

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday, April 6, 2020

The meeting was held via conference call; members of the public who utilized the public call-in line will not be listed in attendance.

PRESENT: G. Glasper, R. Wesley, J. Kuhn, M. Parkinson, E. Foster

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: R. Henke, MK. Brown, R. Smith, K. Conder, T. Falconio, Sheriff Lakin, Major Connor, Captain Decker, S. Nonn, B. Malone

The minutes from the regular and special meetings held in March were approved by all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

PURCHASE REQUESTS:

The following purchase requests were presented:

1. **Coroner:** Two (2) APX 4000 7/800 MHZ Portable Radios and Accessories. The cost is \$5,912.70.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Ms. Kuhn to approve the purchase request as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: R. Wesley, J. Kuhn, M. Parkinson, E. Foster NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **EMA:** Equipment for 2020 Ford F-150 Pick-Up Truck. The cost is \$7,042.00.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the purchase request as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: R. Wesley, J. Kuhn, M. Parkinson, E. Foster NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Wesley moved, seconded by Mr. Foster to approve the bills for the month. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: R. Wesley, J. Kuhn, M. Parkinson, E. Foster NAYS: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORONER:

S. Nonn reported they have been in contact with the Health Department, EMA and fellow Coroners Offices and said they are prepared for the worst and hoping for the best regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

SHERIFF – PATROL OPERATIONS:

Captain Decker reported the patrol operations are in a reactive rather than proactive stance due to the Coronavirus crisis. He said there has been a decrease in jail population that has resulted from a sharp reduction in intakes. Captain Decker also said that everything is going well with public compliance with directives and executive orders from the state; they have had 0 arrests due to compliance issues.

Sheriff Lakin reported the Sheriff's Office continues their phone calls and updates with the Illinois Sheriff Association, Illinois State Police, Police Chief's and other law enforcement people in Madison County. He also said they continue to work closely with EMA and the Health Department.

M. Parkinson inquired if the jail numbers will rise again once the restrictions are lifted and if higher numbers than normal are anticipated. Major Connor said there may be an increase beyond normalcy; he said local departments are releasing individuals and issuing a warrant for their arrest for a future date so they can defer the inmate population.

R. Wesley inquired about the tool/cart the Facilities Department constructed for the Jail. Major Connor explained they have isolated an entire cell block in preparation of a COVID-19 case and said the cart will be utilized if that happens; there are currently no cases in the Jail.

LICENSE INVESTIGATOR:

None.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES:

None.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

J. Kuhn inquired if the state's Emergency Management building is being put to use during this pandemic. T. Falconio said the building was utilized for meeting purposes during the flooding disaster but is not ideal for the COVID-19 disaster due to the social distancing requirement. Mr. Falconio said they have been using mobile command posts for each section of the EMA at the state level. Ms. Kuhn asked if the building can be used as a hospital if needed and Mr. Falconio said it would not due to there not being much space for hospital beds.

T. Falconio reported they are the resource hub for first responders, long term care and hospital agencies. Mr. Falconio said EMA receives their resource requests and places orders through the state, along with the Health Department, and receives shipments on a regular basis. Once shipments are received, the resources (personal protective equipment) are divided up and distributed.

T. Falconio reported Matt Bogard was hired as their new Logistics Coordinator and praised him for stepping in and stepping up to the plate in his first federally declared disaster.

Discussion was held regarding the recent Code Red call that was sent out on the Administration's behalf along with the systems intended purposes, past use practice and how to sign up. Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Foster plan to meet with EMA to look at guidelines and to establish a resolution for the use of the Code Red system. It was noted there is no cost to sending out a Code Red message and that the County has an unlimited package. Please refer to the audio for details on the discussion.

911:

None.

ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL:

E. Foster asked if there has been an increase in people dumping their animals in fear of contracting COVID-19 from them. K. Conder said you cannot contract the virus from animals and they have posted several articles on social media regarding that issue. She also said they have no record of people dumping animals for that reason and they are very limited to the number of animals they can take in since the rescues are closed right now.

J. Kuhn inquired if Ms. Conder had any information about 2 tigers, recently in the media, that contracted the virus.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Ms. Kuhn moved, seconded by Mr. Parkinson to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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