

The Public Safety Committee met Wednesday July 3, 2024 in Courtroom A of the Shelby County Courthouse.

Minutes taken by Teresa Boehm

Call to order by Tad Mayhall at 6:03 p.m. Boehm, Cole, Mayhall, Martz and Morse present. Ross and Edwards absent.

-Motion to approve minutes from June 6, 2024. Motion made by Morse, second by Martz. Passed 5-0.

-Public Body Comment-Questions about Rescue Squad meetings and why they are not included in the Public Safety Committee. Mayhall responded that he isn't sure why they are not included and stated the new law doesn't go into effect until January 1, 2025. Martz informed that the law was based on the Sangamon County law. A question about liability due to no legal formation was asked, and Mr. McKee stated they are operating with insurance.

-Item 5, vote for recommendation to the full board to remove Animal Control truck (2012 Chevrolet pickup VIN 1GCNKPE06CZ225377) from surplus. Angela Miller provided a handout to the board and presented her reasoning for the request. The new truck ordered for Animal Control is not sufficient to meet the needs of the department. Based on size, lack of 4WD, and the compartment for animals is not sufficient for the job requirements. She cited safety concerns along with adverse weather for the need to maintain the current truck in their department. Motion by Cole, Second by Morse. Passed 5-0.

-Item 6, Sheriff updates. Window contract is signed with the estimated amount of \$1 million, to include environmental issues and abatement. Two new lateral hires were made as deputies. Payroll continues to be an issue for the department and the FOP has filed a grievance on the payroll issues. The FOP has also notified the county to begin negotiations for the new contract.

Item 7, Animal Control Updates. Brad Hudson asked where the priority for the safety of Shelby County employees lies. Ms. Miller asked about ordering a new truck that meets the needs of the department, and it was suggested that she come up with specifications and needs and begin the bidding process.

-Item 8, Dive Team update. The team purchased a full face mask backup and a new rotational anchor. 5 calls in the past month, 2 of which were mutual aid. The team is down a truck due to the previous committee voting to surplus a team truck. Question was asked if personal vehicles would be covered by insurance towing a boat. Mayhall said he would inquire about that with the insurance company. The team is set to assist with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities on the lake.

Item 9, EMA updates. All training requirements have been met.

-Items 10-11, No old business, new business.

Motion to adjourn by Cole, second by Martz. Passed 5-0. Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.