

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Law Enforcement & Courts  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Dane Jackson  
**DATE/TIME:** October 18, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Cooper	<input type="checkbox"/> Marvin Schultz	<input type="checkbox"/> Don Zillig
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernece Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Stoffregen	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bennett	

Other Board Members:

Others: Colin Fulrath, Kevin Turner and Dan Reimer

Dane Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor evacuation policy.

1. **Minutes** – Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of September 20, 2010. Terry Stoffregen seconded and the motion passed.
2. **Citizens' Comments** – None
3. **Unfinished Business**
  - a) **Strategic Goals & Plans.** Dane Jackson reviewed the 2010 strategic goals of the committee and discussed that the timeline of the Courthouse security plan should be listed as ongoing. **Dane Jackson made a motion to revise timeline status of the goal, continue development of Courthouse security plan, from July to ongoing. Seconded by Bill Cooper and motion passed.** The courthouse downspouts project is complete but waiting on a price quote to fix the back gutter in the area where the buildings connect in an effort to eliminate water leaking into the first floor hallway when it rains.
  - b) **Update on Phase I of the Jo Daviess County Public Safety Radio System Analysis and Design Project.** There is no report at this time.
  - c) **Fire Protection System Inspection Deficiencies.** Dane Jackson reported to the committee that the fire protection deficiencies are on the unfunded request list that will be addressed at the budget workshop on October 21, 2010.
  - d) **Ordinance to amend sex offender registration fees.** Kevin Turner reported that he did speak to someone from the Sex Offender Management Board and they informed him that there would not need to be a new fee study conducted to change this fee. He did provide this information to States Attorney Kurt for review and is awaiting his opinion. The Sex Offender Board said that the County could collect the \$62 fee that was established as a result of the cost study as long as the County paid the State of Illinois their required portion of the fee. Dan Reimer reminded the committee any fee change will require an ordinance amendment. The committee reviewed a comparison of the fees charged and the number of registered offenders to determine the net affect the new statute would have on revenue. Kevin Turner informed the committee that the new state statute will go into effect on January 1, 2011 and the state law will require the collection of \$100 and the County will receive approximately \$30 of this amount. **Dane Jackson made a motion to increase the sex offender registration fee to \$100 to comply**

**with new state statute which will become effective January 1, 2011. Seconded by Bill Cooper and motion passed. Kevin Turner will work with States Attorney Terry Kurt to draft an amendment to the current ordinance and bring back to the Law & Courts Committee next month.**

- e) **Derinda Road Tower – co locate request.** Dane Jackson reported that there has been discussion on a co-locate request from a private telecommunications vendor and discussion within the County regarding if Jo Daviess County or if 911 – ETSB owned the tower. Communications consultant Ira Wiesenfield recommended that if the County did decide to lease tower space that there be a clause in the contracts that if there was any interference in County frequencies that the device be removed at the expense of the company that is leasing the tower space. Dane Jackson recommended that any revenue received from leasing tower space be deposited into the Emergency Communications Fund (066). **Bill Cooper made a motion to move forward a recommendation to open up Jo Daviess County owned radio communication towers for possible leasing of wireless transmissions. Seconded by Gerald Bennett and motion passed.**

#### 4. New Business

- a) **Discussion and possible action on Mitigation Grant for Natural Hazards through Illinois Emergency Management Agency.** Colin Fulrath reported that Jo Daviess County has an opportunity to receive a FEMA grant to establish an Emergency Operations mitigation plan. This would determine how to help alleviate any possibilities of flooding or effects of natural disaster. Fulrath discussed that this plan would be County wide plan and all municipalities would be included. This grant is important because in many cases an Emergency Operations Mitigation plan is required to be in place before funding for certain mitigation projects can be approved. This is a \$73,000 grant with \$54,750 to be received by the County to pay a consultant to develop a mitigation plan the balance of \$18,250 is an in kind soft match from individuals participating in plan development. **Dane Jackson made a motion to approve application for a Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant for Jo Daviess County. Seconded by Bernece Hill and motion passed.** Dan Reimer explained that he has talked to the auditors and they suggested establishing a new special fund for hazard mitigation. He stated that if the committee would like to create a special fund that he would draft a fund description and budget and present the draft information at the County Budget Workshop on Thursday, October 21, 2010. **Bernece Hill made a motion to establish a Hazard Mitigation Fund and associated fund description. Seconded by Bill Cooper and motion passed.**
- b) **Discuss possible addition of a fee for cancellation or continuation of a scheduled Sheriff's Sale.** Kevin Turner reported that several times Sheriff's Sales have been cancelled with only a few hours notice. Turner is proposing that there be a policy put into place stating that there must be 48 hours notice given for a cancellation of a Sheriff's Sale and if the 48 hours is not given than there would be a fee or penalty that would apply. The committee discussed possible fees to cover additional costs incurred by the Sheriff's office. It was decided that more research is needed and the current statute needs to be reviewed. This item will be placed on next months agenda.

- c) **Discussion and possible action on Addendum to Contract with Ira Wiesenfield.** Colin Fulrath reported that with the state interoperable plan a local communications assessment is required and includes the testing of communications frequencies. Fulrath reported that the County's Communications consultant is Ira Wiesenfield and Associates and they are currently working on Phase I of the County's Communications feasibility study. Fulrath contacted Wisenfeld regarding conducting an assessment as required by the state interoperable. Fulrath presented an addendum to Wiesenfeld's existing professional service contract to complete a tactical interoperability communications plan for Jo Daviess County. **Bill Cooper made a motion to move forward a recommendation to approve an addendum to the contract with Ira Wiesenfield & Associates to prepare a Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan at a cost not to exceed \$18,500. Seconded by Bernece Hill and motion passed.**
- d) **Discussion and possible action on Galena Police Department purchasing fuel from County fuel pumps.** Lt. Kevin Turner reported that he was asked by the City of Galena if Jo Daviess County would consider allowing the Galena Police Department to purchase gas from the County owned gas pump at the West Street facility. Turner stated that Chief Westemeier would be willing to pay for a key control system. The committee discussed questions regarding how this would be implemented and thought it best to discuss with the City of Galena before entering into an agreement. It was decided to place this item on next months agenda.

#### 5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report –None**
- b) **Circuit Clerk – None**
- c) **Probation – None**
- d) **Public Defender – None**
- e) **Other - None**

6. **Board Member Concerns** – Dane Jackson discussed possible concerns with not having a construction manager regularly on-site for the HVAC system project in the Public Safety Building. Kevin Turner discussed that he talked to Todd Welch, Chief Deputy in Stephenson County, about housing Jo Daviess County prisoners for certain periods of time during the HVAC project. Stephenson County is willing to help but would like Jo Daviess County Correctional Officers to help so they did not have to pay overtime. Dan Reimer discussed a revised HVAC project timeline which included County Board approval of final design drawings on November 9, 2010. Because of the time restraints and final design drawings not on the agenda, the committee decided to schedule a special meeting prior to the November 9, 2010 County Board meeting so that the Law & Courts Committee could take action on recommendations to the County Board.

Next regular meeting on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. following a motion by Bill Cooper and seconded by Bernece Hill.