

Minutes – Public Safety Committee Report (Submitted 1-10-12)

Tuesday, January 3, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Courtroom 103J, Judicial Wing, Courthouse

Members Present: Jason DeSplinter, Dan Swanson and Karen Urick. Member absent: Jim Kursock. Others present: Jim Padilla, Bob Streight, Rich Nelson and Naomi Stahl.

Chairman DeSplinter called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Member Swanson moved to approve the agenda as presented, motion seconded by Member Urick, motion carried.

Member Urick moved to approve the December 13, 2011 Public Safety Committee meeting minutes as printed, seconded by Member Swanson, motion carried.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the December 2011 claims. Member Swanson made a motion to recommend claims for payment, motion seconded by Member Urick, motion carried.

Sheriff Padilla discussed Public Safety Issues.

Under Old Business, the average monthly total of inmates was 99 with 21 out of county.

The changes to the Henry County Code of Ordinance Animal Control Chapter were discussed. Chairman DeSplinter made a motion to recommend County Board lay over the recommended amendments to the Animal Control section of the Code of Ordinances, with final action to be taken at the February meeting, motion seconded by Member Swanson, motion carried. (see attached)

Discussion was held regarding grant guidelines for the Emergency Management Agency Department. The current budgeted hours for the EMA Manager does not satisfy the requirements of the IEMA grant. The two choices discussed were to request an increase of the current budget to allow for the required hours by the EMA Manager (minimum of 20 hours per week) or recommend that the remaining hours be given to current employees (which requires the same training as EMA Manager for all additional employees). Chairman DeSplinter made a motion to recommend the Finance Committee increase the EMA (6070) Budget to allow the EMA Manager to work 20 hours/week as required for IEMA grant compliance, motion seconded by Member Swanson, motion carried (1 no – K. Urick).

There was no New Business to discuss.

Chairman DeSplinter thanked Deputy Bob Streight, Jail Administrator, for coming to address jail issues. Deputy Streight noted that staffing levels are at a place where officer safety is being compromised.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for Public Safety will be Thursday, February 9, 2012, 6:30 p.m. Courtroom 102J.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Stahl, Deputy County Administrator