



Public Safety and Court Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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=9Db17tcvqs4>*

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, Michael Pearson

Mike Koppien, Keane Hudson, and Katie White attended in person. Mike Pearson attended via Zoom.

Also present: Dean Freil, Ali Huss, and Tom Kitson (Board Members), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), Teri Zinke (Animal Control Administrator), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

Discussion/Comments not on the agenda:

- Tom Kitson encouraged all the board members to review the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on YouTube from Thursday, February 6, 2025. There will be several petitions brought forward at the County Board Meeting in February, one of which will likely be controversial.

III. Public Attendees

Melanie Willstead (Village of Harmon Trustee) reported that the tornado siren in Harmon is currently being operated manually. The cost to automate the system or provide remote operations would be roughly \$1,000. She attended the meeting to see if assistance from the County was an option. No solution to the matter was identified and no action was taken.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (January 14, 2025)

Minutes from the January 14, 2025, Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.

V. Animal Control

Teri Zinke submitted graphs from Animal Control for the months of December and January. These reports will be attached to the minutes and included in the February County Board agenda packet. She reported that a van for Animal Control was purchased. The van has roughly 19,000 miles.

VI. Circuit Clerk

A. *Monthly Report*

Amy Johnson submitted a report for the February County Board agenda packet. and explained the Circuit Clerk's office signed the contract with Tyler Technologies for the new case management system for all departments in New Courts. The estimated project start date is April 1, 2025. The project time frame from start to completion is estimated to take approximately 14 to 18 months.

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

A. *Monthly Report*

Kevin Lalley was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report from the Emergency Management Agency. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the February County Board agenda packet.

IX. Health Department

There were no representatives from the Health Department in attendance.

X. Probation

Staci Stewart reported that the recent Veteran's Treatment Court Graduation went very well and encouraged Board Members to attend future graduations for Veterans Treatment and Drug Court Treatment. She emphasized the collaborative efforts involving the families and community and the positive impacts of the program.

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 February County Board agenda packet.

XII. State's Attorney

Charley Boonstra reported that Assistant State's Attorneys Will Fox and Stephanie Sasser successfully prosecuted the case of People of the State of Illinois v. Jason Johnson. This was a difficult case with multiple victims, and the prosecution secured a 67-year sentence for Johnson. Charley explained that this was a positive achievement for the office and a great source of closure for the victims. He also reported that they are still waiting to hear about the AIC Grant for technology upgrades and noted the office's continued work with trials and moving cases forward.

A. *Quarterly Update on the Collection of Unpaid Fines - State's Attorney*

No updates were given during the meeting.

XIII. Report of Abandoned/Nuisance Property Focus Group

Jeremy Englund reported that the County is collaborating with the cities of Dixon and Amboy to process several residential properties through the Strong Communities Grant. The goal is to demolish these properties, clean the sites, and repurpose them, but with less than a year left to use the grant funds, they are working quickly. Regarding the former Lee Center School, the County has assumed judicial deed and is working with a developer to create a multi-unit residential facility. The developer will present their plan to the County Board and committees in the near future. The County is also in contact with the owner of another large nuisance property on the outskirts of several communities and is attempting to gain their cooperation in cleaning it up before resorting to legal action.

XIV. Unfinished Business

There were no items on the agenda under Unfinished Business.

XV. New Business

A. *Resolution Regarding Opposition to Senate Bill 1192*

Board Member Ali Huss brought forth a resolution opposing Senate Bill 1192 and stated the following reasons:

- The bill would expand the current list of restricted and dangerous animals.
- The bill would burden the County Sheriff's Department and Animal Control by increasing the workload and responsibilities of these departments without providing additional resources.
- The bill potentially infringes on the County's authority and imposes laws directly upon the County.
- The bill's effects would have cascading impacts across different industries.

