

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 16, 2020 at 7:05 a.m. County Building

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lance Reece – Chair, David Newberg, Travis Houser, and Christy Pruser. Also, present Dan Markwell, State’s Attorney and Dee Rentmeister, County Administrator. Pruser left at 7:35 a.m.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nate Ennis

### **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

- Motion by Newberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Houser to approve the claims along with Property committee claims. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Motion by Pruser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Houser to approve last month’s minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Discussion and review of a feral cat trapping policy. Motion by Houser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pruser to approve the feral cat trapping policy. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Representatives from the Farmer City Fire Protection District and Paramedic Services of IL were present along with the State’s Attorney to discuss ambulance service for the fire protection district. Discussion on having a referendum on the ballot to join the DeWitt County ambulance district or entering into an intergovernmental agreement. PSI indicated that it would cost \$360,000 to provide services to the Farmer City Fire Protection District. Discussion on the cost to provide service to the Farmer City Fire Protection District. Committee reviewed two different funding scenarios - the first with FCFD continuing to levy the maximum -.40 and the other with the FCFC and the County Ambulance district levying the same amount after combining the EAVS – approximately \$.19. Continued discussion on how to move forward. The committee will put together a draft intergovernmental agreement and present to the Farmer City Fire Protection District for review.
- Motion by Reece, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberg to go into executive session to do performance reviews of the Animal Control Administrator and the EMA Director at 8:16 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Motion by Newberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Houser to return to regular session at 8:43 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Mark McCandless from PSI informed the committee that he will be leaving PSI effective February 7 but will stay on as a consultant until the issue with service to the Farmer City Fire Protection District is resolved. Introduces Chris Wasowicz as his replacement.
- Motion by Houser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newberg to adjourn at 8:46 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Approve the claims along with Property.  
Approve last month’s minutes.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD:**

None

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** February 13, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

**AGENDA FOR THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Date and Time of Meeting: January 16, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. County Building

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Persons Wishing to Address the Committee (If requesting action, also list below in section three)
  - a.
3. Items for Discussion and Possible Action
  - a. Approve claims
  - b. Approve last month's
  - c. Feral Cat Trapping policy
  - d. Ambulance services for Farmer City Fire Protection District
  - e.
  - f.
  - g.
  - h.
  - i.
4. Items for Discussion Only (No Action Requested)
  - a.
5. Closed Session
  - a.
6. Motion to adjourn

Posted: January 13, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

By: Dee Dee Rentmeister

## Feral Cat Trapping Policy

It is inhumane to trap when temperatures are expected to drop below 60 degrees or raise above 95 degrees or when any precipitation is expected.

DeWitt County does not trap for the public unless it is an emergency. Traps are available to rent from the County with a \$45.00 deposit and signed waiver. The deposit will be returned provided there is no damage to the trap when returned. If an animal besides a cat is trapped you must release the animal where it sits unless the State of Illinois statutes indicates differently.

Trapping should be done during normal business hours – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. This enables staff to intake the cat and make sure it is not harmed. Trapping at night is not recommended.

The DeWitt County Animal Shelter is part of the State program - Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return (T.N.V.R.) This program dictates that the cat is neutered/spayed, vaccinated and returned to the area in which it was trapped.

After hour calls related to feral cats will be addressed during normal business hours unless it is an emergency. This includes law enforcement officers in addition the animal control officers.