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In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act of Illinois, I am requesting the following public records.

1. A copy of all law enforcement committee meeting minutes from 2015.

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3. I qualify as both media and non-profit under the definitions in Section 2 (c-10) ("Commercial purpose"), Section 2 (f) ("News media"), Section 2 (g) ("Recurrent requester"), and Section 2 (h) ("Voluminous request") of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purposes of being exempt to the provisions of Section 3.1 (Requests or commercial purposes), Section 3.2 (Recurrent requesters), Section 3.6 (Voluminous requests), and Section 6 (Authority to charge fees).

I request expedited processing on the basis of an urgency to inform the citizens and taxpayers of Illinois about their government's activities. If any element of this request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all withholdings individually by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. Please provide all responsive information to me electronically.

I request a rolling production of records, such that the public body furnishes records to my attention as soon as they are identified, preferably electronically, but as needed then to my attention, at the below address. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Rolling production is not to be perceived as an agreement to extend the time frame for compliance under FOIA.

If you are not the FOIA officer responsible for any part of this request you are required by law to forward it to the appropriate FOIA officer.

The purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.

As outlined in FOIA, documents shall be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge, as determined by the public body, if the person requesting the documents states the specific purpose for the request and indicates that a waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest. Waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest if the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.

I am requesting the records be provided in electronic format if that is the method in which they are stored. If they are in paper form and the copier can convert them to electronic format I would appreciate receiving them electronically.

Thanks,

Kirk Allen

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Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minuets 01-09-15

Called to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Sheriff Koonce, Undersheriff McCall, Board Members Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden, Don Strohl and CB Chairman Dave Cruitt.

- ---Sheriff Koonce reported States Attorney Gina Vonderheide had negotiated an Inmate Hospital bill down to \$18,000 from \$60,000. Kay stated the Budget Committee should discuss where the payment of this should come from.
- —Discussion was held about lowing the Sheriff's Office inmate bonding fee. This issue needs to be brought to the county board as it was installed with a county resolution. Also Kay suggested the Sheriff speak to Judge Bennett about the reduction in fees and how best to collect it. Possibly add it to the defendants fines as opposed to the Sheriff's Office collecting it.
- ---Undersheriff McCall reported the Sex Offender Registration Fee collected since 2011 have finally been dispersed to the appropriate agencies per Illinois statute.
 - ---Sheriff Koonce spoke on the 911 system in Christian and Montgomery Counties and their current budget short falls. And foreseeable funding issues for Shelby County.
 - ---Sheriff Koonce reported on the need for improvements of the Court House including Night Lights, Trees and the recent repairs to the Roof. Discussion was held that the recent repairs to the roof were paid out of the Sheriff's Court house Maintenance fund leaving only \$1600.00 in this line item until August. Kay also said this issue should be discussed by the Budget committee to deal with the short falls that will occur in this line item.
 - ---Discussion was held about the Deputies new 10 hour shifts and their benefit to both the Deputies and the Shelby County Community.
 - ---The Committee was informed that several villages in the County that have their own police force are now issuing City Ordnance Violations for traffic infractions.
 - ---The new Jail management software program was discussed it was reported by McCall CAPPERS should be installed in its final form the last week of January or first week of February.

Respectfully Submitted

Rob McCall

Meeting Minuets 02-06-15

Called to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Sheriff Koonce, Undersheriff McCall, Board Members Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden, and Bob Simpson.