Motion to move the Resolution Regarding Opposition to Senate Bill 1192, to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the February County Board agenda, contingent upon approval by the State's Attorney. **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by Katie White. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

XVI. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

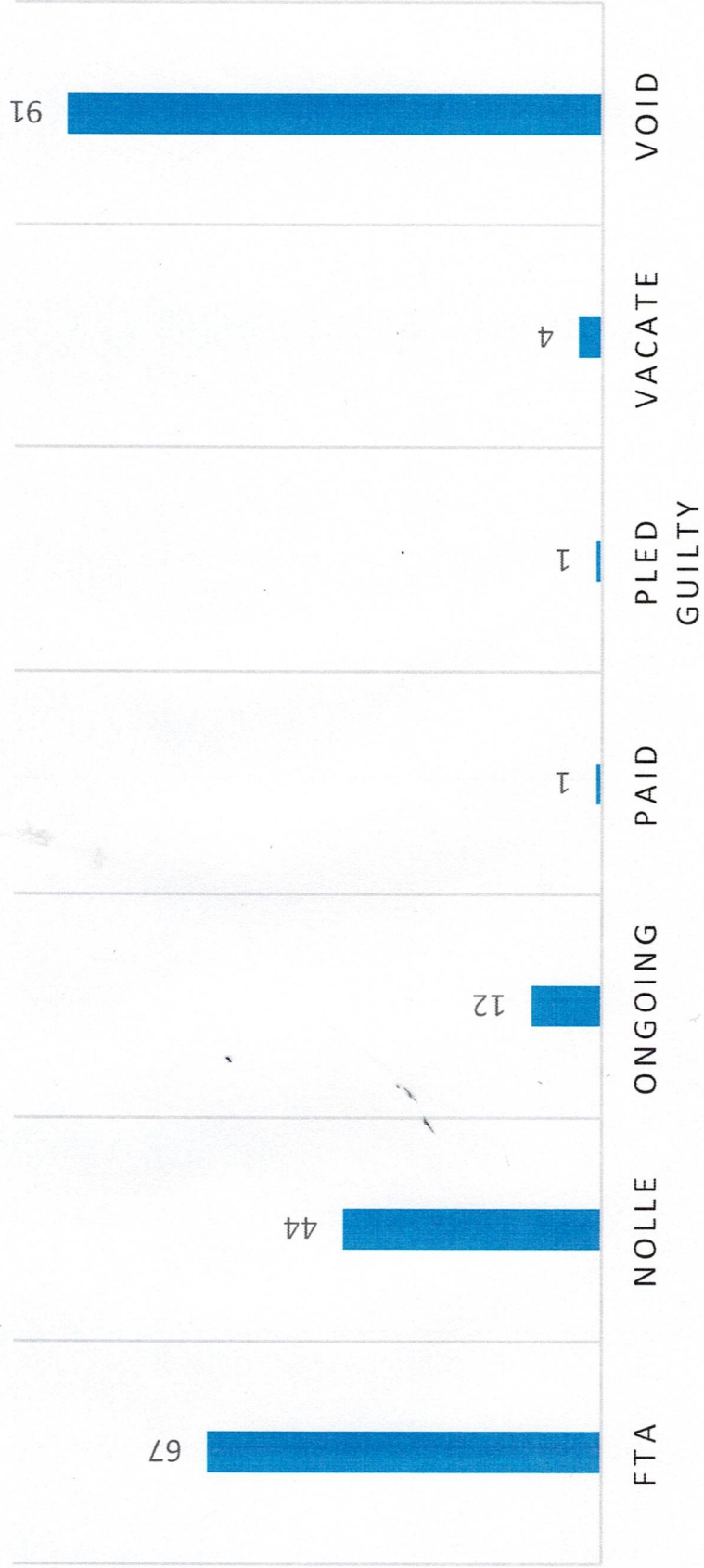
XVII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:57 a.m. **Moved** by Katie White. **Second** by Keane Hudson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

