

# Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 10:30 A.M. 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=vgrg0kCyGG0

I. <u>Call to Order</u>

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

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

Mike Koppien, Keane Hudson, Katie White, and Angie Shippert all attended in person. Michael Pearson attended via Zoom.

Also present: Dean Freil and Tom Kitson (Board Members), Cathy-Ferguson Allen (Health Department Administrator), Samantha Bay (Environmental Health Specialist at the Lee County Health Department), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), Paul Rudolphi (Treasurer), Staci Stewart (Director of Probation and Court Services), Clay Whalen (Sheriff), Teri Zinke (Animal Control Administrator), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

III. <u>Public Attendees</u>

No members of the public were in attendance.

- IV. <u>Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting (September 10, 2024)</u> Minutes from the September 10, 2024, Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.
- V. Animal Control

Teri Zinke submitted graphs for the committee to review. These graphs will be attached to the minutes and included in the October County Board agenda packet. She also reported the following information:

- During the month of October, Animal Control will be offering \$10 adoptions.
- Appointments will be accepted October 21st October 25th for \$15 chips.
- They will be holding a vaccine clinic on November 7th, by appointment, from 2 6:00 p.m.
- New flooring in the offices and restroom will be replaced. Funds for this project are in her budget.

### VI. <u>Circuit Clerk</u>

Amy Johnson reported that she had received official notice that the AOIC will be offering the Court Technology Grant for FY2025. Requests are due by December 9th. She explained that they have one final case management system demonstration scheduled for October 17th. A decision regarding the purchase of new software will be made by the team following that demonstration.

## VII. <u>Judges, Coroner, and Public Defender</u> 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 October County Board agenda packet.

#### IX. <u>Health Department</u>

A. Food Ordinance

Cathy Ferguson-Allen introduced Samantha "Sam" Bay. Cathy explained that within the last year, the Health Department had assembled a newer environmental health team that took ownership of the food codes. This team, including Sam Bay, have requested that changes be made to the Lee County Food Code to reflect changes made in the state code. Sam walked the committee through the following requested changes:

- In addition to the multi-event temporary permits, the code would include temporary packs that businesses could purchase at a discount.
- Changes to match the wording and definitions of the 2022 FDA Food Code being adopted January 1, 2025.

<u>Motion</u> to move the proposed Food Code Ordinance changes to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the October County Board agenda. <u>Moved</u> by Katie White. <u>Second</u> by Mike Pearson. <u>Motion</u> passed four (4) in favor, one (1) opposed.

X. <u>Probation</u>

Staci Stewart reported she is working with IT to get new computers installed and that the office continues to see an uptick of pretrial cases and individuals required to wear GPS bracelets.

XI. <u>Sheriff</u>

Clay Whelan submitted a detailed report from the Sheriff's Office. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the October County Board agenda packet. During the meeting the committee discussed the uses and benefits of the FLOCK license plate readers.

#### XII. State's Attorney

Charley Boonstra reported the following information from the State's Attorney's Office:

- Roughly 240 new felony cases have been filed so far in 2024. Trials are scheduled through January 2025.
- Charley and First Assistant State's Attorney Brian Brim have been invited to Springfield to teach the IDOC new investors class at the end of October.
- A. Quarterly Update on the Collection of Unpaid Fines State's Attorney Charley Boonstra explained that the County transferred its collection accounts to a different agency, so there were no figures to report.

### XIII. <u>Report of Abandoned/Nuisance Property Focus Group</u> Jeremy Englund reported the following information regarding the Abandoned/Nuisance Property Focus Group:

October's meeting for the focus group was cancelled.

- An outside attorney was appointed to assist the County with taking ownership of the Lee Center School.
- The City of Dixon has identified several properties that would fit into the Strong Communities Grant Program. The City of Amboy is looking at two properties and is close to taking possession of one of them. Franklin Grove also has two properties that they have been working on.
- XIV. <u>Unfinished Business</u> There were no items under Unfinished Business.
- XV. <u>New Business</u> There were no items under New Business.

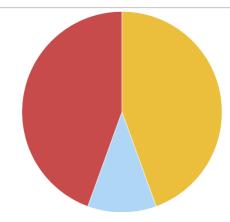
#### XVI. <u>Executive Session</u> There was no request for an Executive Session.

