



Public Safety and Court Services Committee

Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Nov 13, 2023 at 10:30 AM CST

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

- I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 9:00 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, Katie White, and Angie Shippert all attended in person. Mike Pearson (10:37-10:50) attended via Zoom video conferencing.

Also present: Dean Freil and Tom Kitson (Board Members), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Wendy Ryerson (current Lee County Administrator), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), Clay Whelan (Sheriff), Jeremy Englund (incoming Administrator), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

During the meeting, Tom Kitson introduced Jeremy Englund as the incoming Lee County Administrator. Jeremy was hired on November 13, 2023. Wendy Ryerson, the current Administrator, will be retiring within the coming weeks.
- III. Public Attendees
No members of the public were in attendance.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (October 10, 2023)
Minutes from the October 10, 2023, Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented with modification.
- V. Animal Control
No one was in attendance from Animal Control.
- VI. Circuit Clerk
Amy Johnson was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.
- VII. Judges, Coroner, and Public Defender
No one was in attendance from the Judges, Coroner, or Public Defender's Offices.
- VIII. Emergency Management Agency
Kevin Lalley was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a detailed report. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet.

IX. Probation

Staci Stewart reported that her office had a signed union contract and continues to navigate through the changes associated with pretrial reform. Adjustments have been made within the office, but up until now, no weekend court has been required.

X. Sheriff

Clay Whelan submitted a detailed report to the committee. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the November County Board agenda packet. Clay took the time to recognize the lifesaving measurers and exemplary performance exhibited by Telecommunicator Dylan Ehlers and Deputy Alejandro Castro. Due to their coaching, instructions, and decisive actions, a 52 year was revived from an electrocution. Both will be presented with a Life Saving Award at the November County Board Meeting.

XI. State's Attorney

Charley Boonstra reported that the office continues to navigate through the impacts of the Safety Act. He also reported that the resolution for the annual Appellate Prosecutor would be working its way to the County Board meeting. The Appellate Prosecutor's Office is used in conflict cases and appeals. Charley explained that bond reform would most likely increase the need for assistance from the Appellate Prosecutor's Office due to an anticipated increase in appeals.

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

Charley gave the following updates on the collection of unpaid fines:

- In October of 2023 - \$3,321.39 had been collected
- Total collected so far in 2023 - \$56,016.68
- Total collections since 2019 - \$207, 540

XII. Report of Abandoned Property Focus Group

- The committee reviewed a list of properties identified within the County, in which active mitigation, in some fashion, is being pursued. The major focus is the property located at the intersection of Route 251 and 30.
- Also reviewed by the committee was a list of properties within the City of Dixon that were identified as part of the Abandoned Property Grant Application. The grant application, which would only apply to properties zoned residential, was submitted as a joint effort between Lee County, the City of Dixon, and the Village of Franklin Grove. The County had two (2) properties identified within the grant application. The two properties have already been cleaned up and mitigated. The hope is that the County will be reimbursed for these costs.
- The committee briefly discussed a property in Nelson with an open septic system. The Health Department is working to mitigate the danger. \$1,200 in ARPA funds have been invested to close/seal the septic system.

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.

Before the meeting adjourned, Keane Hudson announced that the annual Veteran's Tree Lighting Ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park would be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. He went on to explain that the different lights on the tree represented three different wars/conflicts and that every bulb represented a soldier that was Missing in Action. Keane was honored to inform the committee that this year there would be one less bulb on the tree. Earlier in the year the remains of U.S. Army Private Myron Elton Williams, soldier during World War II, had been accounted for and had brought home and laid to rest.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. **Moved** by Keane Hudson. **Second** by Angie Shippert. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

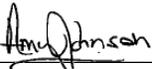
CIRCUIT CLERK OFFICE REPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND COURT SERVICES COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Last week, the Circuit Clerk's office had a demonstration done by Journal Technologies on their case management system. We will be getting a quote from them in the near future. We are also currently in the process of getting a quote from Goodins Associates.

The AOIC's office recently informed us the Supreme Court is continuing the Court Technology Modernization Grant for Fiscal Year 2024. Funding Requests are due by January 12, 2024. Department Heads in the New Courts Building are aware of this, and we will be working together on this project to continue to improve technology in the Courts.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Johnson
Lee County Circuit Clerk

