

Public Safety Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 2017
5:00 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 5:01 p.m., July 19, 2017 in Room 319 of the Courthouse Annex.

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

Also attending the meeting was: Coroner- Jane McFadden, Bill Donahue- Risk Consultant- County Board, and Jennifer Jenkins, Administrative Assistant.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendments of Agenda

Walls moved, seconded by Morse, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval Minutes – April 19, 2017

Becky Stark moved, second by Walls, to accept the minutes with a change to the name of Eakle within the minutes under agenda item 5. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

There were none.

Agenda Item 5 – Budget- Merit Commission

Motion by Becky Stark, second by Golden to discuss the Merit Commission's budget.

Donahue advised that there is no change to this budget.

Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Nesbitt, Golden, Morse, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark, & Walls. 6-yes & 1-absent.

Agenda Item 6 – Budget-Coroner

Motion by Becky Stark, second by Walls to discuss the Coroner's proposed budget.

McFadden presented her budget to the committee and explained that the Coroner's automation fund is up about \$4000.00 in revenue due to cremations on the rise. The coroner's office does issue cremation permits and they are billed. She has been looking into the costs such as Champaign County's where the cremation permit must be paid in advance via credit card. Personnel services basically only increased by about 1%. The supplies and materials were decreased by \$500.00. Contractual/professional services in the past were over budget within this line. She explained that so far this year there has been 445 deaths that have been reported

to the coroner's office. Out of the 445 deaths there were 141 cases that were actively investigated. There have been 38 autopsies out of the 141 cases. She has been trying to control this as much as possible.

She felt comfortable with bumping this up \$10,000.00 to an even \$100,000.00.

Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Nesbitt, Golden, Morse, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark, & Walls. 6-yes & 1 absent.

Agenda Item 7 - Items of Information or Committee Concerns

Chairman Marron updated the committee on the following item:

- Marron informed the committee that there will be another Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. This will be scheduled soon.
- We are still awaiting the transfer of ownership of the Federal Courthouse building. Tours will be set up soon.
- Nesbitt shared that he would like to have the next Public Safety committee meeting at the EMA facility. Marron explained that EMA will be moving to the Federal Courthouse when we are ready to move.

Agenda Item 7 - Executive Session

Not necessary at this meeting.

Agenda Item 8 - Adjournment

Committee Chairman Nesbitt adjourned the meeting at 5:26 pm.

Minutes by:

Jennifer Jenkins, Administrative Assistant