

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Law Enforcement & Courts  
**CHAIRPERSON:** RJ Winkelhake, Chairman  
**DATE/TIME:** August 15, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

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

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None

Others: Dan Reimer, Richard Robinson, Dan Schleicher, Scott Toot, Tim Wand and Jack Zane

**1. Minutes Approval**

a) **The July 18, 2016 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting minutes were filed by consent.**

**2. Citizens' Comments: None**

**RJ Winkelhake, Law & Courts Committee Chairman, asked to move up item 6. New Business a) Presentation on the State of EMS in Jo Daviess County at this time.**

**3. New Business**

a) Presentation on the State of EMS in Jo Daviess County – Richard Robinson, EMS Coordinator, Swedish American Hospital and Dan Schleicher, EMS Coordinator, Elizabeth Community Ambulance Service gave a presentation on the State of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Jo Daviess County. They handed out a document entitled, The State of EMS in Jo Daviess County and also a PowerPoint presentation. Robinson discussed the current state of EMS in Jo Daviess County and some of the concerns for the future. Primarily EMS in Jo Daviess County is staffed by volunteers. There are six ambulance services and multiple fire departments and first responder agencies that provide EMS coverage for our county. EMS agencies have an ongoing problem of recruiting new and additional volunteers. Many of these volunteers have multiple demands on their life and work. Many of the current volunteers have many years of service and it is questionable how much longer they will continue to volunteer. Over the years all agencies have seen an increase in demand for their services which places an additional burden on EMS agencies and volunteers. There is no standard method of funding EMS in the county. Ambulance cost and other EMS supplies and equipment have been steadily increasing over the years. The high level of care that many agencies work to provide places an increased burden on them. Training and education is a serious commitment for an individual who provides this service to the community. They must also complete continuing education in order to maintain their licensure. Agencies must also invest substantial time and expense in the initial training of EMS personnel. EMS is an essential service to the people of Jo Daviess County and must be supported and continued. The current form of EMS is unlikely to continue in the future. Robinson asked is there anything the County can do to help. Maybe consideration of a countywide ambulance service. We must look to the future and develop a system of EMS that is sustainable and provides the people of Jo Daviess County with the high level of care they need and expect. Winkelhake asked how the County might be able to help. The Committee discussed the current state of EMS in Jo Daviess County. In the future the County may have to look at possible options to provide EMS services.

#### 4. Unfinished Business

- a) **FY2015/FY2016 Strategic Goals & Plans – Timelines/Responsibilities** – The committee reviewed their FY2015/FY2016 Strategic Goals & Plans. RJ Winkelhake commented that we have one item coming up with the Unified Command Post in December and we also have something with the State's Attorney with the Court room presentation.
- b) **Update on five year capital improvement plan** – RJ Winkelhake commented that Chief Deputy Craig Ketelsen will be sending an email with an updated five year plan that has a few items removed because they are funded from other sources.
- c) **Update on 2016 Courthouse HVAC Project** – The Courthouse HVAC Improvement project is moving along.
- d) **Update on implementation of CodeRED** – Chuck Pedersen has scheduled an informational meeting at Eagle Ridge for all the Jo Daviess County communities that plan to participate in CodeRED to bring them up to speed and let them know what needs to happen next.
- e) **Discussion on proposed Courthouse office space layout** – Nothing new to report at this time.

#### 5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** – Nothing additional to report.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – RJ Winkelhake commented that he called Circuit Clerk Sharon Wand and asked her for a list of fees collected. She emailed the report earlier in the day to Winkelhake. The amount collected to date is considerably more than prior year.
- c) **Probation** – No report.
- d) **Public Defender** – Public Defender reports were included in the packet.
- e) **Other** – None

#### 6. Citizens' Comments -- None

- 7. **Board Member Concerns** – Dan Reimer reported on the condition of the third floor Courthouse windows. Many of the windows were replaced or repaired as part of the 2007/2008 Roof Replacement project. However, there were some that were not addressed and a specific analysis of these windows was not done as part of the 2013 Courthouse Exterior condition study. It was recently discovered that some of the windows appeared to be in poor condition. Jeff Brown from Shive-Hattery inspected the windows on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Brown provided two options with cost opinions for both options. Option 1 is to repair the existing single glazed wood sashes, replace loose and damaged sash members, paint existing windows, replace broken glass, new glazing and sealants and replace window sills. Option 2 would replace windows with metal clad wood windows of same quality as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor replacement. Brown will be asked to discuss the options with the Committee at a future meeting. RJ Winkelhake discussed there was a request to landscape and place plantings on the rock outcropping adjacent to the County parking lot next to the Jail Hill Inn. There is a City walkway that goes up between the County parking lot and Jail Hill Inn.

The next Law & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, September 19, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m. following a motion by Don Zillig and a second by Bill Bingham.