Lee County Emergency Management Agency

Major Activities for the Month of October 2023

- Worked on Reception Center document for IEMA training in December.
- Attended IEMA online seminar.
- Provide information to Sheriff's personnel on how to access SaS's and other equipment at airport.
- Received test radios from Motorola for Court Security and Sheriff's Office.
- Installed weather resistant cameras on CIRU.
- Worked on Drone policy as required by the State of IL.
- Moderated LCVG GSAR meeting.
- Returned call to Shaw news.
- Worked on total inventory for EMA.
- Setup and configured room for upcoming Clerks training.
- Completed DCEO report - sent DCEO report to Becky for Chairmans signature - forwarded signed DCEO reports to Springfield.
- Corrected issue with Samsung TV changing inputs in EOC.
- State inspecting Generators and support equipment.
 - Block heater and battery maintainer malfunctioning on Genset at Highway Dept.
- Ordered APX 6000 programming cable for Sheriffs radios.
- Reviewed Federal/State policy on COVID items to be discarded.
- Attended Zoom Training Recovery and Resilience Children in Disaster.
- Updated drone software in aircraft, controller, and batteries.
- Attended STIC briefing on Middle East.
- Assisted with the modification for the ICS205 for Galena.
- Setup NWS SLACK on desktop.
- Attend IEMA quarterly meeting.
- Provided assistance for Galena Parade - setup and correct comms issues.
- Worked on PPP for IEMA Ops week on SVCC Reception center.
- Worked on agenda and PPP for LCVG Training in November

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Lee County Sheriff's Office

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During the County Board Meeting on November 21st, Telecommunicator Dylan Ehlers and Deputy Alejandro Castro will be awarded the Life Saving Award for their exemplary performance during a medical call from August 11th. At approximately 10:25 p.m. on that date, Lee County 911 received a call regarding the electrocution of an individual in the 1100 block of White Rock Drive. The individual was unresponsive, and the bystanders did not know how to perform CPR. Telecommunicator Ehlers provided step by step instructions to the bystanders on performing CPR to the 52-year-old victim. T/C Ehlers continued coaching and supporting the bystanders with CPR instruction until the arrival of Deputy Alejandro Castro. Deputy Castro provided further directions for CPR while affixing the paddles of his department issued AED to the victim. Deputy Castro subsequently took over CPR and the AED advised him to deliver a shock to the patient. A shock was delivered, and CPR was continued until medical personnel from the Dixon Rural Fire Department arrived. The individual was successfully revived and is alive today because of their performance.

In the month of October, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 835 calls for service. The Sheriff's Office is currently conducting sex offender registration verifications for the 43 registered sex offenders that fall under the registration jurisdiction of the Lee County Sheriff's Office. There are also 9 murder or violence against youth registrations that also fall under the registration jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office.

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

On October 21st at 10:27 a.m., Lee County Deputies were dispatched to the area of the 500 block of River Lane just west of Dixon. The caller and property owner found a black Kia parked behind one of his buildings. The vehicle was unoccupied and did not have any registration plates. A female, later identified as Abyana Parker, came running from the area of Credit Auto Sales and approached the property owner. The female stated she was having car problems and it had died behind the building while she was attempting to turn around. The property owner had blocked the vehicle in and told the responding deputy that "something just didn't seem right" so he told her to wait until the deputy arrived. While the deputy was investigating the situation, Abyana Parker was picked up by her husband, Ulysses

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Parker, as he had just purchased a vehicle from Credit Auto Sales with \$6,000 cash. Ulysses Parker left Credit Auto Sales in such a hurry that he did not complete all the required paperwork. Witnesses later described Abyana Parker as diving into the window of the vehicle as they fled the area.

The following day Lee County Deputies received a delayed hit that the black Kia was wanted in connection with a bank robbery out of Colorado Springs, Colorado on October 19th. The suspect was identified as Ulysses Parker, and he was out on bond for two other bank robberies that occurred in Colorado Springs on August 25th. Ulysses Parker had been apprehended on August 30th in San Bernardino County, California for the charges on the initial two bank robberies from August 25th. He was extradited back to Colorado Springs where he later posted and was released on \$100,000 bond. On October 23rd, Ulysses Parker and Abyana Parker were spotted in Kingman County, Kansas in a vehicle that had been taken in a previous carjacking. A vehicle pursuit ensued which escalated into an officer-involved shooting. Ulysses Parker was struck in the arm during the shooting, and both Ulysses and Abyana Parker were taken into custody in Pratt County, Kansas. It is currently unknown as to why the Parkers chose to abandon the vehicle used in the robbery in our jurisdiction.

On October 29th at approximately 1:16 a.m., the Lee County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) received a 911 call in Franklin Grove for a reported stolen vehicle that had just occurred. The caller informed Lee County Dispatch that his white Ford F250 had just been stolen from his driveway.

On October 29th at approximately 2:09 a.m., Lee County Dispatch received a heat and burglary alarm notification for Central Bank in Ashton. Ashton Fire was first on the scene and informed dispatch there was a white truck with chains connected to its rear with the other end of the chains connected to the ATM. The ATM was completely disconnected from the ground and was laying on the cement near the ATM drive through.

At approximately 5:00 a.m., Morrison Police were dispatched to a similar ATM burglary situation at Farmers National Bank in Morrison. It is believed that the ATM burglaries and theft of a motor vehicle were all related to a criminal group passing through the area.

