

**Approved 10/27/20**  
**MINUTES**  
**Public Safety and Justice Committee**  
**September 22, 2020**  
**@ 2:00 p.m.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> <b>Paul Rosenbohm</b> – Chairman; <b>Rob Reneau</b> – Vice-Chairman; <b>Eden Blair</b> ; <b>Brandy Bryant</b> ; <b>Linda Daley</b> ; <b>Brian Elsasser</b> ; <b>Kate Pastucha</b> , <b>Steven Rieker</b> ; <b>Phillip Salzer</b> , <b>Sharon Williams</b>
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b> <b>Scott Sorrel</b> – County Administrator; <b>Shauna Musselman</b> – Assistant County Administrator; <b>Jennie Cordis Boswell</b> - State's Attorney's Office; <b>Andrew Rand</b> – County Board Chairman; <b>Angela Loftus</b> – Asst. Director of Human Resources; <b>Jason Marks</b> – EMA; <b>Rebecca Spencer</b> – PCAPS; <b>Nathan Bach</b> – Public Defender; <b>Jodi Noe</b> – ETSB; <b>Rena' Parker</b> – Courts Administration; <b>Brian Asbell</b> – Sheriff's Office; <b>Mark Bronke</b> – Probation & Court Services; <b>Monica Hendrickson</b> – Health Department

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rosenbohm called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2020, after corrections, was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried unanimously (10-0).

**Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates**

- PCAPS Monthly Department Report

Ms. Spencer reported that animal intakes and field calls have decreased and noted that shelters across the country are experiencing decreases in these areas as well.

- ETSB

Ms. Noe advised that construction on the new facilities is ongoing and experiencing no delays.

- Emergency Management Agency

Mr. Marks summarized the monthly activities of the EMA:

- EOC (Emergency Operations Center) briefings are held bi-weekly, with a Peoria County Healthcare Preparedness Coalition meeting held on the alternating week. Call are received daily from state agencies on situational updates. He commented that the largest role the EMA is that of situational awareness and dissemination of information.
- Initiated monthly Outdoor Warning Sire Test on September 1, 2020
- Participated in training on incident command
- Repaired a tower guidewire damaged by mowing operations. It was noted during the repairs that the vendor believed the tower had too many antennas and a solution is being sought; additionally, one tower is in need of paint
- Although September is designated National Preparedness Month fewer outreach efforts are being made due to COVID-19 restrictions

- **Public Defender Report**

Ms. Pastucha requested that the report include additional datapoints on the monthly disposition of pending cases, including age of cases, new cases and completed cases. Dr. Blair requested that the report include year-to-year case data in addition to the already included month-to-month data.

Mr. Rosenbohm asked if the caseload backlog is recovering from the delays and postponements related to COVID-19, and he advised that although the backlog differs dependent on the type of case, the increase in cases is being adequately managed by staff.

## **Resolutions**

- **Appropriation of Donation and Grant Funds for PCAPS**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Mr. Reneau. Ms. Spencer advised that PCAPS is the recipient of a \$15,000.00 donation in memory of a long-time volunteer, as well as a \$1,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation. She stated that both the donation and grant are dedicated funds to be used for the welfare and health of the feline population at the shelter. She advised that PCAPS recommends the funds be appropriated for use toward feline housing improvements, which will include new kennel portals and necessary equipment and shelter remodeling to accommodate the new kennels.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (10-0).

- **SFY21 Adult Redeploy Grant**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Blair. Mr. Bronke advised that Peoria County has been the recipient of the continuation grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Adult Redeploy Program since 2013. He stated the \$252,000.00 grant will fund two redeploy officers and 50% of the supervisor position over the program. He remarked that the design of the program is to reduce the incarceration rate of non-violent offenders. He stated that 51 felony offenders are currently in the program which is a slight decrease in the average due to COVID-19. He advised that the program consistently surpasses the 75% standard of offenders successfully leaving the program and incurring no further incarceration.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (10-0).

- **FFY21 IDOT DUI Court Grant**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Elsasser and seconded by Mr. Salzer. Mr. Bronke advised that Peoria County has been the recipient of the continuation grant from the Illinois Department of Education for the past eleven years. He stated that the grant services the DUI Court and offenders on DUI probation. He advised that the \$307,000 grant will fund two Probation Officer positions, a portion of the State's Attorney and Public Defender services, and monitoring services. He stated that the DUI Court services a high-volume number of cases, with 250-300 new DUI offenders per year and approximately 800 enter the DUI program throughout a given year.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (10-0).

- **Appropriation of 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Mr. Elsasser. Sheriff Asbell advised that this partnership grant with the City of Peoria is in its fifteenth year. He stated that the percentage of the grant awarded to Peoria County will be utilized to offset training costs for interactive use-of-force training and a new walk-through metal detector for the jail.

Sheriff Asbell advised that Peoria County's portion of the grant totals just over \$26,000.00. He stated that the Sheriff's Office also requests an appropriation in the amount of \$2,274.00 from the C.O.P.S. Fund.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (10-0).

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rosenbohm at 3:11 p.m.

*Recorded and Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman*