

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: RJ Winkelhake, Chair
DATE/TIME: February 17, 2015 @ 5:01 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input type="checkbox"/> Brandon Behlke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bennett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Zillig
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Stoffregen	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RJ Winkelhake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham	

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members:

Others: John Hay, Kathy Phillips, Dan Reimer, Kevin Turner, Sharon Wand

1. **Bill Bingham made a motion to approve the December 15, 2014 Law Enforcement and Courts committee meeting minutes seconded by Terry Stoffregen and motion passed.**
2. **Terry Stoffregen made a motion to approve the January 13, 2015 Special Law Enforcement & Courts committee meeting minutes seconded by Bill Bingham and motion passed.**
3. **Citizens' Comments**
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **FY2014/FY2015 Strategic Goals & Plans** – Nothing new at this time.
 - b) **Law & Courts Committee assignments from 2013 County Board Retreat** – Nothing new at this time.
 - c) **Update on five year capital improvement plan** – RJ Winkelhake discussed that the a five year capital improvement plan was submitted last year to Finance, Tax, & Budgets Committee and the plan includes Courthouse improvements identified in the September 13, 2013 Courthouse exterior building study prepared by Shive-Hattery, Inc.
 - d) **Recommendations to fund the Public Safety Radio Communications System Project** – The committee discussed the possible establishment of service fees rather than go to the voters to help offset the costs of operating the radio communication system.
 - e) **Update on proposed 911 dispatch center consolidation feasibility study** – Nothing new at this time.
 - f) **Discussion and possible action on a paid parking program for Jo Daviess County Courthouse parking lots** – The committee discussed possible options for implementing a paid parking program for the courthouse parking lots. Brandon Behlke will do more research and bring back information to committee.
5. **New Business**
 - a) **Discussion and possible action to award a contract to _____ for Alternate number _____ for the Jo Daviess County Courthouse Parking Lot Railing Project in the amount of \$_____.** Dan Reimer introduced Patrick Lynch, Civil Engineer from Shive-Hattery, Inc. who called in via conference call. Bid opening was February 11, 2015, there were three bidders. The committee

discussed the bids received for the Jo Daviess County Courthouse Parking Lot Railing Project. **Gerald Bennett made a motion to award a contract to Montgomery/Timmerman for Alternate number 2 for the Jo Daviess County Courthouse Parking Lot Railing Project in the amount of \$28,200.00. Seconded by Bill Bingham and motion passed.**

- b) **Discussion and possible action on the Jo Daviess County Courthouse 1900 Addition Masonry and Window Replacement Schedule** – Jeff Brown, Architectural Designer from Shive-Hattery, Inc. called in via conference call. The committee discussed the schedule prepared by Brown for the Courthouse 1900 Addition Masonry and Window Replacement Project. There are two different portions to the project (masonry and windows), each of which will need to be approved before going out to bid. There is one minor schedule change under the preliminary design phase – The Historical Preservation Commission submission is currently dated Thursday, February 19, 2015, submission is not due until February 24, 2015. The Historical Preservation Commission meeting is March 5, 2015. If approved, Shive-Hattery, Inc. will submit drawings to the Jo Daviess County Law & Courts Committee in time for the March 16, 2015 meeting. Cost opinions will be presented at that time as well. The Historical Preservation Commission is requiring the outside of the windows to be metal clad, prefinished and the interior of the windows be wood.
- c) **Discussion and possible action on courthouse window questions from engineers for preliminary design drawings associated with the Jo Daviess County Courthouse 1900 Addition Masonry and Window Replacement Project** – There will be two parts to the bid documents – one for masonry and one for window replacement. The committee discussed operable windows, basement windows, security grilles and an attic window. The Committee will get back to Shive-Hattery, Inc. on the operational standpoint of the windows and they will get us an answer on safety and/or code requirements. Basement windows will be bid as replacement, and will be listed as an alternate. Shive-Hattery will find out if the security grilles need to remain because they are historic. If not Shive Hattery will ask the Commission if they can be replaced with a masonry infill or without the security screens. All were in agreement that the third floor attic window should be replaced. The consensus of the committee is to move forward with the project.
- d) **Discussion regarding judicial system payment process** – Jo Daviess County Circuit Clerk Sharon Wand provided the committee background on what her department does on a daily basis to collect fines and fees. Her office works very hard on the collection of fines and fees. Small traffic supervision files must be paid upfront before receiving court supervision. Anyone who has not paid has a set pay or appear date the second Monday of each month. Wand discussed that defendants are required to come to court and show the judge what payments have been made, why they haven't been paid or what their reason is. Many of the defendants do not have a job and they are given a job diary, told to attempt to find employment and bring the job diary back. Upstanding citizens pay their fines. You cannot garnish disability or social security payments. Wand discussed that the program with the Comptrollers' office requires a social security number which