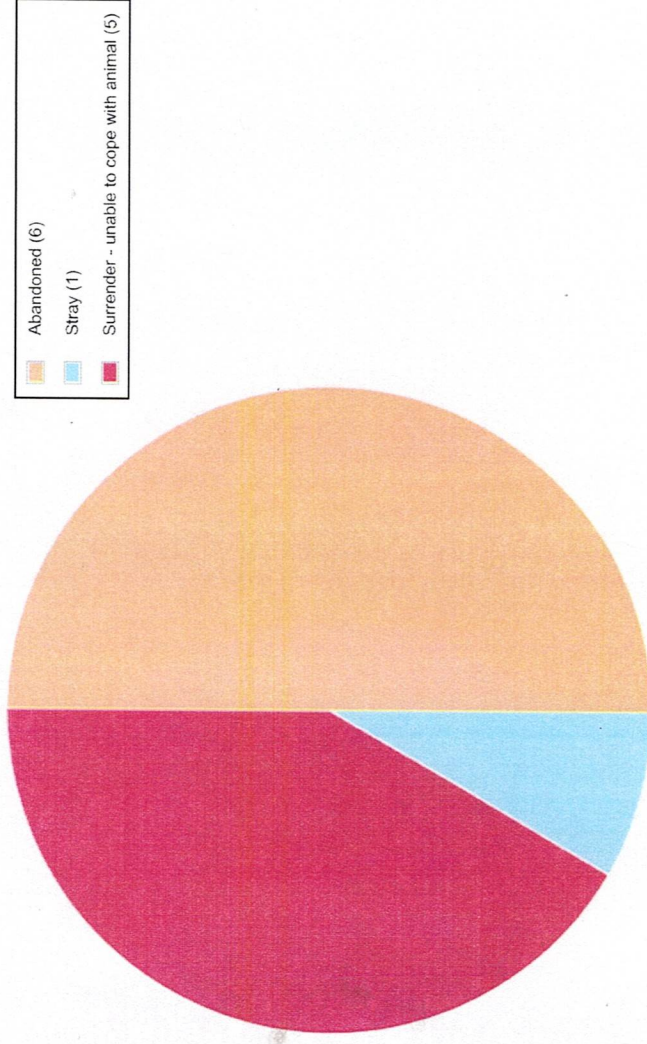
The next Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting is scheduled for
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

COUNT OF 2024 CITATION OUTCOME



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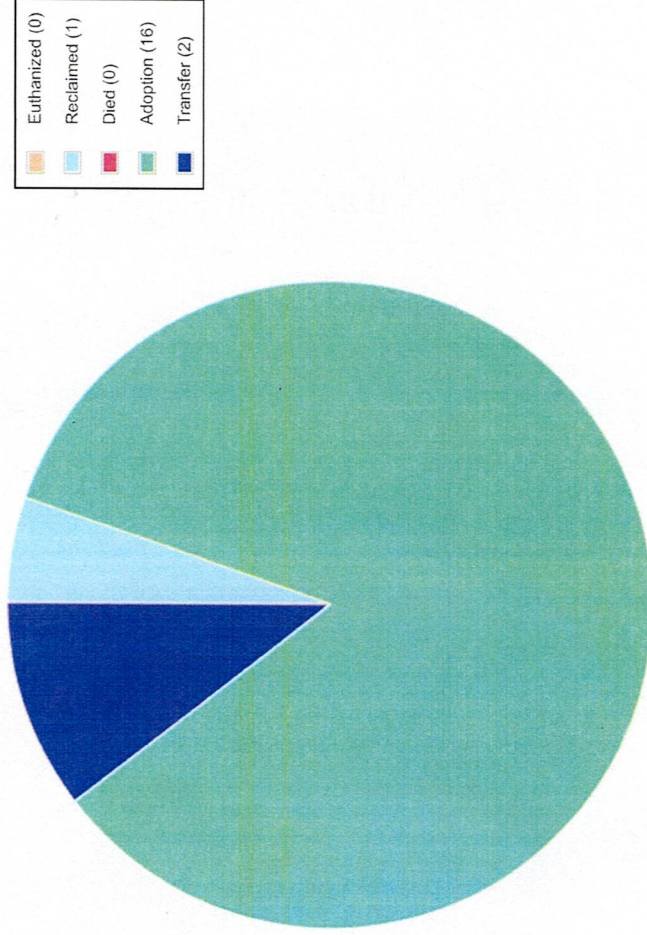


