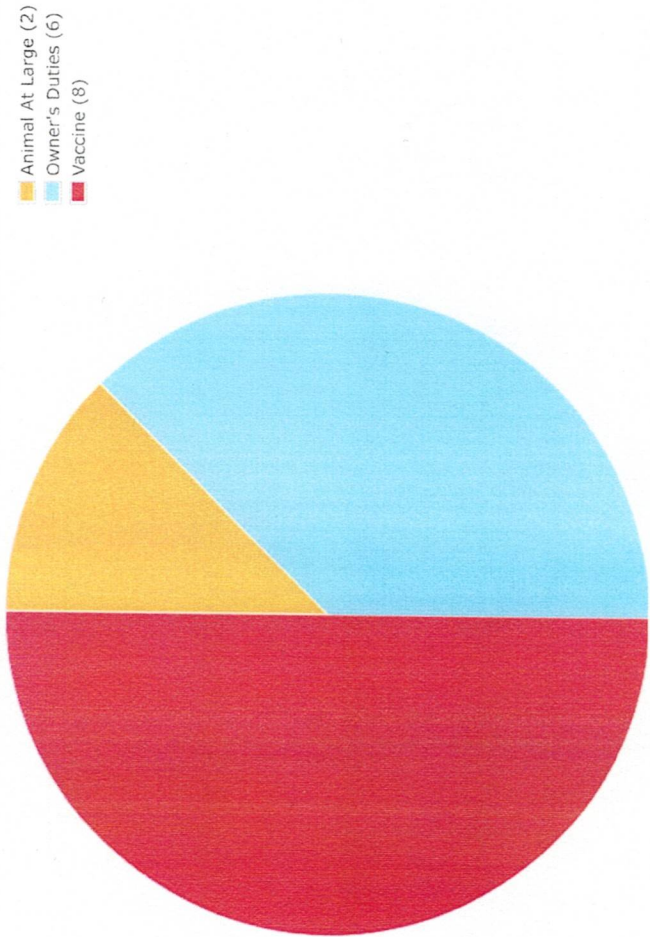
XVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by Angie Shippert.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting is scheduled for
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

