



COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



10 Public Square, Room B-580
Belleville, IL 62220-1623

(618) 825-2260
FAX: (618) 277-2868

MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

AUGUST 30, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER BY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JERRY DINGES AT 6:30 P.M.,
FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: JERRY DINGES, FRANK BERGMAN, STEVE GOMRIC, SUE GRUBERMAN,
ROY MOSLEY JR., DAVE LANGFORD, AND CJ BARICEVIC**

MEMBERS EXCUSED: MIKE O'DONNELL

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE MEETING'S AGENDA.

**JERRY DINGES ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020, PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MINUTES. THERE BEING NO QUESTIONS IT WAS MOVED BY STEVE GOMRIC AND
SECOND BY ROY MOSLEY JR. TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020, MINUTES AND PLACE IT
ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**HERB SIMMONS READ THE E.M.A. REPORT FOR JULY/AUGUST 2021. HE STATED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION; ATTENDED THE ITTF MEETING, ATTENDED REGIONAL MEETING
WITH HOSPITALS REGARDING COVID-19, HIRED TEN NEW TELECOMMUNICATORS, ATTENDED
SEVERAL MEETINGS REGARDING THE NEW PROPOSED CENCOM WEST BUILDNG, HOSTING
THE TELECOMMUNICATOR TRAINING COURSE, HAD A FLOOD OF THE EOC DUE TO THE LARGE
AMOUNT OF RAIN (SYSTEM WAS UNABLE TO HANDLE THE AMOUNT CAUSING FLOOD-
INUSRANCE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED), ATTENDED MEETING WITH IEMA DIRECTOR, ATTENDED
REGIONAL MEETING WITH NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND OTHER EMA OFFICES, SIEC
MEETING, STARRCOM RADIO MEETING, STARRS EMERGENCY READINESS MEETING. ALL
WARNING SIRENS TEST WERE CONDUCTED, AND NO ISSUES REPORTED. WILL CONTINUE TO
HOLD WEEKLY COVID-19 SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES. THERE BEING NO QUESTIONS IT WAS
MOVED BY CJ BARICEVIC AND SECONDED BY DAVE LANGFORD AND PLACED HIS REPORT ON
FILE. MOTION CARRIED.**

**LT. COL. THOMAS KNAPP PRESENTED REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2021. AVERAGE
DAILY POPULATION WAS 488, INMATES ADMITTED 374 OF THOSE 95 WERE FEMALES, 279
MALES, 101 MISDEMEANORS, 194 FELONS, 7 FEDERALs, 56 FUGITIVES AND A HAND FULL OF
OTHERS.**

ON THE PATROL SIDE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2021 THERE WERE 157 TRAFFIC CITATIONS, 104 TRAFFIC WARNINGS, 24 FELONY/MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 5 WARRANTS ARRESTS, 351 PARK PATROL, 1078 BUSINESS CHECKS, 163 COURTHOUSE CHECKS FOR A TOTAL OF 1,882 POINTS OF CONTACT WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THERE BEING NO QUESTIONS IT WAS MOVED BY STEVE GOMRIC AND SECONDED BY CJ BARICEVIC AND PLACED HIS REPORT ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED.

LT. COL. THOMAS KNAPP, WHO SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE SHERIFF AT THE MEETING, SAID THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT STIFLES THE RECRUITMENT OF NEW HIRES. THE REASON BEHIND THIS AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE IS THE RECRUITMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT THESE DAYS IS KIND OF TOUGH. LT. COL. THOMAS KNAPP SAID, SUGGESTING THE REQUIREMENT COULD BE ALTERED TO ALLOW PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITHIN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MILES OF THE COUNTY LINE TO WORK AT THE DEPARTMENT.

CHAIRMAN KERN'S RESPONSE- IT'S A BAD POLICY BECAUSE OUR TAXES PAY THEIR SALARIES. ST. CLAIR COUNTY IS BIG ENOUGH. WE'RE NOT DEALING WITH A SMALL AREA HERE, WE'RE DEALING WITH A COUNTY WITH 260,000 PEOPLE. CHAIRMAN KERN SAID THERE ARE PLENTY OF HOMES IN A WIDE PRICE RANGE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY. THERE'S NO REASON WHY SOMEONE CAN'T FIND A WAY TO LIVE HERE AFTER SIX MONTHS.

JERRY DINGES SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION.

FRANK BERGMAN READ THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER REPORT FOR JUNE 2021. HAROLD WATSON SUPERINTENDENT STATED IN HIS POPULATION REPORT, THAT WE DID NOT EXCEED THE D.O.C. RATE CAPACITY OF 38 FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2020, THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2021. THERE BEING NO QUESTIONS IT WAS MOVED BY STEVE GOMRIC AND SECONDED BY SUE GRUBERMAN AND PLACED HIS REPORT ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED

FRANK BERGMAN READ THE ST CLAIR COUNTY CLAIMS REPORT. THERE BEING NO QUESTIONS IT WAS MOVED BY ROY MOSLEY JR. AND SECONDED BY SUE GRUBERMAN AND PLACED HIS REPORT ON FILE. MOTION CARRIED.

JERRY DINGES ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, IT WAS MOVED BY SUE GRUBERMAN SECONDED BY ROY MOSLEY JR. TO ADJORN, MOTION CARRIED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

FRANK BERGMAN