



**Public Safety, Health and Judicial Committee Meeting – Wednesday, September 8, 2021**

Third Floor Boardroom, Old Lee County Courthouse – 9:00 a.m.  
112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Mike Koppien

**Member Roll Call:** Chair Mike Koppien, Vice Chair Marilyn Shippert, Keane Hudson, Mike Zeman, and Jack Skrogstad were all present in person.

**Members Absent:** Katie White

**Board Members, Department Heads, or County Employees Present:** John Nicholson (County Board Vice Chair)(9:00-9:05, 9:25-10:15), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Staci Stewart (Probation), Amy Johnson (Circuit Clerk), John Simonton (Sheriff), Shelley Dallas (ETSB-911)(9:00-9:08,9:23-10:15), Jonathan Henrikson (IT), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were present in person.

Minutes of the August 2021 Public Safety, Health, and Judicial Committee meeting were approved without modification.

**Review of Claims & Reports**

**Motion from Jack Skrogstad:** To accept and approve all claims from the Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner, State's Attorney, Probation, EMA, Public Defender, Judge Ackert, Judge Friel-Draper, Judge Klahn, and Judge Lee.

**Second by Marilyn Shippert:** Jack Skrogstad abstained from the vote. All other members voted in favor.

**Collection of Unpaid Fines – States Attorney:** No new update

**Update on Dangerous and Abandoned Properties – No new update**

**Department Head Reports:**

Shelley Dallas reported that the County is in its second year of the Motorola Flex Project with the Dixon Police Department, Lee County Sheriff's Office, 911, ETSB, and the Dixon Fire Department all heavily involved getting public safety all on the same platform. This has required extensive training but is running smoothly. The project go live date is November 30, 2021.

John Simonton reported that the hailstorm that went through the area earlier in the week caused severe damage to every car in the LEC parking lot. At first inspection there were no damages to the building.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

John Simonton reported that he is seeking a replacement hire for a correctional deputy that recently resigned and he is anticipating the retirement of Shane Miller in June of 2022. John explained that he does have a candidate that is interested in the position that is currently a police officer but lives out of state. They are working through the process of a lateral transfer and reciprocal agreement through ILETSB that would allow the candidate to meet certain criteria without having to attend the academy. The replacement hire could start as early as the end of October.

John Simonton reported that he would be meeting with the Finance Committee at 8:00 a.m., prior to the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, for the Sheriff's Office third budget discussion. He is modifying his request for FY2022 to the following: one (1) additional telecommunicator, two (2)

additional corrections officers, and one (1) law enforcement officer. He explained that he would be requesting two (2) additional law enforcement officers during the FY2023 budget hearings.

**Motion from Mike Zeman:** To recommend hiring an additional telecommunicator/dispatcher for 911 to the Finance Committee.

**Second by Jack Skrogstad:** Roll call vote: Mike Koppie – Yes, Marilyn Shippert – Yes, Keane Hudson – Yes, Mike Zeman – Yes, Jack Skrogstad. Motion passes 6-0.

The committee discussed in length some of the processes that need to be put in place in order to implement the UTV Ordinance that is being held over from August's County Board meeting. Some of the items included purchasing the permits to be sold to the UTV owners, setting up a system and location/locations sites for UTV inspections, and fee structure. If the ordinance passes in September, it will take several months to get the necessary processes implemented.

**Motion from Marilyn Shippert:** To recommend to the Executive Committee that the UTV Ordinance be tabled until more details, including an effective date, can be worked out.

**Second by Jack Skrogstad:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion to adjourn by Keane Hudson:**

**Second by Marilyn Shippert:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Becky Brenner – Lee County Board Secretary

*The next scheduled meeting for the Public Safety Committee will be 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 13, 2021*