

Minutes- Public Safety Committee

Thursday, February 12, 2026, 5:15 p.m. 303C, Courthouse, Cambridge, IL

Members present: Natalie Hendryx, Bob Wachtel, Kippy Breeden Absent: Crystal Strode and Shannon Bumann. Others present: SA Runty, Sheriff, Mat Schnepple, Rex Kiser

Chair Hendryx called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Member Breeden moved to approve the agenda, Member Wachtel seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Member Thompson moved to approve the minutes from January 15, 2026, Member Wachtel seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

The January 2026 claims reports reviewed. Under presentations:

Director Schnepple gave a report for the OEM report which included staffing, LEPC merger with Mercer county, staffing, and GFD radios.

Sheriff gave a report which included staffing, county dog purchased, jail position open, staffing, and GFD radios.

There was no report for the Office of Public Defender.

SA Runty gave a report for the States Attorney Office which included funding from restricted funds, therapy dog, staffing, and school visit.

Under old business the committee will revisit the trap and release statute at the next meeting.

Under new business.

Member Wachtel moved to adjourn, Member Thompson seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Knackstedt
County Administrator