

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Dane Jackson
DATE/TIME: September 15, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marvin Schultz	<input type="checkbox"/> Jack Zillig
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernece Hill	<input type="checkbox"/> Terry Stoffregen	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sally Toepfer	

Other Board Members:

Others: Dan Reimer, Colin Fulrath

Dane Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Minutes

Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2008 as presented. Terry Stoffregen seconded and the motion passed.

2. Citizens' Comments – none

3. Unfinished Business

- a) **Capacity and Evacuation Plan.** Until further notice, this item will remain on the agenda. Chief Deputy Colin Fulrath stated that some of the committee members for this plan are occupied with the current murder trial and will be unable to focus on the plan until after the trial. Discussion centered on doorway access, in case of an emergency, on the 3rd floor - county board room, (in light of the board room furniture layout reconfiguration.) A revised plan of action will be sketched out with the security officers.
- b) **Courthouse Security.** Until further notice, this item will remain on the agenda.
- c) **State Elevator Inspection Report.** A written report of items cited was distributed by Dan Reimer and reviewed. After some discussion on the interpretation of the report, it was decided that Fulrath will contact John Meyerhofer, for an explanation of the report and its findings and to follow up with the regular inspector on some of the issues on the report. This item will be on next month's agenda.
- d) **Courthouse Re-roofing Project Phase II.** Jackson stated that this item had been removed from the agenda a month ago to make sure the contractor (Tricon) could get certified with the State of Illinois. The contractor is scheduled to attend certification class on September 24, 2008. **Cooper made a motion to return this motion back to the County Board agenda for the month of October, 2008.** The original wording for the motion is: 'Consideration of a recommendation to approve the construction contracts (roofing/sheet metal, and painting) for the Courthouse Roof Project-Phase II, to Tricon Construction, located in Dubuque, IA., provided that Tricon Construction is a licensed roofing contractor with the State of Illinois . The total project cost is not to exceed \$127,700.00. (Recommended by the Committee. See minutes of July 21,

2008.)' **Bernece Hill seconded.** Jackson clarified that the wording for today's motion will remain the same as the original motion. Reimer questioned the wording of today's motion because some of the stipulations are no longer valid (i.e. the project timeline). After further discussion, it was made clear that the contract will need to be revised to reflect a new timeline. It was apparent that additional information was needed from Al Urbain, the Project Manager. **To that end, a special Law & Courts meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 6:30 pm (prior to the County Board Budget Workshop) for the purpose of reviewing/revising the project timeline with Al Urbain and ascertaining if Tricon obtained certification. If all is in order after this special meeting, the committee could move the motion forward for consideration to the County Board, during the Budget Workshop that same evening. Cooper withdrew his motion to return the original motion back to the County Board agenda for the month of October, 2008.** A Courthouse Roof Project Budget Phase I and Phase II worksheet reflecting expenditures to-date, was distributed by Reimer and reviewed by everyone present. So far it appears that the re-roofing project will be under budget.

4. New Business

- a) **New Squad Car Purchase.** Fulrath reported on the bid status for a new squad car. Notice of the request for bids was hand delivered to all Jo Daviess County car dealers. Since the purchasing policy states that purchases over \$10,000 have to be published in the county newspapers, it was decided that this request be re-bid. **Jack Zillig made a motion to re-bid the purchase of a new squad according to the purchasing policy. Stoffregen seconded and the motion passed.**
- b) **Emergency Operation Plan.** Fulrath reported that this is a county-wide, all hazard operation plan that is renewed every two years. A resolution needs to be adopted prior to the end of October, 2008. The plan covers tornadoes, major fires, earthquakes, storms, etc. After further discussion it was agreed to add this to the September 30, 2008 Law & Courts special meeting. The Emergency Operation Plan binder will be located in the County Administrator's Office for review. **Cooper made motion place the Emergency Operation Plan from the Sheriff's Office, on the September 30, 2008 Law & Courts special meeting agenda. Sally Toepfer seconded and the motion passed.** After the special meeting, this item will be moved forward for county board approval on that same night (during the County Board Budget Workshop).
- c) **Strategic Plan 2008 Goals.** Jackson referred everyone to the list of goals assigned to this committee. Regarding security, the use of metal detectors was implemented (due to the capital murder trial). Courthouse/PSB parking lot improvements will take place once all scheduled construction projects are completed. Marvin Schultz stated that the Courthouse HVAC plan needs to be added to the list of goals. This is a seven-year project, of which four years have been completed. A feasibility study (analysis) is needed and funding needs to be sought for the remainder of the project. Discussion centered on whether or not to add the feasibility study to the FY2009 Unfunded List. Jackson suggested

reserving any remaining Courthouse Re-roofing project funds for the Courthouse HVAC plan. **Jackson made a motion that any remaining budgeted funds remaining from the Courthouse Re-roofing project be designated and appropriated for an analysis of the Courthouse HVAC system. Zillig seconded and the motion passed.** Toepfer suggested that better outdoor lighting and possibly ingress reconfiguration be a part of the parking lot improvements.

- d) **Discussion on Right to Bear Arms.** (Schultz stated that this topic is not the right to bears arms but the right to bear concealed weapons.) Schultz reported that other counties are circulating resolutions for the right to bear concealed weapons and some are putting this on ballots in order to get input from citizens. These counties are in favor of this right and would like the Legislature to pass a law for carrying concealed arms. When Schultz received this information, it was too late to put it on the ballot, but he believes that this committee should discuss it and also get input from the Legislative Committee, Sheriff's Office and the State's Attorney. Stoffregen stated that putting this on a referendum is not cost effective. Fulrath commented on who would provide training for individuals carrying a concealed weapon and enforce it. **Cooper made a motion to send this topic to the Legislative Committee for research. Stoffregen seconded and the motion passed.**

5. Staff Reports –

- a) **Sheriff's Report.** This report was a part of the committee meeting packet.
- b) **Chief Deputy Sheriff's Report.**
- c) **Circuit Clerk's Office.** This report was a part of the committee meeting packet.
- d) **Public Defender's Report.**
- e) **Probation Department Report.**

6. Other

7. Board Member Concerns

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. following a motion by Zillig and seconded by Cooper.

Special meeting to be held: Tuesday, September 30, 2008. 6:30 pm

Next regular and joint budget meeting: Monday, October 20, 2008. 7:00 pm