

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Law & Courts  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Dane Jackson  
**DATE/TIME:** March 23, 2006. 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Berlage  
 Cooper

Jackson  
 Petitgout

Stoffregen  
 Zillig

Other Board Members: Domer Schubert  
Others: Sheriff Brian Melton, Mike Ruden

### MINUTES

**1. Minutes**

Tim Petitgout made a motion to approve the committee minutes of January 19, 2006. Jack Zillig seconded and the motion passed with Bill Cooper abstaining.

**2. Citizens' Comments – none**

**3. Old Business**

- a) Roof project. Mike Ruden reviewed documents for proposal of repairs for the roof over the front part of the courthouse building. The document is based off the cost estimate of \$834,764 provided in October 2005. The extent of the needed repairs will not be known until the project is started. A construction manager needs to be hired to oversee the project. Much discussion. Dane Jackson suggested that we should go out for bids for the project. The consensus of the committee is to get a team together to look at the roof inside and out. The committee discussed if there are other architectural firms in the area that can provide services like Durrant.
- b) Heat tape update. Durrant hasn't been able to close the project out yet because they are still waiting for information from Giese, especially regarding the warranty. The final payment won't be released to Giese until Durrant is satisfied.
- c) Parking lot lighting. All the bids exceed \$10,000 to install the fixtures and light poles that we already have. Brian Melton asked the committee if they would like to continue trying to install as one project or as separate phases such as installing the lights on the building, installing the poles, trenching and resurfacing. A wiring diagram is needed. The committee discussed specifics of how the project could continue. Cooper made a motion to submit a proposal for parking lot light installation in three phases. Petitgout seconded and the motion passed.
- d) Expansion tanks. The tanks have been ordered but nothing further has been done on the project.
- e) Duct cleaning in courthouse. No information has been received yet.

**4. New Business**

- a) Keg ordinance. The committee discussed the proposed ordinance. The ordinance is designed to assure that the seller sold to a person of legal age and a registration is attached to the keg showing the name of the purchaser. The committee discussed if all the municipalities and retail outlets would fall under the ordinance. The committee discussed the work of the various alcohol awareness organizations and task forces and if the efforts are being duplicated and should be coordinated. Domer Schubert will discuss it with the Mayor of Stockton and get some feedback on if the communities will support this type of effort. The committee also discussed selling alcohol at farmers' markets. Schubert will report back to the committee.
- b) Barking dog ordinance. Melton reported that excessive barking is a problem in a couple of areas in the county. He is requesting that the committee forward to the States Attorney a request to draft an ordinance. Cooper made a motion that this topic be referred to Animal Control and the Public Works Committee. Petitgout seconded and the motion passed.
- c) Fuel surcharge. The Highway Department charges the Sheriff's Office a \$0.02 surcharge when the Sheriff's Office uses their gas. The Highway Department occasionally uses the Sheriff's Office gas but is not charged a surcharge. The Sheriff's Office would like to reciprocate the surcharge. The committee explained that the charge was applied to pay for the key system that was installed. The consensus of the committee is to ask the County Engineer to remove the surcharge for the Sheriff's Office.
- d) Resolution for Jo Daviess County Emergency Management Agency. Melton is requesting that the name of the Jo Daviess County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency be changed to Jo Daviess County Emergency Management Agency. This will simplify things and update the ordinance to bring the name in line with other area agency names. Zillig made a motion to recommend approval of a resolution to change the agency name as requested. Cooper seconded and the motion passed.

## 5. Staff Reports

- a) Sheriff's Office. Written reports submitted. Petitgout asked about the sale and meltdown of firearms. Melton replied that they make a determination on disposal based on legal requirements and discretion. He also reported that an office staff member has submitted her resignation and will be replaced. They are also completing testing to replace a couple of deputies who are leaving the area.

## 6. Board Member Concerns

Cooper stated that he spoke with Marie Stiefel and they are considering canceling or changing the format of County Government Day due to the lack of open dates on the court calendar. Stiefel is working with the Circuit Clerk to determine if a date can be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. following a motion by Zillig and seconded by Petitgout.