

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: RJ Winkelhake, Chair
DATE/TIME: March 17, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon Behlke	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham	

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members:

Others: Ed Amstutz, Jeff Brown, Craig Ketelsen and Dan Reimer

1. **Don Zillig made a motion to approve the July 31, 2014 Special Law Enforcement and Courts committee meeting minutes seconded by Brandon Behlke and motion passed.**
2. **Brandon Behlke made a motion to approve the August 19, 2014 Law Enforcement & Courts Joint Meeting with Finance, Tax and Budget committee meeting minutes seconded by Don Zillig and motion passed.**
3. **Terry Stoffregen made a motion to approve the February 17, 2015 Law Enforcement & Courts committee meeting minutes seconded by Don Zillig and motion passed.**
4. **Citizens' Comments**
5. **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. A 2015 County Board retreat is being planned.
 - c) **Update on five year capital improvement plan** – Nothing new at this time.
 - d) **Recommendations to fund the Public Safety Radio Communications System Project** – The committee discussed the possible establishment of service fees to help offset the costs of operating the public safety 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 reviewed possible options for implementing a paid parking program for the Courthouse parking lots. Brandon Behlke will do more research and bring back information to the committee.
6. **New Business**
 - a) **Discussion and possible action on the 2015 Tour of Galena bike race** – Ed Amstutz presented to the committee the proposed plan for the 2015 Tour of Galena/Jo Daviess County three-day multi-category cycling event which is scheduled for June 5th, 6th and 7th, 2015. RJ Winkelhake asked if the concerns that were identified after last year's event had been resolved. Amstrutz explained what could be done better. Amstrutz and Chief Deputy Craig Ketelsen discussed that there was a meeting last August to address the concerns. Communication has

improved in preparation for the 2015 event. **Don Zillig made a motion to approve the 2015 Tour of Galena/Jo Daviess County bike race scheduled for June 5, 6, & 7, 2015. Seconded by Ron Smith and motion passed.**

- b) **Discussion and possible action regarding approval of preliminary drawings for the masonry restoration and window replacement projects for the JDC Courthouse 1900 Addition Exterior Improvements Project** – Jeff Brown Architectural Designer from Shive Hattery reviewed the timeline schedule for the JDC Courthouse 1900 Addition Masonry Restoration and Window Replacement Project. Brown explained that on March 5th the Galena Historic Preservation Committee approved the masonry restoration and window replacement plans and an application for a certificate of appropriateness. Brown reviewed the preliminary drawings and a cost opinion which was based on the drawings. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction cost including engineering fees is approximately \$5,400 more than the amount budgeted for this project. To insure that the project stays within budget, Brown discussed with the Committee possible options that could be bid as alternates. Brown discussed that he would like the committee to review and approve the preliminary package and grant approval to proceed with the construction/bid documents. Once the construction/bid documents are approximately 95% completed Brown will submit them to the committee for approval. **Brandon Behlke made a motion to approve the preliminary drawings for the masonry restoration and window replacement projects for the JDC Courthouse 1900 Addition Exterior Improvements Project. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion passed.**
- c) **Discussion and possible action on budget cost opinions for the masonry restoration and window replacement projects for the JDC Courthouse 1900 Addition Exterior Improvements Project** – **Brandon Behlke made a motion to approve the budget cost opinions for the masonry restoration and window replacement projects for the JDC Courthouse 1900 Addition Exterior Improvements Project. Seconded by Terry Stoffregen and motion passed.** The next milestone in the project schedule is to prepare and submit the 95% design documents and an updated cost opinion by April 16, 2015 and present to the Law and Courts Committee on April 20, 2015. The next presentation will be via conference call.
- d) **Discussion and possible action regarding the Sheriff's budget concerns** – Chief Deputy Ketelsen reviewed a letter and associated budget material that Sheriff Turner prepared regarding concerns with his FY2015 budget as a result of the recent settlement of two collective bargaining agreements. RJ Winkelhake discussed that this is informational for the Law & Courts Committee and Sheriff Turner would also like to inform the Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee. **Brandon Behlke made a motion to forward the Sheriff's letter and 2015 budget material to the Finance, Tax and Budgets Committee. Seconded by Ron Smith and motion passed.**
- e) **Discussion on timeline to submit agenda items for Law Enforcement & Courts Committee** – RJ Winkelhake discussed that many time items for the agenda are requested at the last minute. The policy is to have all agenda items

submitted one week prior to the meeting. In the future late requests will have to wait until the next meeting.

- f) **Discussion and possible action on purchase of 2015 Dodge Charger and 2015 Dodge Durango squad cars** – Chief Deputy Ketelsen discussed the bids that were received for two squad cars; a Dodge Charger and a Dodge Durango, no vehicles will be traded. Bids were received for each vehicle from Turpin Dodge, Dubuque, Iowa, Virtue Motors, Darlington, Wisconsin, and Barkau Automotive, Stockton, Illinois. Bids on both vehicles were within \$535 of each other. The committee discussed that the Deputies assigned to the new vehicles both live in Stockton, Illinois. Barkau Automotive, Stockton, Illinois is second low bidder on each vehicle. **Brandon Behlke made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2015 Dodge Charger at a cost of \$25,065.00 and a 2015 Dodge Durango at a cost of \$28,087.00 from Barkau Automotive, Stockton, IL. Barkau Automotive is not low bidder, however, primary reason for awarding bid to Barkau is savings on personnel and mileage costs to take vehicles in for warranty and maintenance service. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion passed.**

7. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report**
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office**
- c) **Probation**
- d) **Public Defender**
- e) **Other**

8. Citizens' Comments

9. Board Member Concerns

The next Law & Courts committee meeting will be Monday, April 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. following a motion by Don Zillig and a second by Brandon Behlke.