### XVII. Adjournment

<u>Motion</u> to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. <u>Moved</u> by Keane Hudson. <u>Second</u> by Katie White. <u>Motion</u> passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next Public Safety and Court Services Committee Meeting is scheduled for 10:55 a.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Respectfully submitted by: Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

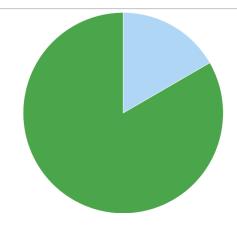


Abandoned (4) Biting (1) Stray (4)

Criteria: Enter from date: 09/01/2024 Enter to date: 09/30/2024

Report: **\*\*ANIMAL ENTRY REASONS-GRAPH\*\*** Generated by Animal Shelter Manager 49u [Wed 02 Oct 2024 08:14:43 AM UTC] at Lee County Animal Control on 10/04/2024 by tz2404

#### **\*\*ANIMAL EXIT REASONS-GRAPH\*\***

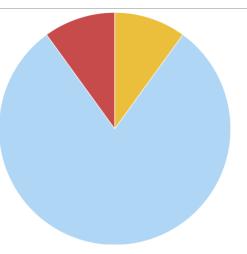


Euthanized (0) Reclaimed (1) Died (0) Adoption (5)

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#### **\*\*CITATIONS ISSUED BY TYPE-GRAPH\*\***



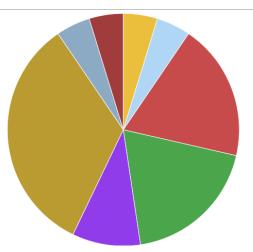
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#### **\*\*INCIDENTS BY TYPE-GRAPH\*\***



Aggression (1) Animal defecation (1) Animals at large (4) Bite (4) Dog on Dog (2) Neglect (7) Noise (1) Vaccine/Registration (1)

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# **Activity for September 2024**

On Labor Day the Lee County Emergency Management Office assisted with traffic control at the Labor Day parade in the Paw Paw. Water filled Jersey barriers were set in place at intersections throughout the parade route to protect the attendees and parade participants from vehicular traffic.

Director Lalley attended the annual IEMA Summit in Springfield. Each Emergency Management Director/Coordinator is required to have 24 hours of continuing education training each year to be eligible for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) award.

Ken Nelson Auto replaced a bad rear wheel sensor after many check engine codes appeared at the end of August.

The Northwest Illinois Incident Management Assistance team (NWIL IMAT) conducted a twoday mobilization exercise in Olge County to apply skills and work in conjunction with other agencies. As a member of the team the Director attended. Over sixty participants attended the exercise.

Lee County EMA participated in the After-Action meeting for the Amboy Depot Days Car Show event. An After-Action meeting reviews the event and discusses areas of improvement and success to enhance the next event.

The Office of Emergency Management is in the process of developing 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 Emergency Management Office is working with the Lee County GIS Office on this product. The program will allow Lee County citizens 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.

309 S Galena Avenue, Suite 325, Dixon, IL 61021-3090 Office: 815-284-3365, Fax: 815-284-3367, 24/7: 815-284-3361 Email – ema@countyoflee.org The IEMA Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) was updated. This plan is required to be updated every six months to be eligible for EMPG funds.

The two EMA drones were updated with a wireless transmitter/receiver kit between the controller and the Command Go Kit. The wireless kit allows the pilots to move away from the display allowing officials to have better access to view the display. The kit was provided by the original vendor of equipment at no cost to Lee County.

Every two years agencies who apply for federal grant funds are required to complete a NIMS Compliance Survey. The survey was completed for Lee County by the Office of Emergency Management making Lee County eligible for federal funding. The survey was shared with police, fire, EMS authorities within Lee County who apply for federal funds.

The 15th Judicial Circuit Court is required to have a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for the Court System. Chief Judge Ackert formed a team to update the current plan. The team members attended a training in Kane County on what should be included in a COOP and how to update the information. The team will be meeting to work on the plan.

The 8x8 video matrix switch Command Trailer failed due to a power surge. A new switch was purchased and installed. The new switch is not passing video signal to the monitors. After contacting the vendor, it was suggested to reconfigure the outputs on each port. EMA will be changing the port setting and reviewing the results.

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Lee County Sheriff's Office

# Public Safety and Court Services Committee

October 8, 2024

In the month of September, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 820 calls for service.