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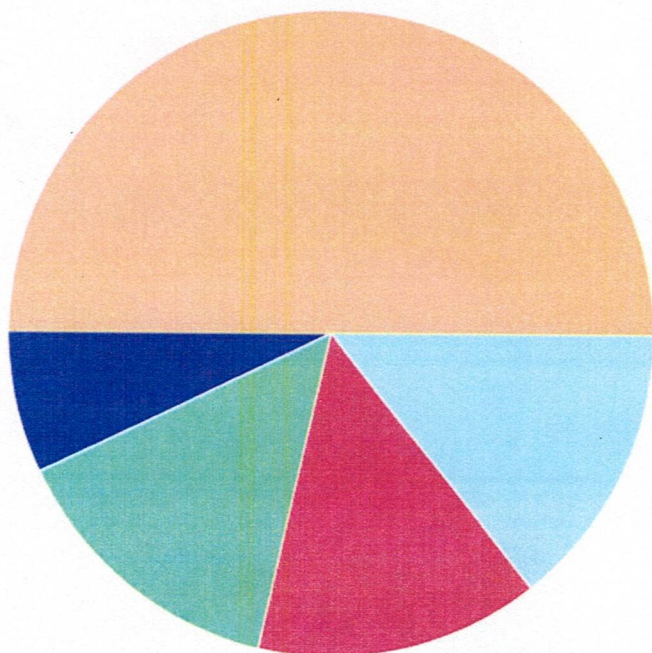


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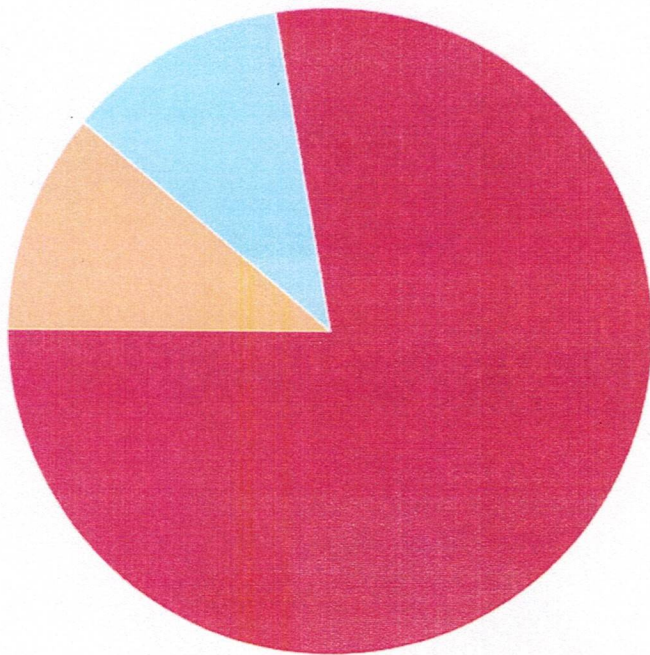
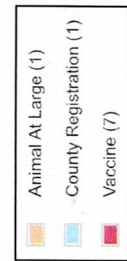
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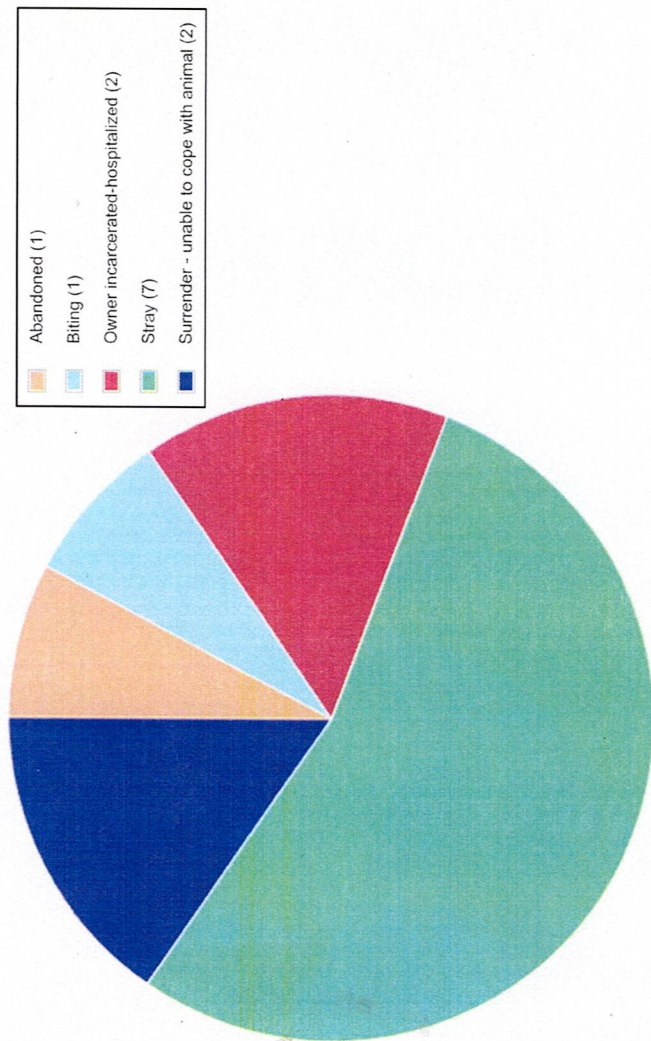


