

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: May 11, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. County Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cris Rogers – Chair, Christy Pruser, Sue Whitted, David Newberg and Lance Reece. Also present Dee Rentmeister, County Administrator. Pruser left 7:35 a.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

- Sheriff Shofner and Operations Officer Bill Giese, were present to give the committee an update on the jail operations since contracting with Piatt County to house prisoners. Estimated savings of \$250,000 to \$350,000 per year. Sheriff Shofner did indicate that he currently has only 5 correctional officers and is in the process of trying to hire another officer. He stated that by spending less on incarceration it allows him to keep more deputies on the road.
- Motion by Rogers, 2nd by Whitted to approve last months' minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Motion by Reece, 2nd by Pruser to approve the claims. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Review of a resolution to amend chapter 90.035 of the county code. This would add the definition of domestic animals to the animal control code. Motion by Newberg, 2nd by Reece to recommend to the full board to adopt the resolution amending chapter 90.035 of the county code. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Motion by Rogers, 2nd by Whitted to approve and release the executive session minutes dated 1-14-10, 2-4-10, 2-10-11, 8-9-12 and 6-9-16. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Rogers informed committee that he has received the topographic survey of the annex property.
- General discussion on the animal shelter operations; privacy fencing around the seized vehicles; jail operations and Second Chance.
- Motion by Whitted, 2nd by Newberg to adjourn at 8:00 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approve last months' minutes.

Approve all claims.

Recommend to the full board to adopt the resolution amending chapter 90.035 of the county code.

Approve and release the executive session minutes dated 1-14-10, 2-4-10, 2-10-11, 8-9-12 and 6-9-16.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD:

Recommend to the full board to adopt the resolution amending chapter 90.035 of the county code.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: June 14, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

**AGENDA FOR THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Date and Time of Meeting: May 11, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. County Board Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Persons Wishing to Address the Committee (If requesting action, also list below in section three)
 - a. Jered Shofner, Sheriff – update on jail operations
3. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
 - a. Approve last month's minutes
 - b. Approve claims
 - c. ~~Create operations officer position within the sheriff's department~~
 - d. Resolution amending chapter 90.035
 - e. Release executive sessions minutes – 1/14/10, 2/4/10, 2/10/11, 8/9/12, 6/9/16
 - f.
 - g.
 - h.
 - i.
4. Items for Discussion Only (No Action Requested)
 - a.
 - b.
5. Closed Session
 - a.
6. Motion to adjourn

Posted: May 8, 2017 at 12:55 p.m.

By: Dee Rentmeister

Mission First, People Always

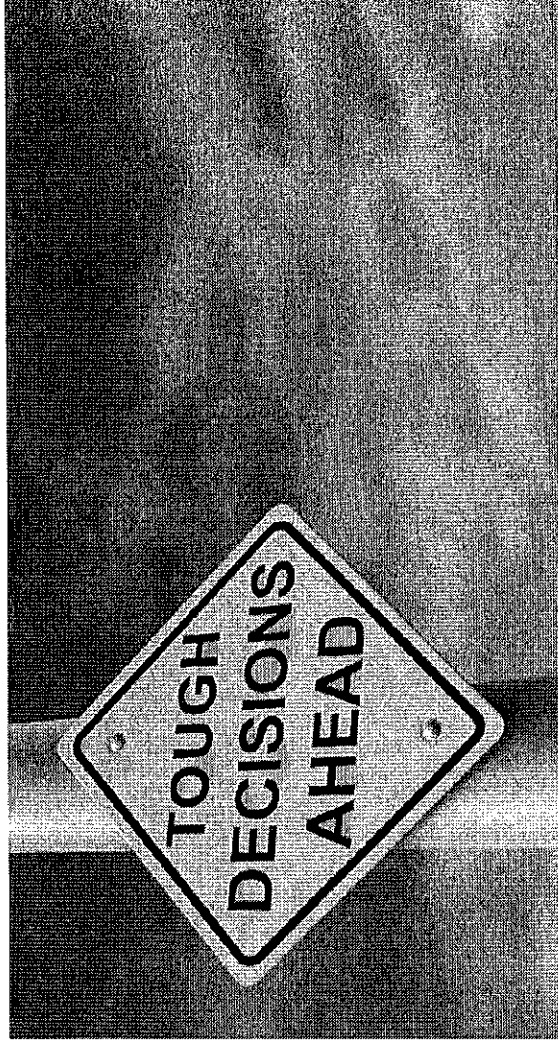


Assessment of 10/25/16 Realignment of Jail Services

1 - Why and How

2 - Results

3 - Future





Why did we change?

