

MADISON COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
157 N. Main St., Edwardsville, IL 62025 RM 309
Monday, April 7, 2025
3:02 PM – 3:42 PM

Chairman Eaker called the special meeting to order at 3:02 PM. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

PRESENT: Terry Eaker, Valerie Doucleff, Linda Ogden, Bill Stoutenborough, Bob Meyer, Ron Simpson, and Alison Lamothe

ABSENT: Chrissy Wiley

OTHERS: Caira Carter, Arron Weber, Liz Happold, Fred Patterson, Nick Novacich, Marcos Pulido, Tammy Darr, and Cynthia Ellis

PUBLIC COMMENT: - None.

Ms. Ogden moved, seconded by Ms. Lamothe to approve the February 2025 meeting minutes.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Eaker, Doucleff, Ogden, Stoutenborough, Meyer, Simpson, and Lamothe

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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Ms. Lamothe moved, seconded by Mr. Stoutenborough to approve the monthly bills.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Eaker, Doucleff, Ogden, Stoutenborough, Meyer, Simpson, and Lamothe

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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PURCHASE REQUESTS:

The following were submitted for discussion and approval:

1. **911/ETSB:** IDS Applications, Inc.; Renewal: Lawman Software, Maintenance and Support Services. Amount \$22,050.00.

Ms. Lamothe moved, seconded by Ms. Ogden to approve the purchase request as presented.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Eaker, Doucleff, Ogden, Stoutenborough, Meyer, Simpson, and Lamothe

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **911/ETSB:** Global Technical Systems, Inc; Reimbursement: Additional Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Site for St. Jacob Fire Protection District. Amount \$18,772.50.

Ms. Lamothe moved, seconded by Ms. Doucleff to approve the purchase request as presented.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Eaker, Doucleff, Ogden, Stoutenborough, Meyer, Simpson, and Lamothe

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Sheriff:** Lexipol; Annual Law Enforcement Policy Updates, Annual Corrections Policy Updates. Amount \$11,850.56.

Ms. Doucleff moved, seconded by Ms. Lamothe to approve the purchase request as presented.

Chief Pulido explained that Lexipol is contracted to manage the department's policy and procedures digital manual, as well as serve as a risk management tool. He noted that this specific update pertains to corrections and has already been budgeted for.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Eaker, Doucleff, Ogden, Stoutenborough, Meyer, Simpson, and Lamothe

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS:

The following were submitted for discussion and approval:

1. **EMA:** Onsolve, by Crisis24; Resolution to Renew Annual Code Red Warning Services Agreement for the Madison County Emergency Management Agency. Amount \$60,750.00.

Ms. Lamothe moved, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the purchase resolution as presented.

Fred Patterson explained that the purchase is for the 11th annual renewal of Code Red. He stated that having a mass communication platform for emergency notifications is a mandated requirement. Mr. Patterson shared that he explored alternative platforms last spring, but consistently returned to Code Red. He also noted that Phillips 66 has traditionally contributed \$12,000 toward the cost.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Eaker, Doucleff, Ogden, Stoutenborough, Meyer, Simpson, and Lamothe

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **911/ETSB:** Highland Pierron Fire District; Resolution to Approve the Reimbursement for Installation of Radio Tower and Reprogramming of Pagers and Radios for Highland and Pierron Fire District for Madison County 911 Emergency Telephone System Board. Amount \$87,153.75.

Ms. Lamothe moved, seconded by Ms. Ogden to approve the purchase resolution as presented.

Arron Weber explained that the reimbursement is the final step in the PSAP consolidation process. He also noted that the Highland Pierron Fire District proactively installed a radio tower to improve coverage in areas with weak signals and took the initiative to reprogram their pagers and radios.