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

On August 29<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:34 a.m., we received a FLOCK license plate reader (LPR) notification of a stolen vehicle that was traveling southbound on Illinois Route 26 from Walton Drive in Dixon. The vehicle was white Lincoln Town Car with Iowa Registration. Lee County Squads along with Dixon Police and Amboy Police were advised of the alert. Deputies and officers began checking for the vehicle at the gas stations, hotels, and parking lots in the vicinity. Chief Paul Smith of the Amboy Police Department located the vehicle traveling south on Illinois Route 26 near Maytown Road. Lee County Deputies along with Dixon Police Officers responded to assist Chief Smith with a traffic stop. As additional personnel arrived in the area, Chief Smith conducted a traffic stop on Illinois Route 26 north of Baseline Road. The driver was taken into custody and was identified as 33-year-old Jack Cole from Dubuque, Iowa. The vehicle was verified as stolen from Dubuque, and Cole was placed under arrest for Unlawful Possession of Stolen Vehicle. The charge is a Class 2 Felony that has a possible sentence of incarceration ranging from 3 to 7 years in the Department of Corrections. Cole was released from custody on pretrial conditions, and he subsequently failed to appear on the charges. There is currently an active warrant for his arrest in Lee County Case Number 2024 CF 212.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 10:18 a.m., we received a FLOCK LPR notification of a vehicle with suspended registration that was traveling eastbound on Rock Island Road from the Whiteside County Line. A deputy located the vehicle traveling eastbound on Bloody Gulch Road near Pump Factory Road. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle and the driver was identified as Misty Clevenger, age 52, of Rock Falls. Clevenger was discovered to have an active arrest warrant out of Lee County for Criminal Damage to Property. A male passenger in the front seat of the vehicle was not coming back with any sort of verified identification. As deputies were attempting to establish his identity, the subject exited the vehicle and began running east into a tall cornfield where he disappeared. The subject was ultimately identified as Rory Fullmer. It was discovered that Fullmer was wanted on two outstanding

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warrants. One warrant was out of Lee County for FTA – Theft Over \$500, Criminal Damage to Property, and Criminal Trespass to Land in Lee County Case 24 CF 119. The second warrant was out of Whiteside County for FTA - Possession of Methamphetamine in Whiteside County Case Number 21 CF 320. Misty Clevenger was taken into custody on her arrest warrant, and she was processed and released on pretrial conditions. An additional arrest warrant was issued for Rory Fullmer on charges of Obstructing Justice and Resisting / Obstructing a Peace Officer for furnishing false identification information and fleeing the scene of the traffic stop.

On September 14<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1:15 a.m., we received a FLOCK license plate reader (LPR) notification of a stolen registration on a vehicle out of Colorado. The vehicle was traveling northbound on Illinois Route 26 from I-88. The vehicle was identified as a maroon Chevy Camaro. Dixon Police and Lee County Squads began checking for the vehicle at the gas stations, hotels, and parking lots in the vicinity. The vehicle was observed in the parking lot of Road Ranger. As additional personnel were responding to the area, the vehicle left heading southbound on Route 26. A Dixon Police Officer attempted to stop the vehicle; however, it fled south and then turned east into the Industrial Park on Corporate Drive. The area where the vehicle fled has only two entrances / exits for that locale at Corporate Drive and Progress Drive with Illinois Route 26. Officers established a perimeter at those locations while other personnel began searching the area.

After checking all of parking lots, officers located evidence of a vehicle accident at the eastern end of Corporate Drive. After further investigation, Lee County Deputies and Dixon Police Officers located the Chevy Camaro approximately 7 rows into a fully developed corn field at the end of East Corporate Drive. The Camaro was observed to have traveled eastbound at a high rate of speed, and it launched off a hill at the end of the roadway Corporate Drive. It was found to be unoccupied. Lee County Emergency Management Director Kevin Lally was contacted to assist law enforcement personnel by deploying a drone. The drone conducted a grid search of the area while utilizing a thermal imager. The search was to no avail as the corn leaves and other vegetation contained the heat from earlier in the day. The Chevy Camaro was discovered to be stolen out of Denver, Colorado on September 7<sup>th</sup> and the registration affixed to it had been taken from another vehicle. The Camaro was processed for evidence and lab results are pending.

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On September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 a.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a male trespassing on the railroad tracks. The subject was walking along the tracks about a mile west of Wadsworth Way and Railway Road near Nelson. Deputies responded to the area and located the body of the male along the railroad tracks. It was determined that he had been struck by a passing train and was pronounced deceased at the scene. An autopsy was conducted the following day and fingerprint records identified the victim as being 31-year-old Omar Arroyo of Chicago. Investigators were able to locate family members in Chicago and notify them of his passing. The investigation into the incident revealed that Mr. Arroyo jumped in front of the train as it approached. The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Illinois State Police – Crime Scene Services, the Dixon Rural Fire Department, the Dixon City Fire Department, the Lee County Coroner's Office, and Union Pacific Railroad.

#### **Staffing Update**

Chief Deputy

Lieutenant

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 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. One deputy is returning to the department this month after active military service for the summer months. Another deputy is off for the next year on active-duty service with the military.

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