- Three forces are changing our operating environment;
- Lower incarceration rates in state and federal courts
- Potential loss of tax revenue from CPS
- Striking point in October, 2016 for major reforms without layoffs.
- Responsible use of taxpayer dollars



Effect on county budget.

- Lowered DCSO FY2017 budget request by \$663,000.
- Transformed jail into a regional processing center.
- Partnered with Piatt Co. to house inmates, provide on-site medical care and provide access to mental health treatment.
- Major reductions were personnel costs (\$474,000), inmate meals (\$110,000), and on-site medical care (\$50,000)
- Cost comparison is what we would have needed to continue full operations in 2017 versus what DCSO budget was after services were realigned.
- Actual taxpayer savings estimated at \$250,000 to \$350,000 per year




Staffing Adjustments 2013- 2017

- 2011 “The jail for hire business is going to end.” - Sheriff
- DCSO Staffing adjustments
 - Total full time Jail Staff
 - 15 - 2013
 - 14 - 2014
 - 13 - 2015
 - 12 - 2016
 - 6 - 2017

How has this effected the criminal justice system?

- Almost no effect on the criminal justice system
- New business model of doing business has repeatedly been described as “better than expected”.
- Good communication, and cooperation among stakeholders cited as important to success of new operating model.



How is our mission affected?

- Public safety remains top priority.
- Spending less on incarceration allows us to keep deputies on patrol 24/7.
- Partnership benefits both Piatt County and DeWitt County taxpayers.



Bottom Line

Our original goals have been met

1 – Reducing taxpayer costs of incarceration.

2- Keeping first responders on the road 24/7/365



Future

- The jail IS NOT CLOSING.
- Continue current model through FY2017.
- Medical services and mental health service will continue to be provided in Piatt County.
- Staffing goal is 6 full time Correctional Officers overseen by 1 Operations Manager.
- Use part-time staff as necessary.
- FY2018 – Reevaluate during FY2018 budget work sessions. Full operations would require 12 full time staff members and 6-8 months to implement.

Resolution No. _____

**RESOLUTION FOR THE
AMENDMENT OF DEWITT COUNTY
ORDINANCE § 90.035**

(County of DeWitt
(STATE OF ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, a county may declare by ordinance the extent of the Animal Control Administrator’s police powers pursuant to 510 ILCS 5/5; and

WHEREAS, the County of DeWitt has defined certain terms pertaining to animals in the DeWitt County Code of Ordinances § 90.035; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of DeWitt County desires to clearly define what constitutes a domestic animal for animal control purposes;

WHEREAS, the County Board of DeWitt County has determined that all other definitions within § 90.035 shall remain the same.

NOW BE IT DECLARED that the County Board of DeWitt County Illinois passes the following amendment to be codified in the DeWitt County Code of Ordinances § 90.035:

DOMESTIC ANIMALS. Domestic animals include dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, rodents and any other animal commonly sold for companionship at retail pet store establishments. If an animal not clearly being a domestic animal as defined in this section is encountered in the duties of the Animal Control Administrator, the Public Safety Committee Chairman’s determination as to whether an animal is domestic or not shall control.

NOW BE IT ALSO DECLARED that the publishing company contracted by the County of DeWitt shall number the above ordinance or ordinances as appropriate during the annual publication of the DeWitt County Code of Ordinances. Until such time this ordinance shall be maintained by the County Clerk and be available for inspection or copying with the current publication of the DeWitt County Code of Ordinances, and shall be referred to as the “Amended DeWitt County Ordinance § 90.035” until the republication of the DeWitt County Code has been completed. This change to the current ordinance/ordinances shall take effect immediately.

Pursuant to a roll-call vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays, such vote being a majority of the members of the DeWitt County Board in attendance and such vote having the required majority of members in attendance voting in favor, this resolution is hereby passed on this _____ day of _____, 2017.

_____ Ritter	_____ Wickenhauser	_____ Ferguson	_____ Reece
_____ Newberg	_____ Perring	_____ Pruser	_____ Redman
_____ Rogers	_____ Nimmo	_____ Tilley	_____ Whitted

County Board Chairman _____
David Newberg

Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____, 2017

County Clerk: _____

Public Safety Meeting

Executive Session

Date of Meeting: January 14, 2010 at 5:39 p.m. County Building

Members Present: Tilley, Sturgeon, Lobb and Chair Taylor

Members Absent: Enger

Committee discussed the employment of an ESDA Director.