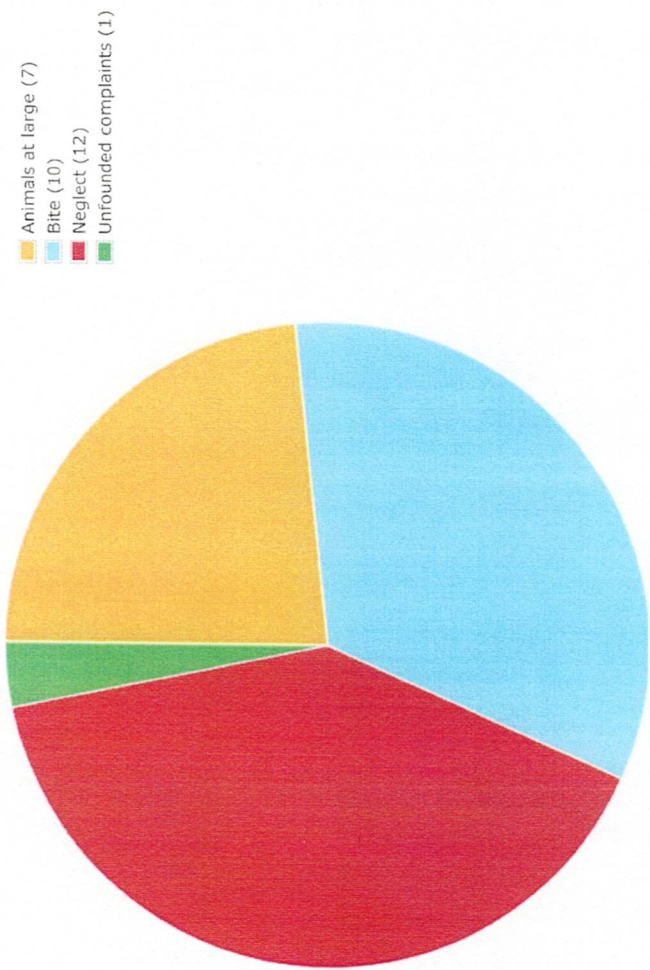
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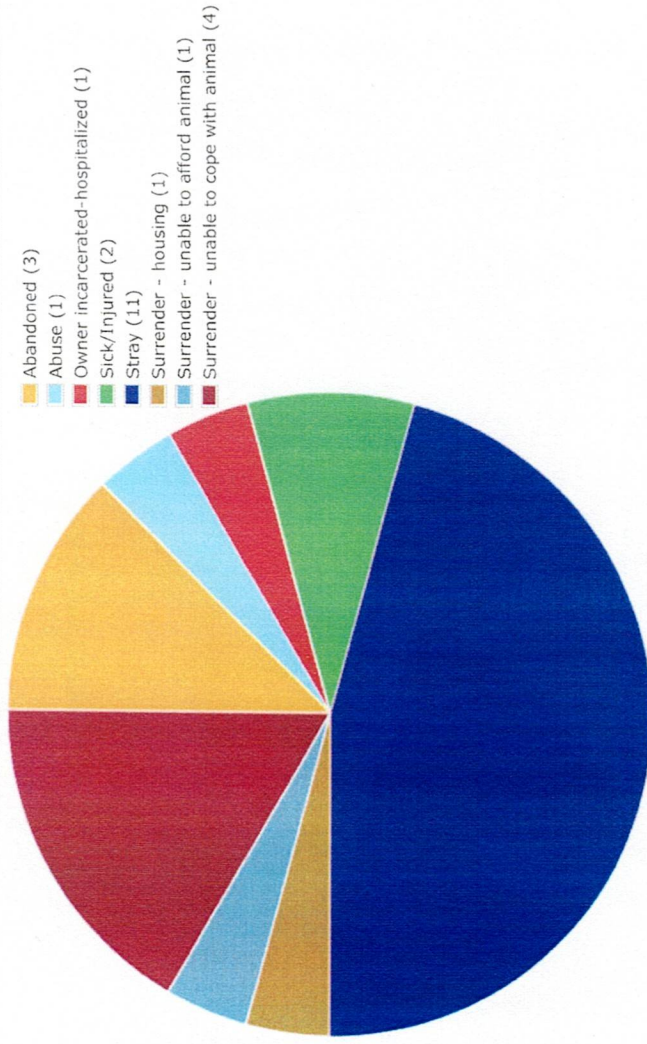
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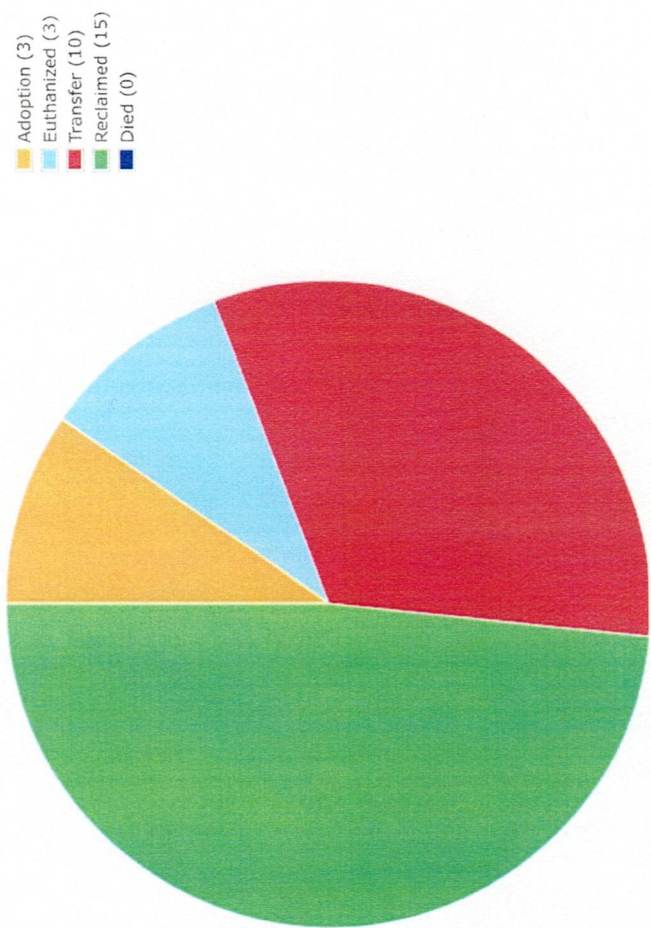