A very brief discussion took place on the verbiage of the resolution.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Eaker, Doucleff, Ogden, Stoutenborough, Meyer, Simpson, and Lamothe

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

AMUSEMENT & TRANSIENT LICENSES:

The following was submitted for discussion and approval:

1. Renewals: January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025

Ms. Lamothe moved, seconded by Ms. Ogden to approve the license renewals.

Tammy Darr explained that these are the remaining renewals that were not presented in December 2024.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Eaker, Doucleff, Ogden, Stoutenborough, Meyer, Simpson, and Lamothe

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

CORONER:

Nick Novacich reported that in March, their office handled 291 cases, including 186 death investigations. So far this year, there have been 814 deaths, with 507 of them investigated. By comparison, at this time in 2024, there were 208 cases, 146 of which were investigated, and a year-to-date total of 664 deaths resulting in 459 investigations. Mr. Novacich expressed his appreciation to the committee for their support in hiring additional investigators.

He shared the following breakdown for March: 244 natural deaths, 8 accidental, 2 suicides, 0 homicides, 17 undetermined, and 20 pending. Year-to-date totals include 712 natural deaths, 36 accidental, 5 suicides, 2 homicides, 30 undetermined, and 29 pending.

It was also noted that there were no deaths related to the recent storms.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Fred Patterson provided an overview of the various notifications issued in response to the March 14th storms. He also shared that Madison County EMA supported the Madison County Hazmat Team during a fuel spill incident in Troy on Saturday, where hundreds of gallons of fuel entered the spillways. Mr. Patterson offered a high-level explanation of the response process and how the fuel was filtered from the water.

Member Eaker acknowledged that Mr. Patterson had kept in contact with him during the March 14th storms and commended him for a job well done.

Member Lamothe initiated a discussion about the potential elimination of FEMA. Mr. Patterson addressed the implications for Madison County, emphasizing that the greatest impact would be on funding and noting that this situation would be uncharted territory. He also remarked that Madison County was fortunate to have minimal damage from the recent storms and said they would closely monitor how other counties handle the situation and secure funding moving forward.

Member Meyer left at 3:29 PM.

911/ETSB:

Arron Weber reported that he and another PSAP Manager from Edwardsville traveled to Washington, D.C. in February to advocate for federal funding for Next Generation (NG) 911 nationwide. He explained that they are working to have the funds already spent on NG 911 across Illinois reimbursed, as those costs were covered using surcharge revenue. He also discussed with legislators the importance of reclassifying telecommunications as first responders, which would improve access to mental health resources for those in the profession.

Mr. Weber noted that all equipment for the radio project has been received. About a quarter of the pagers have been programmed, and radios will begin to be distributed once the necessary documentation is finalized. He added that some tower sites still need to go up, and once completed, all systems will transition to Starcom.

Additionally, Mr. Weber announced they were awarded a \$1.121 million grant that helped fund part of the consolidation effort. Another grant is currently being pursued to complete the consolidation between Pontoon Beach and Glen Carbon, as well as the Collinsville radio project.

Lastly, Mr. Weber provided an update on the school mapping project. The grant received funded the first year, allowing for the mapping of 20 schools. He said the floor plans will be returned soon, after which walk-throughs will be conducted to verify their accuracy. Once confirmed, the plans will be entered into the system and distributed to the appropriate agencies.

SHERIFF/PATROL OPERATIONS:

Marcos Pulido echoed previous comments about the importance of the radio project, emphasizing how vital it will be for communication across agencies. He mentioned that daily operations continue to be busy and expressed his gratitude for the board's ongoing support. Chief Pulido also highlighted the new sally port, calling it amazing and noting that it has received praise from other sheriff departments throughout the state. He invited board members to take a tour of the facility.

Member Stoutenborough asked who should be contacted regarding an unleashed dog on the Beverly Farms property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - None.

NEW BUSINESS: - None.

The next meeting is Monday, May 12th at 3:00 PM.

Ms. Lamothe moved, seconded by Ms. Doucleff to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 PM. *MOTION CARRIED.*

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