- ---Sheriff Koonce spoke on the recent damage to the Inmate cells in the Jail including two cell door windows at the cost of \$600.00 and Two Inmate phones cost yet to be determined.
- —The removal of trees around the Detention Center was discussed. The reason for the removal is perimeter security and damage to Sidewalks.
- ---Sheriff Koonce reported on the project to install motion sensor light controls in the Sheriff's Office to cut down on utility cost.
- --- Undersheriff McCall spoke on progress to revamp the Sheriff's Bonding fee and the possibility of turning collection of the fee over the Circuit Clerks Office.
- ---The committee was informed of the joint implementation of the Employee Emergency Notification system between the Sheriff's Office and Shelby County EMA. Ms. Kearney ask if the County Board could be included in the Emergency notification. No objections from the Sheriff's Office, Ms. Kearney said she would follow up on this request with Jarrod Rowcliff.
- ---Sheriff Koonce reported on Health issues of K-9 Sito, and the need to have the dog examined at the University of Illinois. Sito has been taken out of service until further notice.
- --- Undersheriff McCall reported on the evening shift deputies conducting a security check on all offices in the Court House after hours.
- ---Undersheriff McCall reported on CAPPERS the new software program for the management and delays in the implementation of the program. McCall reported a meeting will be taken with a Sleuth whom has acquired the Sheriff's Office's current Jail management system and discuss options with that company.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert McCall

Meeting Minuets 03-06-15

The March 6th meeting of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Committee was called to order by Sheriff Koonce at 9:00 a.m. with members present being Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden, and Bob Simpson. Under Sheriff McCall was also present.

- --Sheriff Koonce spoke on the recent computer hard drive crash at the Sheriff's Office with about 97% of Data being able to be recovered following the issue. An insurance claim has been filed with the County insurance to cover the cost of recovery of the damaged data. Options for secured cabinets are being researched to place the computer equipment in to avoid this occurring again.
- --Undersheriff McCall spoke on the newly developed and adopted guidelines for employee Per Diem to cover when employees are away from the Sheriff's Office on official business. A copy of the Per Diem guide was provided to the committee.
- --Sheriff Koonce reported he hopes to start the Auxiliary back in the month of March do to the upcoming county fair season. He reported he will be excepting applications for Auxiliary deputies in the very near future. His goal is to have 11 auxiliary to match the 11 patrol deputies currently on the roster. Sheriff Koonce reported he predicts a startup cost of \$1400.00 to provide each of the new 11 Auxiliary with 1 shirt and 1 pair of pants, with all other equipment for the unit being provided by themselves.
- --The committee was told of the recent training conference both Sheriff Koonce and Undersheriff McCall attended with the topic of Risk Management at the fore front.
- --The resolution to reduce the Sheriff's bonding fee from \$70.00 to \$40.00 and have the clerk collect the money was presented to the Committee.
- --- A brief update on the Sheriff's Office project of upgrading the management software was conducted.
- —Sheriff Koonce requested support from the committee to have two line items in the budget increased. Those being an increase to the vehicle purchase account to offset the rising cost of squad cars and emergency equipment for them. And an increase of to the inmate medical account. All other operational line items to remain the same as last year.
- --Sheriff Koonce then concluded the meeting with brief talk of the continued problem with the Court House roof including the locating of a new leak on the south east corner of the building.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert McCall

Meeting Minuets 04-02-15

The April 2nd meeting of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Committee meet at the Sheriff's Office and was called to order by Sheriff Koonce with members present Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden and Bob Simpson. Undersheriff McCall was also present.

Sheriff Koonce reported all work on the Court House roof has been cancelled until current issues can be resolved with the contractor and it is his belief further repairs are not currently needed as the roof is not leaking.

Undersheriff McCall reported over 50 applications for Auxiliary Deputy have been received by the Sheriff's Office and the process will begin next week to find qualified applicants not to exceed eleven Volunteers.

Sheriff Koonce spoke on the recent ISA Sheriff's Conference he attended in Peoria with possible mandates being implemented by the state in regards to consolidated 911 centers. Funding cuts to Shelby County were also discussed. Undersheriff McCall spoke on a request by Coles County 911 to answer and dispatch all of our 911 calls. This request was denied by Sheriff Koonce because of the decreased control and accountability concerns to the community.

A tour of the utility room was taken of the Detention Center focusing on the current failure of the furnace system. Repairs are being made to the system by Macari's.

