

**Public Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
5:15 p.m., Courthouse Annex, Room 319**

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Chuck Nesbitt called the Public Safety Committee of the Vermilion County Board to order at 5:15 p.m., February 15, 2017 in Room 319 of the Courthouse Annex.

Upon the call of roll, the following committee members were present: Chuck Nesbitt, Craig Golden, Crisi Walls, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark, and Chad Turner. 6 present, 1 excused.

Also attending the meeting was: Mike Marron, County Board Chairman; Bill Donahue, Assistant State's Attorney; Jane McFadden, Coroner; Ted Fisher, IS/EMA Director.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendments of Agenda

Stark moved, seconded by Turner, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval Minutes – January 18, 2017

Turner moved, second by Golden, to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

There were none.

Agenda Item 5 – Department Orientation –Jane McFadden, Coroner

The Coroner, Jane McFadden, gave a presentation on the functions and duties of the Office of Coroner. The office has five (5) part time employees and one (1) full time chief deputy in addition to the Coroner. McFadden reviewed some statistics showing 720 deaths in 2016 and 72 autopsies, showing about 10% of reported deaths resulted in autopsies. She discussed when autopsies were required. Typically an unattended death without obvious medical history or cause requires an autopsy. McFadden stated that drug overdoses are an issue. Often these overdose deaths are attributed to polysubstance combinations. Other than what is required by statute for an autopsy, she tries to use judgement.

McFadden is looking at obtaining two storage units for bodies and possible vehicle to transport bodies. That might be a savings in the long run. The coroner's in Illinois are now governed by the Illinois Coroner and Medical Examiner Training Board. Most current personnel have training in either law enforcement or medical fields. McFadden has had difficulties with the telephone system and is talking to 911 about having them dispatch all calls to the coroner. Board members inquired about costs and it is about \$114.00 to transport a body from Danville to

Champaign for an autopsy and there is a 'removal' fee of \$50.00 That is why she is looking at purchasing a transport vehicle. McFadden will keep the committee posted on costs and opportunities to improve operations and economies.

Agenda Item 6 - Items of Information or Committee Concerns

Chairman Marron discussed the Hazmat vehicles titled IN Georgetown's name. He talked with the Fire Chief and they are not inclined to transfer ownership as they feel the Village of Georgetown should sell them and receive whatever value there is to benefit the Village. Ted Fisher commented that there was not much use to the vehicles and they would need repair.

Agenda Item 7 - Executive Session

Not necessary at this meeting.

Agenda Item 8 - Adjournment

Committee Chairman Nesbitt adjourned the meeting at 5:55 pm.