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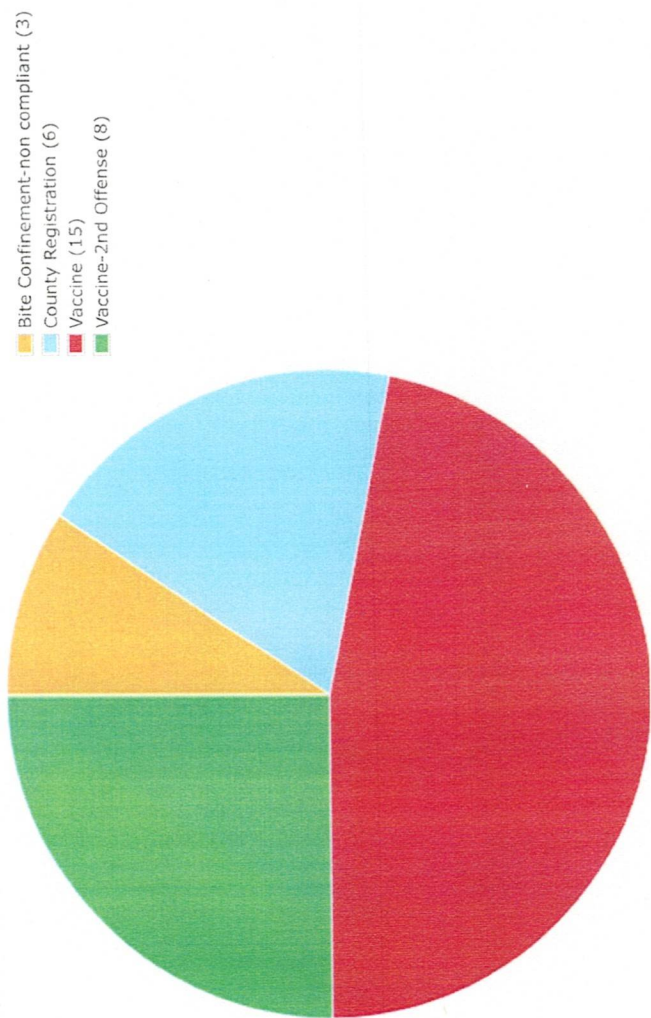
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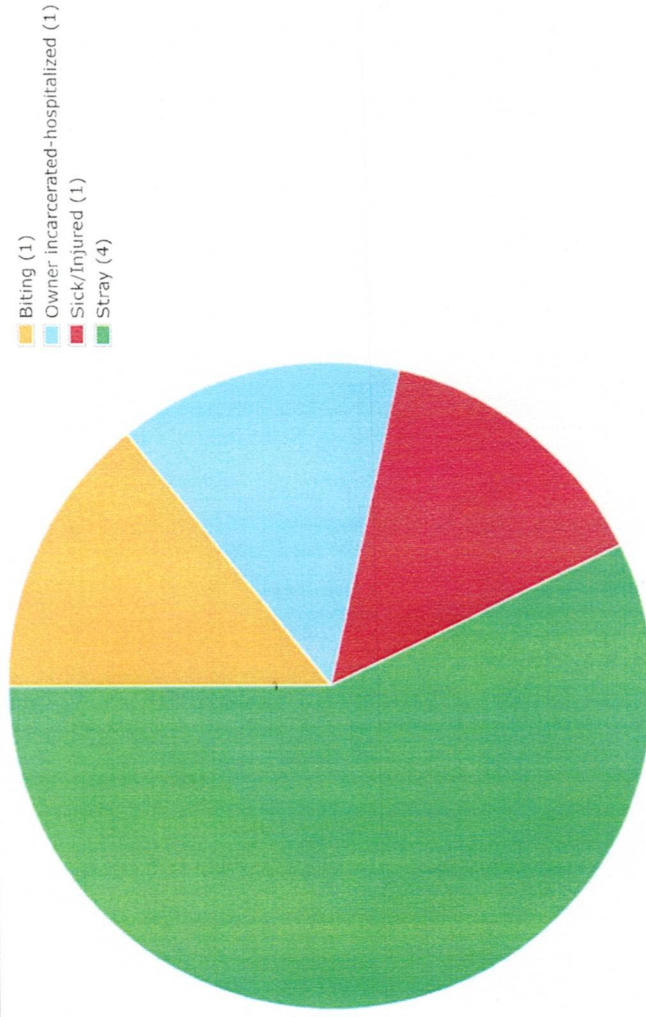
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Lee County Emergency Management Agency