The committee was shown the newly constructed security cage for the Sheriff's Office computer hard drives. This was constructed because of the recent physical damage and failure of the system.

The sheriff ask the committee if they were aware of any written mutual aid agreements between the Sheriff's Office and other Law Enforcement agencies in the count. None are believed to exist.

Sheriff Koonce spoke to the Committee about a recent meeting with Global Tech and a possible solution for the ongoing communications issues between the Sheriff's Office and Fire Departments.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert McCall

Meeting Minuets 05-07-15

The May 7, 2015 meeting of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Committee met at the sheriff's Office with members present Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden, and Bob Simpson. Sheriff Koonce called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Undersheriff McCall was present and served as secretary.

Discussion was briefly held about litigation against a Deputy Sheriff it was reported the Counties insurance company had copies of all reports relating to the incident.

Sheriff Koonce reported there was damage to a county squad car this past month when a Deputy attempted to miss hitting a deer. The car is being repaired and will be back in service this week.

Undersheriff McCall spoke on his and the Sheriff's attendance at the ILEAS conference in Springfield. A representative of the Governor Rauner was present and spoke on the Governor's plan to release 12000 nonviolent offenders from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

The sheriff recently had railing installed at the court house as there have been several person fall entering and leaving the building in recent months. The Sheriff also reported all other projects at the Court house have been placed on hold pending the outcome of contract negotiations with the Counties two unions. However the tress surrounding the court house have been removed.

Undersheriff McCall told the committee that all Deputies and full time corrections staff have recently requalified with the firearms they carry on and off duty, and the corrections staff recently attended in services training focusing on the prevention of inmate suicide.

The Illinois State Police and US Marshals office were invited into the county to verify the Sheriff's Offices registration compliance for Sex offenders. There are currently 43 registered sex offender in Shelby County and they have all been found to me in compliance with the law.

Sheriff Koonce reported he will soon be taking bids from local businesses to provide the meals for the inmates.

Respectfully submitted

Robert McCall

Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minuets 06-3rd 2015

The June 3rd, 2015 meeting of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Committee met at the sheriff's Office with members present Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden, and Bob Simpson. Sheriff Koonce called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Undersheriff McCall was present and served as secretary.

The Sheriff's Budget was discussed with explanations for the increase in the Squad Car purchase line items and no reduction of Inmate Meals being at the fore front of the talk. It was also explained a need for a budget amendment to the Court House maintenance line item be made to end this fiscal year, as repairs to the Court House roof were paid from this account.

Sheriff Koonce reported on a recent work comp claim for a Deputy whom was injured during a training exercise.

The committee was informed of the start of this year's Lake and Boat patrol contract with the Corp of Engineers.

Undersheriff McCall spoke on a proposed plan to link Court Room A and the council room in the Detention Center with Video conferencing equipment to eliminate the need to transport inmates from the Jail to the Court House. This is proposed to increase the security for the jail, and courthouse, and relieve Corrections Staffing issues.

Sheriff Koonce spoke on the Detention Center Sidewalk restoration project. The building and grounds committee decided to go with a company called Jack a Slap to even out the separating sidewalks.

The Illinois Department of Corrections annual jail inspection is set for June 29th 2015.

Undersheriff McCall and his Executive Secretary Erica Bailey will attend FOIA training on June 10th 2015

Respectfully submitted

Robert McCall

Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minuets 07-02- 2015

The July 2, 2015meeting of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Committee met at the sheriff's Office with members present Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden, and Bob Simpson. Sheriff Koonce called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Undersheriff McCall was present and served as secretary. Also present was Shelby County States Attorney Gina Vonderheide.

The Sheriff reported on the recent Jail inspection conducted by the Illinois Department of Corrections. The report from the state resulted in a stellar report card. Undersheriff McCall requested Ms. Kearney recognize SGT's Burkhead and Atteberry for their hard work and leadership as well as all the Corrections Officers at the Sheriff's Office whom truly are responsible for the A+ rating from the State.

