

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Law Enforcement & Courts  
**CHAIRPERSON:** RJ Winkelhake, Chair  
**DATE/TIME:** August 4, 2015 @ 5:03 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

<input checked="" 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: Chuck Pedersen, Dan Reimer and Kevin Turner

**1. Minutes Approval**

- a) **Terry Stoffregen made a motion to approve the June 15, 2015 Law Enforcement and Courts committee meeting minutes, seconded by Don Zillig and motion passed.**

**2. Citizens' Comments**

**3. Unfinished Business**

- a) **FY2014/FY2015 Strategic Goals & Plans** – The committee reviewed their prior strategic goals. The Courthouse Security Plan is ongoing. The rest of the items have all been completed. RJ Winkelhake discussed that the committee should prepare a list of prioritized project to bring forward during the budget process. Winkelhake suggested the committee start by reviewing the Courthouse Exterior Study, the HVAC study and five year capital improvement plan.
- b) **Update on five year capital improvement plan** - Nothing new to report.
- c) **Recommendations to maintain the Public Safety Radio Communications System Project** – Nothing new to report.
- d) **Update on proposed 911 dispatch center consolidation feasibility study** – See new business.
- e) **Update on judicial system payment process** – Nothing new to report.

**4. New Business**

- a) **Presentation, discussion and possible action on approval of the 2015 Jo Daviess County Emergency Operation Plan** – Chuck Pedersen, Jo Daviess County EMA Coordinator, informed the committee that IEMA requires the JDC Emergency Operations Plan to be updated every two years. Pedersen presented a summary review of the plan to the committee. **Bill Bingham made a motion to approve and move forward to the County Board the 2015 Jo Daviess County Emergency Operations Plan and add “for official use only” indicated toward front of document. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion passed.** The 2015 Jo Daviess County Emergency Operations Plan will be sent to the County Board for approval. Peterson informed the committee that a Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Galena Middle School to put out information to the public regarding the Galena train derailment.

- b) **Discussion and possible action on committee assignments from the 2015 County Board Retreat** – The committee reviewed and designated who would be responsible for following up on the committee assignments from the June 23, 2015 County Board Retreat. The assignments for the Law & Courts Committee are as follows: complete analysis of Courthouse security (Sheriff Turner), replace/update all technology in mobile command center (Chuck Pedersen/Ron Smith), HVAC project for Courthouse (L&C Committee), consolidate dispatch (9-1-1) with other counties (B. Kimball/L&C Committee/Sheriff Turner/C. Pedersen), design/create Courthouse signage inside & outside (on hold), obtain body cameras & software for Sheriff's Department (Sheriff Turner), continue 5-year exterior maintenance plan (L&C Committee), develop plan for interior Courthouse maintenance (L&C Committee), establish emergency operations center (Chuck Pedersen), new floors/showers for jail (Sheriff Turner), fix Meeker Street winter run off (on hold), establish Preservation Foundation for Courthouse (on hold), complete implementation of NG-9-1-1 (on hold), research & implement media presentation for Court Room (John Hay), review Courthouse parking issues (on hold), communicate various Court Room issues with judges (Sharon Wand).
- c) **Review of 2015 Jo Daviess County Jail Inspection Report** – Sheriff Turner reported on the inspection which occurred on March 28, 2015. Some improvements that have been added are PayPal, a new camera to the booking area and some exterior cameras. Recommendations for improvement in the jail system are recording and new cameras in the jail. In addition, the tile floors in the jail are starting to peel up and those tiles could be used as a potential weapon. RJ Winkelhake asked Sheriff Turner to get a quote on correcting the tile issue and bring it back to the next committee meeting.
- d) **Discussion on Revised Consolidation Report** – Sheriff Turner reported that Consultant Richard Tucker has finished his study. Tucker feels that consolidation is feasible and offered a recommendation to bring it forward to the committee or County executive which would be Dan Reimer, County Administrator and Ron Smith, County Board chair. We would also need to reach out to all the ETSB's to determine if all the counties are still interested in consolidation. The next step would be schedule a meeting with all the County board chairs, ETSB chairs and Sheriff's together to discuss. The consultant also recommended that we team up with the Galena Fire Department when they build a new training facility to see if we could use a portion of the facility as an emergency operations center.

## 5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** – Sheriff Turner reported that Sgt. Mike Moser was helping Chief Beedle, Galena Fire Department, with their ISO report. They have gone from a rating 5 down to a rating 3. The lower the number the better! Bill Bingham added that this rating could reduce insurance rates. Turner commented on SB804 regarding court security fees. The current maximum by statute is \$25 and could be more if a cost study is done that justifies additional actual costs.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – No report.

- c) **Probation** – No report.
- d) **Public Defender** – No report.
- e) **Other** – No report.

**6. Citizens' Comments**

- 7. Board Member Concerns** – RJ Winkelhake commented that closed session records were discussed at the Executive Committee meeting last night. The recommendation is that each committee should review their closed minutes at least semi-annually. This committee does not have any at the present time. Ron Smith has the grant from the Galena Foundation. Smith also contacted the Red Cross and they gave him their data sets from the train derailment which he has forwarded to Burlington Northern. They will make a donation to the Red Cross out of their trust fund.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. following a motion by Don Zillig and a second by Gerald Bennett.