

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: RJ Winkelhake
DATE/TIME: March 17, 2014 @ 6:00 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham	

Other Board Members:

Others: Dan Reimer, Dave Hachmeister, Sharon Wand and Kathy Phillips

1. **Brandon Behlke made a motion to approve the February 18, 2014 committee meeting minutes seconded by Terry Stoffregen and motion passed.**
2. **Citizens' Comments**
3. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **FY2013 Strategic Goals & Plans** – Nothing new at this time.
 - b) **Law & Courts Committee assignments from 2013 County Board Retreat** - Nothing new to report.
 - c) **Update on five year capital improvement plan** – Nothing new to report.
 - d) **Update on Public Safety Radio Communication Systems Upgrade Project** – RJ Winkelhake discussed that the Illinois State Police Tower repeater project in Stockton that was approved in December is in the process of being implemented and a report will be provided at the April meeting.
 - e) **Recommendations to fund the Public Safety Radio Communications System Project** – This will be part of the 4a discussion, see below.
4. **New Business**
 - a) **Discussion and possible action regarding the process for collecting court fines and fees** - Circuit Clerk Sharon Wand reviewed the staff report that she provides to the Law & Courts Committee each month and how the cases are broken into categories. Bill Bingham asked if the pending traffic cases could also be broken down into categories. Wand discussed the court process and the responsibilities of the Circuit Clerk's office regarding the collection of fines and costs. Wand explained that Pioneer Credit Services is contracted for the collection of outstanding fines and fees. In 2013 Pioneer collected \$6,222.50 in delinquent fines. As a payment option the Circuit Clerk's Office uses the epay system which is administered by the State of Illinois Treasurer, however this system does not accept Visa. Wand also uses a program called Gov Pay Net. In 2013 credit card payments totaled \$124,556.17. Jo Daviess County receives the full 100% of the amount owed, the county pays no fees; the defendant pays any fees associated with credit card payments.
 - b) **Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation from Shive-Hattery to repair and/or replace sidewalks and railings on the Meeker Street side of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse** - Dave Hackmeister informed the committee that the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department did receive a report

from Shive - Hattery that the retaining wall located on the Meeker Street side of the Courthouse is in good shape, however the sidewalk, curb and gutter needs to be replaced. The curb and gutter is the responsibility of the City of Galena, the sidewalk and rail is the responsibility of the County. The Sheriff's Department is awaiting bids for repair of the sidewalk and replacement of the railing. This item will be placed on next months agenda.

- c) **Discussion and possible action regarding a professional service agreement with Shive-Hattery** - See 4b above.
- d) **Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a EMA Director**- Ron Smith reported that he is working with Sheriff Turner and County Administrator Dan Reimer on the possibilities for this position.

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Office** – Dave Hackmeister reported that the State of Illinois is switching to an all Windows 7 operating system and a lot of the Sheriff's Department software still operates with Windows XP. This is causing some issues as Windows XP will not interface with the State of Illinois LEADS network. Hackmeister reported that three bids were received for the RMS, JMS and CAD Software Project. The ETSB Board will review the bids and make a recommendation.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office**
- c) **Probation**
- d) **Public Defender**
- e) **Other**

6. Citizens' Comments

7. Board Member Concerns

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. following a motion by Brandon Behlke and a second by Bill Bingham.