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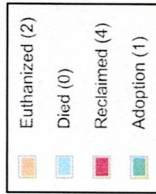
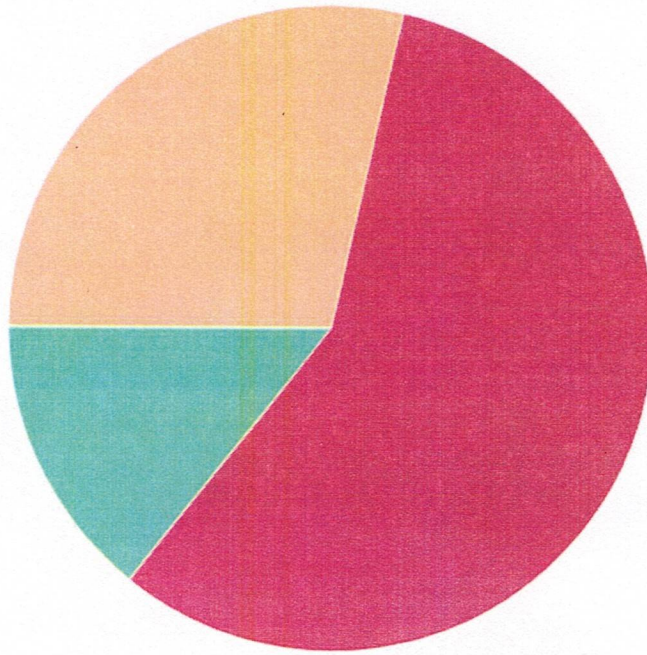


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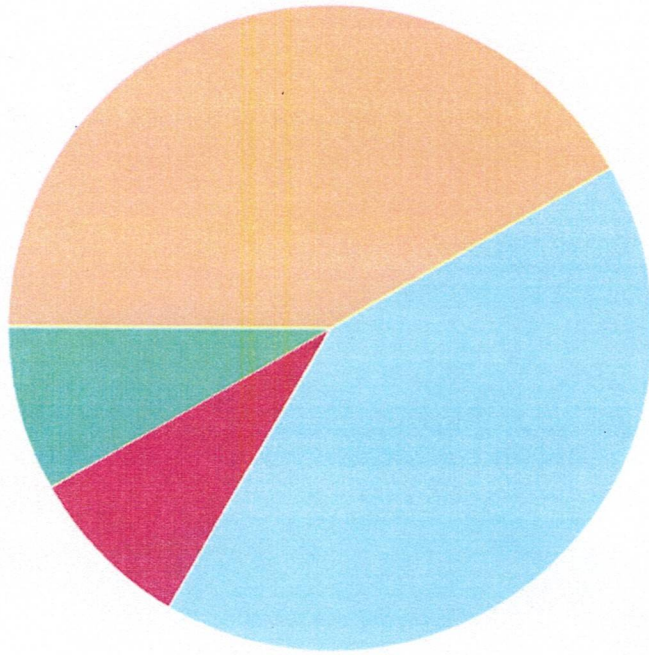
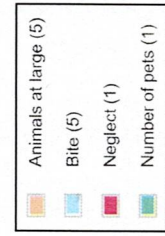