Taylor stated that Wapella had an ESDA liaison and in the past the Village has been reimbursed for ESDA. The liaison is Terry Shull. The Village has asked Terry to attend meetings and he hasn't attended. The Village is wondering how to get reimbursed for ESDA expenses and no one will answer. Debbie Shull says that she has to get with her husband. It appears that Debbie and her husband don't want to work with the Village.

Tilley indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to interview Debbie Shull tonight and if the committee feels comfortable they can offer job to her tonight or hold off until next month if they are not prepared to make a job offer at this time.

Debbie Shull was interviewed at 5:55 p.m. Shull gave committee copies of her resume with certificates. She stated that she was interested in the Director job. Explained that she has been the assistant for 13 years and would like to bring back volunteers to the department. She is a Disaster Captain with Red Cross and has a disaster team that she is in charge of. Shull stated that she would like to have an assistant to train to be able to fill in and assist. Shull asked the committee what the county expects of the coordinator. Committee felt that the image of the department needs to change; to improve and outside agencies need to have trust in the department.

Shull left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Brief committee discussion. Motion by Taylor, 2nd by Sturgeon to return to regular session at 6:36 p.m.

(note: after returning to regular session it was found that the recorder was not working)

**Public Safety Committee
Executive Session**

Date of Meeting: February 4, 2010 at 7:16 a.m.

Members Present: Taylor, Sturgeon, Lobb, Enger and Chair Tilley

Summary of Discussion:

Purpose of executive session was to discuss the filling of the ESDA Director position. The current assistant would like to be promoted to the Director position.

Committee members brought Enger up to date since she was absent at last month's meeting when the interview with Debbie Shull occurred.

Each member voiced their feelings/concerns/opinions on whether or not to promote Ms. Shull to the Director's position. Committee reviewed her strengths and weaknesses.

Committee felt they would offer Debbie Shull the position, contingent on full board approval, with a starting salary of \$25,000 and a six month probation period. During the probationary period Ms. Shull and the office will be monitored.

Also discussed what the assistant position would be. Committee felt that the current assistant position would be a secretarial position.

Ms. Shull was brought into session at 7:56 a.m. and was offered ESDA Director position with a salary of \$25,000 with a six month probationary period. Committee reviewed the following with Ms. Shull:

- If for some reason during the six month probationary period it didn't work out she would not be able to return to her prior position in the ESDA department.
- Committee highlighted her strengths
- Committee asked her to work on the following areas:
 - Communication skills – both written and verbal
 - Professionalism in the office and the look of a professional office
 - Communication skills with other departments and with the committee
 - Committee will be scrutinizing her leadership skills
 - She would be responsible for hiring her support staff which would be a secretarial position not an assistant director.
 - Job offer is contingent upon full board approval.

Ms. Shull indicated that she understood and would accept the job offer.

Motion by Sturgeon, 2nd by Taylor to return to regular session at 8:05 a.m.

Executive Session

Public Safety

Date of Meeting: 2-10-11 at 6:56 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Members present: Owens, Taylor, Tilley, Evans, Daugherty

Summary of Discussion:

Yearly performance evaluation of ESDA Director – Debbie Shull

Concerns from the Sheriff and 911 Coordinator about the handling of the winter storm last week. Communication was very poor during the storm. The sheriff had to send a deputy over to assisting in getting correct information communicated to his office. Both Jered and Tony don't feel that anything will change – this will put everyone at risk.

Mrs. Shull is performing ok on day to day basis but during an incident she does not perform well. No confidence in her ability to handle situations when an incident happens.

There were problems with her representing Red Cross when she stated that Midland City was not in the County.

Committee would like to ask for Mrs. Shull's resignation. The sheriff's department would handle things in the interim. If Mrs. Shull doesn't want to resign the will put her on administrative leave till the full board can take action.

Mrs. Shull brought into the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Committee informed her that they did a review of her performance during the storm and the lack of communication between ESDA and the sheriff's department. Mrs. Shull indicated that everyone was over whelmed during the storm – sheriff's department and dispatch. She stated that she had everyone on standby but did not open the EOC due to roads being bad and/or closed. She stated that she communicated the best that she could with what she had. She stated that the sheriff was lost due to his people being stuck. Committee asked what she would have done different. She indicated that she would have called her people in early and opened the EOC.