Sheriff Koonce informed the Committee the Detention Center will have to replace a DVR recorder that has recently failed. This is the system that video records all hallways in the Sheriff's Office. The new system will be able to store 30 days' worth of Video as apposed the 7 days the current system supports. The new DVR and controls have been ordered and it his expected it will be installed by the end of the month.

A radio patch as also been ordered and will connect the Sheriff's Radio frequency with all EMS personnel in the county at the flip of a switch. With the new ultra high frequency the Sheriff's Office uses it is difficult to communicate with Fire Departments, townships and other Government entities in Shelby County. This should solve the problem.

The Sheriff reported with due diligence in managing his budget he will be able to improve the Detention Center by installing a restroom in the basement of the office which is now fully utilized as the Deputes Squad Room. This will be accomplished with no additional funds requested from the General Fund.

The Sheriff and Undersheriff reported on operational plans for the 4th of July weekend and the utilization of Auxiliary to aid and assist the Sheriff's Office.

Discussion was held between everyone present about the current condition of the Detention Center and the ongoing maintenance issues with both the Sheriff's Office and the Court House.

Undersheriff McCall told the committee of his plan to create a County Resolution to be presented to the board to redirect cost of Sentenced Inmate meals back to the inmate through fines and court cost.

Respectfully Submitted

Rob McCall

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Law Enforcement Committee

Meeting Minuets 08-06-15

The August 6, 2015 meeting of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Committee met at the Sheriff's Office with members present Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden and Bob Simpson. Sheriff Koonce called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Undersheriff McCall was present and served as Secretary.

Sheriff Koonce reported the Detention Center recently upgraded to a new Digital Video Recording system or DVR to capture 30 days of Video in the Detention Center as opposed to the old system which only collected 7 days' worth of Video and was malfunctioning.

Both Sheriff Koonce and Undersheriff McCall spoke of a new law signed by Governor Rauner requiring Shelby County to merge with an Enhanced 911 center by July 1st 2017 or form our own, by the same time frame. It was reported that the Sheriff's Office and the Shelby County EMA office are exploring the best option for Shelby County.

Undersheriff McCall reported he would be presenting a Resolution to the County Board on August 12th 2015 for their consideration to have Sentenced Inmates charged for the cost of their meals while they are incarcerated.

Sheriff Koonce spoke on the delivery of two new SUV squad cars that are currently being outfitted with equipment and will be pressed into service as soon as possible, to replace an aging and troublesome fleet of cars.

Sheriff Koonce talked on the ongoing efforts to make improvements and upgrades to the physical shape of the court house.

Respectfully Submitted

Rob McCall

Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minuets 09-03-15

The September 3rd, 2015 meeting of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Committee met at the Sheriff's Office with members present Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden and Bob Simpson. Sheriff Koonce called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Undersheriff McCall was present and served as Secretary.

The Committee heard reports from both Sheriff Koonce and Undersheriff McCall that Three new squad cars have been placed in service.

The new vehicles are SUV's and have been equipped with new in vehicle Cameras to assist in gathering evidence on Traffic stops and other Investigations.

It was also reported the Sheriff's Office had purchased body cameras for each of the Patrol Deputies. It is felt by the Sheriff and Undersheriff the Body cams will be mandated soon by the State of Illinois and are a great way to reduce liability and risk for the County.

New Tazer less than lethal equipment has been purchased for the patrol Deputies as well. The current Tazer guns used by the Sheriff's Office are 10 years old and are starting to fail with no ability to repair them. Tazer's are an excellent tool and option for the Deputies to gain compliance with resisting suspects.

Sheriff Koonce spoke on his ongoing efforts to repair and preserve the Court House and Detention Center.

The Committee was also informed by Sheriff Koonce that he and Undersheriff McCall attended a in Service Training Conference for Sheriff's in Bloomington Illinois. And he spoke on possible new laws that will affect the Sheriff's Office and County.

