

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD
3RD FLOOR BOARD MEETING ROOM**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022
2:00 P.M.
EFFINGHAM COUNTY BUILDING**

Committee Members Present: Chair; Jim Niemann, Vice-Chair; Dave Campbell, Rob Arnold

Other Board Members: Doug McCain

Others: Sheriff Kuhns, Chief Finrock, Pam Jacobs, Tina Daniels, Michelle Shoot, Karen Feldkamp, Kim Rhodes, Jeremy Kyle

Minutes

R Arnold motioned to approve the October 20, 2021 committee minutes. D Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department/Sheriff Mahon

- S Kuhns – Dept of Corrections has decided not to take inmates. He has no idea of how long this will go on.
- Chief Finrock reported deputies responded to 3422 calls for service for October, November and December. 3662 incidents. 2021 ended with 2400 calls higher than 2020. Drug arrest has almost double this year over last year. The jail averaged 44 inmates a month.

EMA/Pam Jacobs

- P Jacobs reported she is working on training of new volunteers, doing exercises and CORE capabilities they have to exercise. Receive the 2020 grant agreement in November. She is currently working on shelter operations and is concerned about shelter volunteers. She really needs Red Cross volunteers.

Coroner/Kim Rhodes

- Busy but doing OK.

9-1-1/Tina Daniels

- T Daniels reported nothing new.

Animal Control/Michelle Shoot

- Kate Pagel stated that she just talked to Michelle Shoot and she feels the issue is being addressed. She talked to Deputy Buhnerkempe also. She turned over letters from different individuals regarding the issues to be placed on record.
- Deb Ledbetter stated that she has spoken to D Campbell and R Arnold about the small dogs not being taken care of. She stated Clyde Etcheson is not the owner of the dogs. She stated the owner has informed her that she is looking to rehome the dogs.
- Dr. Nancy Huels provided a fee structure for adoptions. Recommendation as follows: \$85.00 for kittens, \$65.00 for cats (have a lot more cats), \$150.00 for dogs (comparable to EARS). M Shoot and Dr. Huels will get something together for the Tax & Finance Committee.

Emergency Preparedness/Karen Feldkamp

- K Feldkamp reported the following: 9808 positive cases, 116 confirmed deaths, 23 probable deaths, 27 deaths under the age of 70. Currently 980 people in isolation. In Effingham County 38174 vaccines administered, 15649 are fully vaccinated with the first two shots, not booster. About 45% of the population is vaccinated. 91% of the 65 and older had 1 shot, 86% are fully vaccinated. The percentage of the following age group fully vaccinated is as follow: 16-64 47%, 12-17 23%, and 5-11 6%. Effingham County (all providers) issued 7078 booster shots - 59%. Break through cases – 913, 14 confirmed deaths. Starting January 13th the State of Illinois took over contact tracing. The Health Department has one of the pilot locations in the State of Illinois for testing. The site is in building located in front of the mall. They are still working out some kinks. It is the PCR test and will take a couple of days to get results.

Dive Rescue Team/Terry Trueblood

- J Kyle stated since the last meeting they had one rescue. Everything is on track and ready for the summer season. Still working on the side by side purchase. A couple weeks ago there was a wreck on the interstate with an Animal Rescue vehicle. J Kyle stated Animal Control and Dr Huels did a great job.

K-9 Search and Rescue/Kevin Bullard

General

Adjourn

R Arnold motioned and D Campbell seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Ruholl, County Board Office Administrator