Also discussed the Red Cross incident in Midland City.

Taylor asked for Mrs. Shull's resignation and stated that if she refused to tender her resignation tonight then the issue would go before the full board for action. If she resigned benefits would be paid out in full. Would be put on administrative leave until action taken by full board if she chose not to resign. Mrs. Shull tendered her resignation under protest.

Committee completed performance review.

Will ask finance to recreate position with a salary range and look for replacement in March.

Motion by Daugherty, 2nd by Owens to return to regular session at 8:00 p.m.

Executive Session
Public Safety Committee

Date of Meeting: August 9, 2012 at 7:41 p.m.

Members Present: Evans, Owens, Davenport, Daugherty and Chair Tilley. Also present State's Attorney, Dick Koritz.

Members Absent: None

Summary of Discussion:

Committee did a performance evaluation on Teresa Barnett, EMA Coordinator. Committee then discussed the salary. Current salary is \$27,500. Her education is more than what is required for the position and is very beneficial to the county. Committee discussed asking finance to increase her salary more than the normal 3%. Tilley was looking at a 10% increase and Evans suggested a 12% increase - \$3300 and a 5% increase next year. All members were in favor of a 12% increase making the salary for next year \$30,800.

Tilley will meet with Teresa and go over her evaluation. All members signed the evaluation form.

Motion by Davenport, 2nd by Owens to return to regular session at 7:57 p.m.

Public Safety Committee Meeting – Executive Session

Date of Meeting – June 9, 2016 at 7:36 a.m.

Members Present – Rogers, Pruser and Newberg

Summary of Discussion

Employment problems with Julie Dubson. She is still on probation and has used 5 days and 3 personal days in five months of employment. Called off sick the day after a holiday in May.

Rogers informed committee of things that have been happening:

Doesn't want to go out and investigate complaints but is a humane investigator.

Continued problems with personal cell phone usage, e-cigarettes, taking lunch break but coming back to work with lunch and eating.

Calling in sick but yet being able to work second job at Casey's.

Was previously disciplined about use of social media.

Tamara McFeeters is her direct supervisor, so ultimately it is her job to address these issues. Committee felt that termination would be the best at this time while still on probation.

General discussion about doing away with the cleaning contractual position.

Motion by Pruser, 2nd by Newberg to return to regular session at 8:33 a.m.

DEWITT COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT

Month: April Year: 2017

ENDING MILEAGE: 796 BEGINNING MILEAGE: 297 MILES TRAVELED: 499

FUEL USED: _____ MILES PER GALLON: _____

ANIMAL IMPOUNDS

LOCATION:	DOGS:	PUPS:	CATS:	KITTENS:	OTHER:
CLINTON:	<u>4</u>	_____	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	<u>8</u>	_____	_____
WAPELLA:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WAYNESVILLE:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
HALLSVILLE:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MIDLAND CITY:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
KENNEY:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
LANE:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
WELDON:	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
DEWITT:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
FARMER CITY:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RURAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
SUBTOTAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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TOTAL ANIMALS: _____

**ANIMALS RECLAIMED/ADOPTED/EUTHANIZED/
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER AGENCIES**

	DOGS:	PUPS:	CATS:	KITTENS:	OTHER:
Reclaimed:	6	_____	_____	_____	_____
Adopted:	_____	_____	_____	2	_____
Euthanized/ Died/Killed:	1(E)	_____	1(D)	_____	_____
Transferred to Second Chance:	2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Transferred to other Licensed Facilities:	_____	_____	2 2 1	_____	NAWS Home Sweet Home Assisi → Puffs Animal House Almost Home Creme de la Creme
Held From Last Month:	2	-	4	_____	3 - Barn
Held To Next Month:	2	-	4	5	_____

ANIMAL RECLAIMED BY OWNERS

1. Rabies only Dog Duane Burton	Clinton, IL	\$ 19. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀
2. Dog Brewer	Clinton, IL	\$ 40. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀
3. Dog Stacy Stogsdill	Wetzel, IL	\$ 55. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀
4. Dog Brian Smith	Pleasant Plains, IL	\$ 240. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀
(2) 5. Dog Christina Emery	Clinton, IL	\$ 110. ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