On 10/29/23 at 5:36 a.m., Lee County Deputies and Dixon Rural Fire Paramedics responded to a 911 call for a six-week-old baby that was found not responsive or breathing. Deputies arrived and began administering CPR to the child. Dixon Rural Fire arrived on scene and subsequently transported the child to KSB Hospital where it was later pronounced deceased. An autopsy was conducted, and the cause of death is pending at this time. No foul play is suspected in this situation.

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Update: Colorado Springs Bank Robber Arrested in Kansas

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In late September 2023, Ulysses Parker was extradited back to Colorado and booked into the El Paso County Criminal Justice Center on an elevated \$100,000 bond. Parker was able to post bond and was released from jail within days of returning to Colorado.

On Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 8:37 AM, CSPD officers were dispatched to the Pikes Peak National Bank located at 4709 N. Academy Blvd to investigate a robbery. The suspect demanded money from the teller and left with an undisclosed amount of money.

The CSPD Robbery Unit responded and assumed the investigation. Detectives determined the suspect was Ulysses Parker and obtained a \$250,000 warrant for his arrest, charging him with one count of robbery.

CSPD Detectives learned on Monday, October 23, 2023, that Parker had been involved in a carjacking and police chase in Pratt County, Kansas. The incident escalated into an Officer Involved Shooting where Parker was injured. Parker survived the incident and was later booked into jail by the Pratt County Sheriff's Office. No deputies were injured during the incident.

Original Release: Colorado Springs Bank Robber Arrested in California

On Friday, August 25, 2023, at 9:50 AM, officers from the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) were dispatched to the US Bank located at 2308 E. Pikes Peak Avenue to investigate a robbery. The suspect demanded money from a teller and left with an undisclosed amount of money.

Later on, Friday, August 25, 2023, at 1:45 PM, CSPD officers were dispatched to the Key Bank located at 3605 Hartsel Drive to investigate a robbery. The suspect demanded money from the teller and fled with an undisclosed amount of money.

The CSPD Robbery Unit responded to both banks and took over the investigation. It was determined that the same suspect robbed both banks. There were no reported injuries during the robberies.

On Monday, August 28, 2023, the Robbery Unit identified the suspect as 29-year-old Colorado Springs resident Ulysses Parker II and obtained a warrant for his arrest, charging him with two counts of aggravated robbery.

On Wednesday, August 30, 2023, Parker was taken into custody in San Bernardino County California.



Pratt suspect had previous arrest for same-day bank robberies

Generic gun and money (MGN)

By [KWCH Staff](#)

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WICHITA, Kan. (KWCH) - The suspect in an incident that led to an officer-involved shooting on Monday in Pratt was taken into custody less than two months ago for two bank robberies on the same day in Colorado.

Ulysses Parker II led officers on a chase Monday after a car stolen from Saline County was spotted in Kingman County. After he fled police and stole another vehicle, Parker was eventually shot in the arm by police as the chase ended at a Pratt convenience store. The driver of the original stolen car, **Abyana Parker, was captured when Ulysses Parker fled.**

Ulysses Parker was arrested on Aug. 30 in California's San Bernardino County. He is a suspect in a pair of bank robberies that happened on Aug. 25 in Colorado Springs, according to a release from Colorado Springs issued on Aug. 31. Parker was identified as the suspect on Aug. 28 and arrested two days later on two counts of aggravated battery.

Because the release was issued soon after Ulysses Parker's arrest, it does not mention the status of his cases in Colorado, or why and when he got out of police custody.

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Colorado Springs man on bond for suspected bank robbery arrested in Kansas, police say

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Ulysses Parker

Colorado Springs Police Department

A bank robbery suspect who bonded out of jail days after being extradited to Colorado Springs from California was recently arrested in Kansas, officials said Tuesday in a news release.

Ulysses Parker, 29, was taken into custody after a carjacking and police chase in Pratt County, Kan. Parker was reportedly injured in an officer-involved shooting with a Kansas deputy. In Colorado, he faces several charges, including three counts of robbery.

Colorado Springs man suspected of 2 robberies found in California

In late August, Colorado Springs police identified Parker as a suspect in two bank robberies that occurred on the same day. In both incidents, a man demanded money from a teller and left with an undisclosed amount of cash. CSPD obtained a warrant for Parker's arrest on Aug. 28. He was arrested in San Bernardino County, Calif., two days later and sent back to Colorado in late September, according to the release.

Days after Parker was booked into the El Paso County jail on a \$100,000 bond, he was released on bail, police said.

About 8:30 a.m. Oct. 19, a man entered the Pikes Peak National Bank on Academy Boulevard, demanded money from a teller and left with cash. CSPD detectives named Parker a suspect and secured a warrant for his arrest.

On Monday, CSPD learned of the carjacking, police chase and the shooting. No deputies were harmed in the incident.

 **Man arrested following back-to-back robberies in northeast Colorado Springs**

 **1 arrested following armed robbery in Colorado Springs**

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