

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD  
SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Committee Chair Jim Carley called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.. Pursuant to Public Act 101-0640 and the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation related to COVID 19, participation in this meeting was offered in person, through Zoom and by teleconference.

Present: Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Runyon

Present via Zoom: Kestner (left at 5:40 p.m.), Mays (arrived at 5:19 p.m.) and Ritter

Absent: N/A

Also Present: County Board Chair Kathy Arbogast, County Board Members Seth Welch, John Slagel, Jim Blackard. Executive Director Alina Hartley, Sheriff Childress, Chief. Hamilton, Supt. Inman, Capt. Gragert, Deputy Meinert, Coroner Danny Watson, Probation Director Ron Baker.

Carley called for any additions or corrections to the revised agenda with none requested. *Motion by Runyon, second by Ritter to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.* Ayes: Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Kestner, Runyon, Weller. Nays: None. Absent: Mays.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting. *Motion by Ambrose, second by Ritter to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.* Ayes: Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Kestner, Runyon, Weller. Nays: None. Absent: Mays.

**Probation Quarterly Report** – Baker reported that expenses are on track with the department spending approximately 21% of the allocation two months into the year. Baker stated that there were some additional expenses related to the contract settlement that will even out over the year. Baker reported that this year’s reimbursement from the state provides almost full funding. Baker stated that the State’s funding is slow coming, but they do expect to receive the full amount. Baker reported that the department is back to full staff, and programs such as drug court and veterans court are running well.

**Sheriff’s Semi-Annual Report –**

**Sheriff’s Annual Report** – Sheriff Childress was present to review his Semi-Annual and Annual Reports with the Committee. *Motion by Ritter, second by Weller to recommend approval of both the semi-annual and annual report as presented. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.* Ayes: Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Runyon, Weller. Nays: None. Absent: Kestner.

**Monthly Department Report** – A copy of the monthly department report was distributed for the Committee’s review.

**Pro-Active Report** – A copy of the annual Pro-Active report was distributed for the Committee’s review.

**Animal Control Report** – A copy of the animal control report was distributed for the Committee’s review. Deputy Meinert who has recently taken over the animal control program attended the meeting via zoom. Meinert reported that things are progressing well.

**Housing Report** – Superintendent Inman reported that there are currently 64 local and 76 feds. Inman noted that 8 inmates were transferred to DOC, while 8 remain awaiting transfer. Inman noted that the department is currently at full staff and have officers scheduled for the next academy to be held in October.

**Other Business** – Coroner Danny Watson was present to provide the Committee with an annual update. Ambrose questioned the increase in autopsy expenses and whether the increase was attributable to COVID. Watson responded that he is only required to do the autopsies on prisoners who pass due to COVID. Watson reviewed the causes of death that require autopsies be completed.

**Review & Approval of Bills** – The Committee reviewed the bills submitted. *Motion by Ambrose, second by Mays to approve the bills as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** Ayes: Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Runyon, Weller. Nays: None. Absent: Kestner.

The floor was opened for public comment.

*Motion by Runyon, second by Ritter to adjourn.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** Ayes: Carley, Weller, Ambrose, Mays, Runyon, Weller. Nays: None. Absent: Kestner.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m..

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Alina Hartley  
Executive Director