TOTAL: \$ 464.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

ANIMALS ADOPTED/ADOPTees

(2) 1. ANIMAL: Kittens ADOPTEE: Stacy Rozant CITY: Bloomington, IN FEES PAID: \$ 197.⁸⁰
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

TOTAL: \$ 197.⁸⁰

GIVE UP ANIMAL/ FOR ADOPTION

ANIMAL: CITY: FEES PAID:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

TOTAL: \$ 0

ANIMAL BITES

DOG 2 CAT: 0 OTHER: _____

NUMBER OF DOGS VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES: 2

NUMBER OF DOGS NOT VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES: _____

NUMBER OF CATS VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES: _____

NUMBER OF CATS NOT VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES: _____

NUMBER OF DOGS CONFINED BY

OWNER 1 VETERINARIAN: _____ ANIMAL SHELTER: 1

NUMBER OF DOG RABIES SUSPECTS SENT TO LAB: _____

NUMBER OF CATS CONFINED BY

OWNER: _____ VETERINARIAN: _____ AT ANIMAL SHELTER: _____

NUMBER OF CAT RABIES SUSPECTS SENT TO LAB: _____

NUMBER OF OTHER RABIES SUSPECTS SENT TO LAB: _____

NUMBER OF POSITIVE DOG RABIES: _____ NUMBER OF NEGATIVE DOG RABIES: 2

NUMBER OF POSITIVE CAT RABIES: _____ NUMBER OF NEGATIVE CAT RABIES: _____

NUMBER OF OTHER POSITIVE RABIES: _____ NUMBER OF OTHER NEGATIVE RABIES: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

April Citations:

Gotta Running @ large, No registration 2yrs	\$ 200. ⁰⁰ MK
Stogsdill Expired rabies vacc/registration	\$ 100. ⁰⁰ TME
Brewer Running @ large	\$ 100. ⁰⁰ TME
Phillips Expired rabies vacc/reg	\$ 200. ⁰⁰ TME

Tamara McFeeters
Animal Control Officer
Administrator

Date of Report: _____

DEWITT COUNTY VEHICLE
USAGE LOG
April 2017

Date	Start Mileage	Destination; Purpose	End Mileage	Initials
4/2/2017	297	Wapulla (Walnut St deputy with loose dog)	311	MK
4/3/2017	311	Cowenent (3 cats) X2, Walnut (donations) E. Washington St/Douglas School (1 spot of animal spayed)	345	TAF
4/4/2017	345	Cowenent (1 spot of animal spayed)	358	TAF
4/5/2017	358	Cowenent, Court house	364	TAF
4/6/2017	364	Cowenent (cat test) clipboard, home (Adult) Clinton P.O	391	TAF
4/10/2017	391	Co. Pump (fuel), Walnut (donations) 3072. Shelden (PU stray cat)	397	TAF
4/11/2017	397	Dr. Johnson (1 cat) Johnson (Transports), N. George	527	TAF
4/12/2017	527	Walnut (210 stray cat) Court house	539	TAF
4/13/2017	539	Cowenent (boarding 080 #6)	554	TAF
4/14/2017	554	Cowenent (Sick kitten) Walker' Oratesy CPD (dispatch)	568	TAF
4/18/2017	568	Walnut (donations) Court house, KK Graphics take truck for repair	610	TAF
4/19/2017	610	Dr. Mann (bite injury) Euthanasia	629	TAF
4/20/2017	629	Cowenent (cat test) Court house home	655	TAF
4/21/2017	655	218 E. Adams (boarding dog collection) Co. Pump (fuel) Court house (Citations)	671	TAF
4/22/2017	671	7019 White Oaks (2 bairn cats)	675	TAF
4/23/2017	675	Walnut (donations) home	712	TAF
4/24/2017	712	Truck taken to KK Graphics for decals	736	TAF
4/25/2017	736	625 S. Center (PU stray cat) Dr. Mann (Euth dog)	752	TAF
4/26/2017	752	Walnut (donations) Court house (table #)		
4/27/2017	736	700 N. Madison, APT 1D (PU stray cat) Cowenent (Sick cat)		
4/28/2017	752	Cowenent (2 cat test) E. Webster (2nd Owner take food) Court house		
		In route to FC to DU stray dog at nursing home, turned at CPS back to		
		Shelden / Walnut @ nursing home to PU dog	746	TAF