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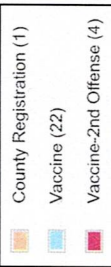
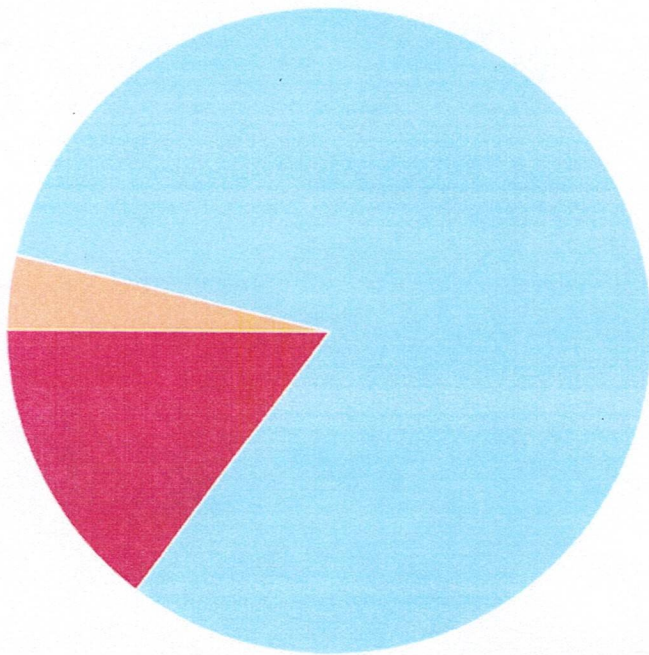
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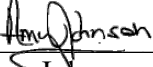
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CIRCUIT CLERK OFFICE REPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND COURT SERVICES COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The Circuit Clerk's office signed the contract with Tyler Technologies for the new case management system for all departments in New Courts. The estimated project start date is April 1st. The project time frame from start to completion is estimated to take approximately 14 to 18 months. We look forward to getting started on this project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Johnson
Lee County Circuit Clerk

Lee County Emergency Management Agency

Office of Emergency Management Activity for January 2025

The Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is considering a new rule to restrict or ban Chinese drones in the United States due to national security concerns. Chinese companies, and particularly the giant DJI, which dominates the industry, account for over 75% of the U.S drone market, including more than 90% of hobby drones. Banning them would upend the industry and create a huge vacuum. Specifically, Commerce is seeking to discover if using Chinese-made drones "poses an undue risk of sabotage to or subversion of the design, integrity, manufacturing, production, distribution, installation, operation, or maintenance of information and communications technology or services in the United States" or "poses an undue risk of catastrophic effects on the security or resiliency of United States critical infrastructure or the digital economy of the United States." Back in the early 2010s, there were several major U.S. companies competing in the domestic drone market, including 3D Robotics, Skydio and Teal. But Shenzhen-based Dai-Jing Innovations (DJI) was able to outcompete all of them. The company's Phantom drone, released in January 2013, was easy to fly out of the box and made aerial photography accessible to everyone. DJI succeeded in scaling up its operation, vertically integrating so that cameras and other electronics exactly fit its requirements, and the company did not need to engineer drones around existing components. The company plowed its profits back into R&D and employed a small army of developers to produce highly capable, user-friendly software.

Lee County Office of Emergency Management hosted a three-day ICS 300 training course for local first responders. This 3-day course is designed for those emergency response personnel who would function in a Command or General Staff position during a large, complex incident or event, or personnel who are or would likely be part of a local or regional Incident Management Team during a major incident, whether single agency, multiagency or Unified Command

The ribbon for the ID card printer was replenished at the cost of \$605.14 from the supplies line. ID cards are issued to vendors and contractors working on County property, Sheriff's Department staff, and to Lee County Volunteer Corps members.

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Lee County Emergency Management Agency

Lee County EMA is hosting a Community Weather Preparedness Praining on March 4th at Sauk Valley Community College beginning at 6 PM in room 1K04. The session will cover a wide array of topics relevant to the types of hazardous weather that occur during the spring and summer months. These include thunderstorms, heat waves, and beach safety. This training is designed for anyone and everyone interested in weather, how to stay safe and get forecast information, and how to contribute to your community. Content is suitable for anyone age 10 and older and will be taught in-person by an NWS Chicago meteorologist at several communities. The training will last approximately 2 hours and is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Seating is on a first come basis.

A deposit of \$4972.34 was made with the Lee County Treasurer on January 14th for FY 23 fourth quarter Emergency Management Performance Grant reimbursement. Funds are deposited in the General Fund.