Respectfully Submitted

Rob McCall

Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minuets 10-01-15

The October 1st, 2015 meeting of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Committee met at the Sheriff's Office with members present Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden and Bob Simpson. Sheriff Koonce called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Undersheriff McCall was present and served as Secretary.

Also present at the meeting were several Shelby County Deputies at the request of the Sheriff. Those present were Tyler Koonce, Jeff Wood, Jessie Brandt, Cody Reeves, Dustin Lustig, Quincy Wood, and Dave Myers.

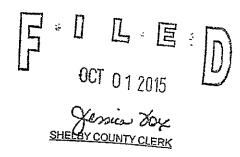
A very short meeting was held with Kay Kearney speaking briefly of the current negotiations with the FOP union.

Undersheriff McCall spoke on the progression of the 911 project in Shelby County and reported he and Jarod Rowcliff had toured both the 911 centers in Christian and Coles County. A meeting with the 911 committee has been set on October 5th to discuss in detail the proposals from both of these groups.

A Social conversation occurred between the committee and the Deputies present and the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully Submitted

Rob McCall



Meeting Minuets 11-05-15

The November 5th 2015meeting of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Committee met at the Sheriff's Office with members present Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden and Bob Simpson. Sheriff Koonce called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Undersheriff McCall was present and served as Secretary.

Discussion was held between the members present about the terms of the FOP contract that was recently negotiated and settled. The full County Board will vote on the contract at the next meeting on 11-12-15. This also led to a brief discussion about the recently proposed UTV Ordinance that was to be discussed at the board meeting. It was reported by Ms. Kearney the proposal has been removed from the meeting's agenda until further research into the issue can take place.

Undersheriff McCall spoke on Intergovernmental Mutual Aid agreements between the Sheriff's Office and other Local Law Enforcement agency in the county. The most recent agreements were signed in 2008 when Sheriff Sims was still in Office. McCall reported the agreements will be updated as soon as possible.

McCall also spoke of the formation of a Major Crimes Task Force in Shelby County which will also run in conjunction with the Intergovernmental Mutual Aid agreements. However this agreement will specifically detail the Investigation of Major Crimes and the use of Local Law Enforcement Officers in the assistance of those crimes.

Sheriff Koonce, Undersheriff McCall and the two Corrections SGT's recently attended the Chief Deputy/Jail Administrators conference in Springfield. The training emphasized the importance of active command leadership.

Sheriff Koonce spoke briefly on the need for increased communications between office heads within the county.

Respectfully Submitted

Rob McCall

Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minuets 12-03-15

The December 3, 2015 meeting of the Shelby County Law Enforcement Committee met at the Sheriff's Office with members present Kay Kearney, Richard Hayden and Bob Simpson. Also present was County Chairman Dave Cruitt. Sheriff Koonce called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Undersheriff McCall was present and served as Secretary.

Discussion was held in reference to Sheriff's Office Supplemental Employees and the Affordable Care Act. Letters will be sent to each of the Supplemental workers requesting them sign an insurance waiver if they are covered by an independent policy. If they are not it was decided insurance must offered to them. Kay will take the issue to the Insurance committee to explore options with in the affordable care act. Undersheriff McCall reported at this time the act may not apply to any employee as it is believed they are all covered under other policies. Waivers will be obtained and copies will be placed in their personnel files.

Sheriff Koonce spoke briefly on the continued decay of the court house.

The Sheriff reported he had sent a request letter to the Corp of Engineers to place radio equipment on their tower located by the Dam as a step toward the improved 911 system.

The committee was informed that the last squad car had been delivered to the Sheriff's Office and it was currently being equipped for service.

Undersheriff McCall briefed the committee of the recent shooting near Lakewood and the current state of the Investigation.

Undersheriff McCall told the committee Back Pay disbursement to the FOP employees had been submitted and will be made this pay period with the increased amounts as negotiated.

Respectfully Submitted

Rob McCall