EMA Office Activity for the Month of August 2024

Director Lalley presented ICS700 training at KSB Hospital for internal staff and has been asked to return and conduct an ICS100 level training.

The 8x8 video matrix switch in the command trailer failed. A new switch was ordered and arrived in time to be installed and was operational for the Depot Days event.

Lee County EMA participated in the National Night Out. The Command Trailer and drones were on display. Numerous visitors viewed the Command Trailer and asked questions on its use and origin. LCVC members were prepared to land a medical. Due to the overcast conditions the helicopter could not fly that evening.

The Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) applications were sent to local EMAs by IEMA. The Lee County application was completed and returned before the deadline. As discussed last month, the award amounts are in flex, and it is unknown what the award amounts will be this year.

Director delivered a check to Reid at the treasurer's office from NIPARC for \$1333.00

The EMA Offices was contacted twice in response to calls for assistance with two separate lost children. One the east side of Lee County in the early morning hours, where the child was located before arriving on scene. The second in the City of Dixon. This child was in a hasta bed by local law enforcement.

The communication vendor updated all the StarCom21 radios in the Command Trailer including the portable radios with the new State SWIT and two new Lee County EMA talk groups.

In preparation for Amboy Depot Days an Incident action Plan (IAP) and Emergency Response Plan were developed. Two meetings were held with all responsible parties so everyone would have the opportunity to have input. The plans were finalized and distributed for the Amboy event. AT&T FirstNet deployed a cell site on wheels to enhance communication for FirstNet first responder capable devices.

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On August 15 & 16 Lee County experienced severe weather causing 1271 ComEd customers to be without power for extended periods.

On Tuesday the EMA truck displayed many error codes on the dash. The vehicle was driven to Ken Nelson in Dixon. Technicians pulled the codes, and an appointment was scheduled for Wednesday.

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Lee County Sheriff's Office

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In the month of August, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 909 calls for service.

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

On August 3rd at approximately 4:30 a.m., Lee County Deputies were called to the American Auto Wash, located at 331 E. Wasson Road in Amboy, for a report of a suspicious person. Lee County Deputies made contact with a white male who was initially unable to be identified. Throughout the course of the investigation, Lee County Deputies learned that the door leading into the building was damaged. Ultimately, the male was identified as 23-year-old Jakob G. Dowling from Chicago, Illinois was charged with the following offenses:

- Burglary, a Class 2 Felony
- Possession of Burglary Tools, a Class 4 Felony
- Criminal Damage to Property, a Class 4 Felony
- Obstructing Justice, a Class 4 Felony