for many we do not have. This plan deducts outstanding fines from a delinquent defendants state income tax refund. In many cases the delinquent defendant has moved to another state. Outstanding debt from fines and fees can not be submitted to both a collection agency and this program. It has to be one or the other. States Attorney John Hay discussed that the County is currently under contract with Pioneer Collection Services. Several area counties are working with Harris and Harris. The County works with each defendant as long as possible and turns cases over to the collection agency once they are deemed to be impossible to collect. It was the consensus of the committee to look into the Comptrollers' office program and Harris and Harris. Sharon Wand and John Hay will work together and report to the committee at the March committee meeting. The committee discussed that some villages or municipalities have adopted their own ordinances so that the ticket fine stays with their own community.

- e) **Discussion and possible action on contract for Law Enforcement Services at the Mississippi River Project, Blanding Landing Recreation Area** – The only change to the contract is a cutback in hours from 80 hours to 72 hours. The cost per hour remains the same. **Don Zillig made a motion to approve a 2015 contract for Law Enforcement Services at the Mississippi River Project, Blanding Landing Recreation Area. Seconded by Terry Stoffregen and motion passed.**
- f) **Discussion and possible action on renewal of jail inmate insurance** – This is a separate major medical insurance policy for inmates. The cost is \$1.15 per inmate per month based on an average population. This year they are asking for an increase to \$1.26 per inmate per month which would equal out to \$7,358.40. Sheriff Turner's recommendation is to raise the deductible to \$15,000 and keep the premium cost at \$6,716.00. **Bill Bingham made a motion to approve the renewal of jail inmate insurance agreement with International Medical Group, Inc. to maintain the amount of \$6,716.00 provided that we raise the deductible from \$10,000 to \$15,000 effective February 1, 2015 to February 1, 2016. Seconded by Ron Smith and motion carried.**
- g) **Discussion and possible action on an interagency agreement between FHN Family Counseling Center and the Jo Daviess County Jail** – The Illinois Department of Corrections requires that mental health services be available to inmates. The County has an agreement with FHN which is up for renewal. **Bill Bingham made a motion to approve an interagency agreement between FHN Family Counseling Center and the Jo Daviess County Jail effective February 1, 2015 as presented with no change in cost from the previous two years. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion carried.**
- h) **Discussion and possible action on amending JDC Ordinance Title 3 (Boards and Commissions), Chapter 2 (Emergency Telephone System Board)** – The ETSB 9-1-1 has approved an amendment to JDC Ordinance (Boards and Commissions), Chapter 2 (Emergency Telephone System Board). This amendment brings the ordinance into compliance with statute and is the same verbiage as in the State code. An amending ordinance will be drafted. **Don Zillig made a motion to approve amending JDC Ordinance Title 3 (Boards and Commissions), Chapter 2 (Emergency Telephone System Board), Section 7**

(Powers and Duties) to add F. Participating in a regional pilot project to implement next generation 9-1-1 as defined in the Emergency Telephone System Act subject to conditions set forth in the act. Seconded by Terry Stoffregen and motion passed.

6. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** – Sheriff Turner reported that now that the new collective bargaining agreements have been settled he would like to discuss the financial impact on his budgets with the finance committee regarding wages for the union employees.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office**
- c) **Probation**
- d) **Public Defender**
- e) **Other**

7. Citizens' Comments

- 8. Board Member Concerns** – RJ Winkelhake and Bill Bingham will not be able to attend the regularly scheduled Law & Courts Committee meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015.

The next Law & Courts committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. following a motion by Don Zillig and a second by Terry Stoffregen.