Director Lalley attended an online web meeting on a discussion of the EMA Administration Rule changes. Locals and county EMA/ESDA discussed with the IEMA Deputy Director and IEMA staff chances they see that they may need to be made to the Administrative Rule.

The Office of Emergency Management is assisting the Lee County Highway Department in the renewal of their FCC LMR Radio license WQDN872.

Due to the extreme cold, the LP gas heater in the Critical Incident Response Unit (CIRU) is operating to prevent the vulnerable equipment from freezing. The heater will need to be monitored, and fuel replenished until the temperatures rise about a consistent 40 degrees Fahrenheit

Director Lalley attended the Northwest Illinois Incident Management Team (NWIL IMAT) bi-monthly Leadership meeting in Rochelle on Wednesday January 22 as the Vice President of the leadership team. The team training was held immediately after the leadership meeting. Twenty-two team members attended the meeting. Topics covered during the training; upcoming ICS position specific available training, Command Staff Deliverables, Incident Within incident (IWI) Planning and High Reliability Organization were topics. Future exercises were discussed including the capabilities of responding to local wildland fires at forested areas in Illinois and developing a plan and conducting training to coordinate an evacuation of a hospital. This is the team that assisted at many events including the Davenport partial building collapse, the Chem Tool Fire in Rockton and the LaSalle IL Carus Fire.

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Lee County Office of Emergency Management received notice from IEMA that the Lee County Building Codes Update has been awarded in the amount of \$396,690.00. The NOSA has been sent through the Governor's Office of Management and Budget's (GOMB) Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) portal.

Lee County EM hosted the third in a series of ASIM (active shooter) training in the EOC. Each session builds on the previous session. After each training session an AAR (after action review) is held to make changes and improvements to the next session.

The FY 2024 Illinois Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement was received and signed by the CEO and returned to Springfield. The EMP grant provides reimbursement for daily operations of the Office of Emergency Management. The total grant reimbursement is \$20,295.73 and is applied quarterly.

The Mac Mini's in the EOC would not display the dashboards on the monitors on Monday. A ticket was submitted to IT. It has determined the Netgear switch connecting the displays and the Mac Mini's has failed, broken, or is not connecting properly.

The Lee County GIS Office developed an in-house a damage assessment program to allow for a faster method to complete the primary damage assessment survey. The County has 36 hours to complete a primary damage assessment survey and to report damage to the State to be eligible for funding assistance for local citizens. The program will allow Lee County citizens and businesses to self-report damages. A second program for first responders will allow law enforcement and fire agencies to upload damage information, including photos, during or immediately after an incident. The collected information will allow for a faster, more accurate primary damage assessment versus driving road by road to locate damaged structures. Thanks to Sami for all the work and dedication to this project.

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Lee County Sheriff's Office

Public Safety and Court Services Committee

February 11, 2025

In the month of January, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 668 calls for service. As far as notable calls for the month, there really wasn't much of significance. We did have the following incident occur at the beginning of January.

On January 3rd, the Lee County Sheriff's Office alerted the public to an imposter scam that deputies were made aware of. Unknown individuals were contacting Lee County residents and using the names of actual deputies that were probably obtained from the webpage of the sheriff's office. The scammers would tell individuals that there is a civil warrant out for their apprehension and that money needs to be deposited in a local kiosk to prevent their arrest. The scammers went so far as to claim that the sheriff's office was pinging the cellular device of the victim so they could be taken into custody on the civil warrant. The victim was also told that "social services" had been contacted to take their children into custody once they have been arrested. After the press release was issued, the Sheriff's Office received several more reports that additional citizens had been contacted by this group in an effort to defraud them. To date, there are no known victims in which the scammers were successful in their scheme.

Staffing Update

From the Corrections Division, we are up to full staffing!

From the Patrol Division, we are at our authorized staffing level but are short two deputies on the schedule. One deputy is currently going through the Law Enforcement Academy at Sauk Valley Community College, and another deputy is still off for a few more months on active-duty service with the military.

From the Telecommunications Division, we are at our authorized staffing level but are short two telecommunicators on the schedule. The replacement telecommunicators have been hired, but they are going through training at this time before they can work on their own.

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