

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2019

Committee Chair Kathy Arbogast called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Committee Room within the Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Arbogast, Weller, Ambrose, Kestner, Mays, Runyon, Ritter

Absent:

Also Present: Chairman Young, County Board Members John Slagel and Gerald Earing, Alina Hartley (Executive Director), Diane Schwahn (Finance Director), Ginger Harris (Human Resources Director), Sheriff Childress, Chief Dutko, Superintendent Inman, Network & Computer Administrator Jon Sear, Probation Director Ron Baker, States Attorney Randy Yedinak, Coroner Danny Watson, Woodland School Superintendent Ryan McGuckin.

Arbogast noted that there was an additional raffle license application received for Pontiac Elks Lodge under raffle licenses. Arbogast then called for any additional changes or corrections to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Ritter, second by Mays to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 2, 2019 and April 11, 2019 meetings. *Motion by Runyon, second by Ritter to approve the minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Establishment of Base Staffing Levels – Hartley provided a summary of the recommendation being submitted by the ad-hoc committee in regards to staffing levels. Hartley stated that the group is recommending that the base staffing levels be set at 66.5 total for both the sheriff's department and the jail. Hartley noted that this was an increase in what was approved in 2016, specifically in regards to the town contracts. Hartley stated that the county currently has three part time contracts contributing \$20,000 each. Hartley stated that the group felt that for the amount that the county is contributing towards the officer, it was beneficial for the extra coverage. Hartley stated that based on the recommendation there would still be one officer on attrition. Discussion took place. *Motion by Ritter, second by Ambrose to approve the base staffing levels for the sheriff and jail at 66.5 total.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Woodland School – School Resource Officer – Sheriff Childress stated that Woodland is requesting a school resource officer for the upcoming year. Woodland previously contracted with the City of Streator to provide an officer, however, they were notified that the City of Streator will now longer be providing that officer. Sheriff Childress stated that with the addition of Woodland, he will have a school resource officer in each of the high schools that the county is responsible for. Discussion took place regarding the importance of have the school resource officers. Ambrose stated that while she wasn't challenging the need for the program, she felt the full cost should be the responsibility of the school district. *Motion by Kestner, second by Ritter*

to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement to provide a school resource officer for Woodland School District. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE. Ayes: Arbogast, Weller, Kestner, Mays, Runyon, Ritter. Nays: Ambrose.

Probation Quarterly Report – Ron Baker reported that the probation budget is right on target. Baker noted that one probation officer salary is being paid from the probation fees. Baker reported that they are on their second round of interviews for their probation officer vacancy. Baker reported on some of the pending legislative changes that could affect the department.

Public Complaint on Gun Usage – N/A

Monthly Department Report – A copy of the monthly department report was distributed.

Pro-Active Report – Lt. Hamilton was present to review the recent activity of the pro-active unit with the Committee.

Cook County / Federal Report – Inman reported that there were currently 51 Northern, 43 Central and 5 Cook County, for a total of 99 out of county inmates and 40 Livingston County detainees. Inman reviewed the monthly billing with the Committee resulting in a total of approximately \$257,000.

Housing Program Expansion – Inman stated that he has been in discussions with the Marshalls on the possible expansion of the jail for a medical unit. Inman stated that the Marshalls would cover the full cost of building the unit that would house 40 medical units and 10 mental health units. Inman stated that the beds would all be guaranteed and paid by the Marshalls whether someone was in them or not. Inman projected revenues of \$8 million to \$12 million per year, less expenses. Inman stated that the Marshalls are at a point where they are prepared to right a grant for the project, but didn't want to proceed unless there was clear interest on behalf of the board in entering into this type of arrangement. Inman reported that this will not affect the program currently in place. Discussion took place. *Motion by Ritter, second by Mays to approve expanding the relationship with the Marshalls to explore the expansion of the jail for the purpose of building a medical unit. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Animal Control Report – A copy of the monthly animal control report was distributed for the Committees review.

Review & Approval of Bills – The Committee reviewed the bills submitted. *Motion by Mays, second by Ritter to approve the bills as submitted. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Motion by Mays, second by Ritter to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m..

Alina Hartley
Executive Director