

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2024

Committee Chair Bob Weller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Historic Courthouse.

Present: Bob Weller, Jim Blackard, Joel Barickman, and Bill Mays

Absent: Gina Manker and Paul Ritter

Also Present: Executive Director Alina Hartley, Executive Assistant Jordan Uselding, Finance Director Diane Schwahn, Human Resource Director Ginger Harris, Sheriff Ryan Bohm, Jail Superintendent Lisa Draper, County Clerk Kristy Masching, VAC Superintendent Mike Haerr, Probation Director Ron Baker, and County Board Members James Carley, Steven Lovell, Seth Welch, Rebekah Fehr, Marty Fannin, and Linda Ambrose

Weller called for any additions or changes to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Blackard, second by Mays to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 4, 2024 meeting, requesting to amend the minutes to add the moment of silence taken for the passing of Committee Vice-Chair Mark Runyon. *Motion by Blackard, second by Mays to approve the minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Approval of Annual Liquor License/Mobile Home Renewals – The Committee reviewed a summary of the annual liquor license and mobile home renewals submitted by County Clerk Kristy Masching. Masching reported that Emancipation Brewery needs to send their liquor license insurance, as they sent the commercial insurance by mistake. Masching reported that two mobile homes still have items pending. *Motion by Mays, second by Barickman to approve the Annual Liquor License and Mobile Home Renewals pending final attorney review and approval. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Masching reported that South Post Guns in South Streator has mentioned that they would like to add liquor and gambling services to their business, indicating there is a possibility they will apply for a liquor license in the future.

Probation Quarterly Report – Baker reported that 30% of the departments yearly budget has been used. Baker noted that the department has been reimbursed by the State of Illinois through January. Baker stated that he anticipated the state reimbursement will increase by approximately 3% in the next year.

Veterans Court Funding – Baker reported that this is a 5-year Federal Grant to help fund the Veterans Treatment Court that is housed in Mclean County. Baker stated there are currently 8 veterans in the program, all of which have been convicted of non-violent offenses and diagnosed with serious mental illness or substance abuse issues and are seeking treatment rather than serving time in Jail. Baker reported that the grant will likely run out of funding around September. Baker reported that they plan to consolidate to one staff member instead of three, noting that AOIC will fund the position, not including benefits. Baker indicated that he is working with the neighboring 5 counties involved in this program to request an Intergovernmental Agreement by October. Baker noted that he will be able to fund the program from the probation department, but likely need additional funding for future years.

Federal Class-Action Lawsuit Regarding Sex Offenders – Baker reported that the County is not the defendant, but all probation officers within the state of Illinois are facing a lawsuit. Baker stated that based on the courts previous ruling, the plaintiff is declaring the statute unconstitutional by limiting where sex offenders can live and how many can live in one apartment/housing complex.

Monthly Department Report – Sheriff Bohm reviewed the monthly department report with the Committee.

Housing Report – Superintendent Draper reviewed the Jails monthly housing report with the Committee. Draper reported that staffing levels are up since she has hired 3, has had 2 graduates from the academy, 1 is transferring from Washington State with 10 years' experience, and 1 correctional officer will be coming from Will County only needing fire arms training. Draper reported she will be hiring an extradition team for approximately \$4,000 to transport an individual by ground from New Mexico to Livingston County.

Animal Control Report – A copy of the monthly animal control report was distributed. Weller questioned why there has been a significant decrease in the low cost spay/neuters. Hartley reported that the conditions to qualify for low cost spay/neuter were changed a couple years ago due to the funds depleting at a rapid rate.

Pro-Active Report – Sheriff Bohm reviewed the monthly pro-active report with the Committee.

Bohm reported that on March 27, 2024, the Pro-Active Unit conducted a narcotic search warrant in Flanagan and seized 23g of psilocybin mushrooms, 18.2g of methamphetamine, 4.2g of heroin/fentanyl, 1 short barrel AR-15 with (4) 40-round magazines and (2) 30-round magazines, 1 10-gauge shotgun, 1 .45 caliber handgun, 1 9mm handgun and multiple round of ammunition. Bohm reported that 4 arrests were made without incident, noting that all 4 individuals are felons.

Raffle Licenses- The Committee reviewed two Class B Raffle License applications submitted by John Joda Post #54 – American Legion & Fairbury Fair and one Class B Raffle License application submitted by Pontiac Sportsman's Club. *Motion by Blackard, second by Barickman to approve the raffle licenses as submitted.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

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

The floor was opened for public comment.

Motion by Mays, second by Blackard to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Jordan E. Uselding
Executive Assistant