

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2017

Committee Chair Ron Kestner called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Committee Room within the Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Kestner, Mays, Ritter, Weller

Absent: Ingles, Heath, Yoder

Also Present: Chairman Bob Young, Alina Hartley (Executive Director), John Clemmer (Finance Director), Chief Dutko, Capt. Glowacki, Sgt. Hamilton, Deputy Hardyman, Superintendent Cox, County Board Members Marty Fannin and John Slagel

Kestner called for any additions or changes to the agenda with none being requested. *Motion by Ritter, second by Weller to approve the agenda.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

The Committee reviewed minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting. *Motion by Mays, second by Ritter to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Monthly Department Report –

Cook County / Federal Report – Superintendent Cox reported that the monthly housing income for Cook County was \$54,410, \$11,605 for the Federal Central district (\$2,626.42 for transports) and \$63,085 for the Federal Northern district (\$7,321 for transports). Cox reported that they are currently housing 80 out of county detainees.

Pro-Active Report – Sgt. Hamilton reviewed the monthly Pro-Active Report with the Committee.

Animal Control – The animal control report was distributed for the Committee's review. Hardyman reported that there are some changes coming at the state level in regards to rabies testing.

Town Contracts – Hartley reported that as of December 1st, there are no towns that have entered into contract with the County for dedicated patrol service, due to the increase in cost. Hartley stated that some of those towns have expressed concern regarding the change. Hartley stated that the elimination in the town contracts, results in a reduction of three officers, however, the Finance Committee has indicated that they prefer to make these reductions through attrition and not by layoffs. Hartley stated that there has not been a great deal of turnover within the department so it was reasonable to think that we could continue to have those officers on staff for a significant amount of time. Hartley questioned the Committees interest in offering temporary part time contracts to the towns in order to allow them additional time to research more permanent solutions. Hartley stated that to gauge interest she reached out to some board

members and the Sheriff, and the response was favorable. Hartley reported that she and Sheriff Childress attended the Odell Village Board meeting to answer any questions that the village board had and to discuss the possibility of a temporary contract. Hartley stated that the response was favorable with Odell as well, although they did provide a counter offer. Hartley reviewed the terms of Odell's counter offer for a 20 hour per week contract on a month to month basis, for an annual amount of \$25,000. Hartley stated that while Odell's offer generated more income for the County, the County did not have the ability to offer the same contract to the other towns at the current staffing levels. Hartley stated that the contract that was initially discussed was a 10 hour per week contract, for an annual amount of \$20,000. Hartley stated that the thought is to split one officer with two towns, generating \$40,000 of revenue towards the cost of the officer's salary. Hartley stated that it is likely that the towns will see a coverage range from 10-20 hours per week, the County will only guarantee the 10 and will not replace the officer during any holidays, vacation or sick time. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the use of the officers to complete the transports and scheduling issues. It was noted that there is a benefit to the department of having the extra officers on patrol within the towns as they can assist with backups. *Motion by Weller, second by Ritter to recommend approval offering contracts with the towns at the rate of \$20,000 per year for 10 hours of coverage, or a proration thereof.*

MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. All voted Aye; none Nay.

Operation Safe – Fannin stated that Operation Safe had reached out while he was still Chairman, looking to enter into an agreement with the County for the low cost spay and neuter program. Hardyman stated that the Sheriff's Department has been in contact with Operation Safe and they are open to Operation Safe joining the program. Hardyman noted that in Woodford County, the Operation Safe runs the low cost spay and neuter program in its entirety on behalf of the County. Livingston County currently has contracts with a number of vets within the area (noting only one vet within the County does not currently participate) to provide the service.

Hardyman indicated that he would like to see some changes to the program, which would open up the eligibility so more individuals could apply and participate in the program. Hardyman also stated that he would like to also provide for any additional medications or vaccinations that occur in conjunction with the procedure, which currently the County does not offer. Hardyman stated that some internal review by the States Attorney's office will need to be done prior to proceeding. *Motion by Ritter, second by Mays to table the issue until the Sheriff's Department has had an opportunity to work with the States Attorney.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Handicap Transport Vehicle – Cox stated that the department would like to purchase a handicap vehicle. Cox stated that they are currently leasing a vehicle at a cost of \$2,400 per month. Cox stated that the thought is the vehicle could almost pay for itself. Cox estimated the cost at \$19,000 for the vehicle and \$2,125 for a portable lift. Consensus of the Committee was to table the issue until more firm numbers could be provided.

**Raffle License Applications –
Pontiac Elks Lodge / Dwight Country Club**

The Committee reviewed a Class B raffle license application submitted by the Pontiac Elks Lodge and a Class C raffle license application submitted by the Dwight Country Club. *Motion by Ritter, second by Mays to approve raffle licenses for the Pontiac Elks Lodge and the Dwight Country Club.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

The Committee reviewed the bills presented. *Motion by Ritter, second by Mays to approve the bills.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Motion by Mays, second by Ritter to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m..

Alina Hartley
Executive Director