Dowling also had valid arrest warrants out of Cook County for Burglary, Lake County for Failure to Appear - Retail Theft, Kenosha County, Wisconsin for Felony Retail Theft, and Des Moines County, Iowa for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On August 8th, Dixon Police Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in which Jeremiah Heald was a passenger. Heald fled on foot from the scene of the traffic stop and was apprehended after a short chase. Heald was discovered to have a large amount of cocaine, psilocybin (mushrooms), cannabis, and oxycodone. Heald was charged with numerous charges pertaining to the possession of those drugs. In the weeks prior to his arrest, the Lee County Sheriff's Office had conducted two controlled buys of cocaine from Jeremiah Heald. The determination was made to charge Heald with the cocaine deliveries in an effort to have him detained. Heald was additionally charged with two counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance and two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was detained on the

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Dixon Police Department arrest in 24 CF 198 and the Lee County Sheriff's Office case in 24 CF 199. Heald also has other pending charges in Whiteside County Case Number 23 CF 88 for multiple drug charges and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm as well as a pending Aggravated Domestic Battery in 22 CF 115.

On August 11th at approximately 7:07 p.m., Lee County Deputies were dispatched to the area of Bloody Gulch Road near College Avenue for a "road rage" incident involving a firearm. Due to the nature of the call, officers from the Dixon Police Department also responded to the area. During the investigation, Deputies learned that a vehicle driven by 27-year-old Gary J. Patterson Jr. of Dixon had passed two vehicles on Pump Factory Road just north of Bloody Gulch Road. Patterson's vehicle was then observed pulling into a residence in the 700 block of Bloody Gulch Road. During a confrontation about Patterson's driving, it was alleged that Patterson pushed the victim and also brandished a firearm and pointed it at the victim. As a result, Gary Patterson Jr. was charged with Aggravated Assault and Battery. Both of the offenses are Class A Misdemeanors that have a potential sentence of incarceration up to one year.

On August 16th at approximately 6:21 p.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office received a call of two vehicles involved in a head-on collision in the area of Illinois Route 2 and Sink Hollow Road just outside of Dixon. Investigating deputies learned that a 2017 BMW driven by Nicole M. Hitchcock, age 53, of Winnebago, Illinois was traveling eastbound on Illinois Route 2 away from Dixon. Edith A. Canales-Kobbeman, age 48, of Rock Falls, Illinois was traveling westbound on Illinois Route 2 towards Dixon in her 2013 Ford Expedition when the two vehicles collided. Both drivers had to be extricated from their vehicles. Bystanders removed the driver of the Ford Expedition as it was on fire after the crash. Fire personnel extricated the driver of the BMW. Both individuals were subsequently transported to KSB Hospital for their injuries. The driver of the Ford was later airlifted to OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford for further treatment. The cause of the collision was determined to be speed and weather related. A severe thunderstorm was going through the area at the time of the accident. The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Dixon Police Department, the Dixon Rural Fire Department, the Dixon City Fire Department, and Advance EMS Ambulance Services.

The Sheriff's Office assisted the City of Amboy with their Depot Days celebration from August 22nd through August 24th. There were no major incidents during the festival.

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Staffing Update

From the Corrections Division, two correctional deputies graduated on August 9th from the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center in Decatur. They are currently going through the field training process.

From the Patrol Division, two other deputies graduated on August 22nd from the Basic Law Enforcement Officer Academy at the Sauk Valley Community College – Law Enforcement Academy. They are also in the process of working through the field training programs.

Sergeant Matt McGrail is still away from the Department and on active military orders until mid-October. Deputy Joe Presley is off on vacation time prior to his active-duty service beginning on September 19th. His deployment will likely be over one year.

Unfortunately, we have lost two deputies over the past month to other ventures. Patrol Deputy Kyle Ranken has resigned, and he is leaving the sheriff's office for work in the private sector. Correctional Deputy Zach Hagemann has also tendered his resignation, and he is leaving for an opportunity in the private sector as well. We will be looking to fill those two positions as soon as possible.

A correctional deputy has also been off on extended medical leave as his wife was involved in a very serious personal injury accident.

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