

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: RJ Winkelhake, Chair
DATE/TIME: November 16, 2015 @ 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RJ Winkelhake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bennett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith
<input 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 and Kevin Turner

1. Minutes Approval

- a) **The October 14, 2015 and the November 10, 2015 Law Enforcement and Courts committee meeting minutes were filed by consent.**

2. Citizens' Comments : None

3. Unfinished Business

- a) **FY2014/FY2015 Strategic Goals & Plans – Timelines/Responsibilities** – The committee reviewed their strategic goals, completion timelines and the individual(s) assigned responsibility for overseeing each of the goals. 2015/2016 Strategic goals are as follows:

- i. Complete analysis of Courthouse security – December 2016 - Sheriff Turner
- ii. Replace/update all technology in the mobile command center - December 2016 - Chuck Petersen/Ron Smith
- iii. Courthouse HVAC – ongoing - Law & Courts Committee
- iv. Consolidate dispatch (9-1-1) with other Counties – ongoing – ETSB/EMA/Sheriff and Law & Courts Committee
- v. Obtain body cameras & software for Sheriff's Department – ongoing - Sheriff Turner/Craig Ketelsen
- vi. Continue 5-year exterior maintenance plan – ongoing – Law & Courts Committee
- vii. Develop plan for interior Courthouse maintenance – December 2017 – Law & Courts Committee
- viii. Establish emergency operations center – ongoing – EMA Coordinator/Sheriff Turner/Law & Courts Committee
- ix. New floors/showers for jail – December 2016 – Sheriff Turner
- x. Research & implement media presentation for court rooms - December 2016 – John Hay
- xi. Communicate various court room issues with judges - December 2015 – Sharon Wand/Ron Smith
- xii. The Committee placed the following items on hold: fix Meeker Street winter run off, establish preservation foundation for Courthouse, complete implementation of NG-9-1-1 and review Courthouse parking issues.

- b) **Update on five year capital improvement plan** – Nothing new at this time.

- c) **Update on proposed 911 dispatch center consolidation feasibility study** – A consultant has been working with Carroll County, Jo Daviess County and Stephenson County regarding the feasibility of consolidating dispatch services. A report was issued, 9-1-1 Call Taking and Public Safety Dispatch Analysis Report.

- d) **Update on the possible action on reimbursement for Volunteers for hours worked on the Command Post during the Galena Train Derailment** – The committee discussed that five volunteers served on Mobile Command Post #5 as UCP Technicians during the time the Unified Command Post was needed for the BNSF Railway/Galena Train Derailment. The committee discussed that the discharge of crude oil is a prohibited discharge per Jo Daviess County Code and the person or entity responsible for the discharge is liable to the county for any expense incurred by the county in connection with preventing, cleaning up, or disposing of or attempting to prevent, clean up, or dispose of any such discharge or threatened discharge. This was a unique disaster that continued for a period of several days. Ron Smith recommended that the five volunteers who served on Mobile Command Post #5 as UCP Technicians during the BNSF Railway/Galena Train Derailment should receive some compensation. **Terry Stoffregen made a motion that a resolution be drafted to reimburse the UCP Technicians for hours worked on the Galena Train Derailment at the rate of \$12 hour. The motion was seconded by Don Zillig. Motion passed.**

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action on establishing meeting dates and times for the FY2016 Law & Courts Committee Meetings. **Don Zillig made a motion to approve the meeting dates and times for the FY2016 Law & Courts Committee Meetings with a start time of 5:30 p.m. Gerald Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
- b) Discussion and possible action on a Public Defender agreement with Thomas A Nack beginning December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2016. **Terry Stoffregen made a motion to approve a Public Defender agreement with Thomas A Nack beginning December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2016. Motion was seconded by Gerald Bennett. Ron Smith abstained from voting. The motion passed.**
- c) Discussion and possible action on a Public Defender agreement with Adam J North beginning December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2016. **Gerald Bennett made a motion to approve a Public Defender agreement with Adam J North beginning December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2016. Motion was seconded by Don Zillig and motion passed.**
- d) Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution to increase the Court Services Fee. Sheriff Turner discussed that the current Court Service fee is \$20, Illinois statute allows for a fee of \$25. **Don Zillig made a motion to approve a resolution to increase the court services fee. Motion was seconded by Terry Stoffregen and motion passed.**
- e) Discussion and possible action on an agreement between the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office and Heather M Ward RN FY2016 **Don Zillig made a motion to approve an agreement between the JDC Sheriff's office and Heather Ward RN for FY2016. The motion was seconded by Gerald Bennett and motion passed.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** – No report.
b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – No report.
c) **Probation** – No report.
d) **Public Defender** – No report.
e) **Other** – No report.

6. Citizens' Comments -- None

7. Board Member Concerns – None

The next Law & Courts committee meeting will be Monday, December 21, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

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