

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Law & Courts  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Dane Jackson  
**DATE/TIME:** November 20, 2006. 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stoffregen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooper	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitgout	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zillig

Other Board Members:

Others: Sheriff Brian Melton, County Administrator Dan Reimer, Leo Hefel, John Allen

### MINUTES

Dane Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Minutes**

Jack Zillig made a motion to approve the committee minutes of October 16 and November 14, 2006. Terry Stoffregen seconded and the motion passed.

Jackson stepped down from the chair for the rest of the meeting and Stoffregen took over as chair.

**2. Citizens' Comments**

Leo Hefel discussed the money that was included in the Sheriff's budget for the continuing education for Brian Melton.

**3. Old Business**

- a) Keg registration ordinance. Melton reported that he doesn't have anything new on this topic. Merri Berlage reported that Terry Kurt is drafting an ordinance. She feels strongly that all communities need to be in support of this course of action in order for it to be successful. The committee discussed the possibility that the Illinois Liquor Commission is considering similar action.

**4. New Business**

- a) Review of Courthouse re-roofing project bids. John Allen of Allen & Urbain distributed a recommendation and a copy of the bid tabulation from the bid opening that was held on November 16, 2006. Allen apologized to the committee because some of the bids were considerably higher than estimated. Some changes were made to the project and some recent code changes will also affect the roof. Allen discussed the options with the committee to extend the project over two years and re-bid certain portions of the project. The bids are about \$200,000 over the initial estimate. Allen reviewed some of the specific changes that they would make before re-bidding sections of the project. He suggested concentrating first on the exterior work including the roofing, sheet metal work, chimney and gutters. He also discussed a possible rebate on the shingles because they are not lasting as long as promised by the manufacturer. Allen's recommendation is to accept the masonry bid for \$14,322.00, architectural metal work for \$6,000.00, roofing and sheet

metal for \$200,000.00, and stainless steel eave for \$3,200 for a total of \$223,522.00. He recommends rejecting the other bids for masonry, carpentry and painting and repackaging them for bidding again at a later date. The second phase of the project would include the interior work, insulation, painting, fire protection and gutter work. The committee discussed the gutter work. The contractors had pointed out that some of the seams on the copper gutters are leaking and the metal is too worn out to re-solder. Merri Berlage made a motion to re-bid the masonry, carpentry and painting components for the roof project. Bill Cooper seconded and the motion passed with Jackson abstaining. Berlage also made a motion to reject the bids for fire protection, masonry, HVAC, and electrical components of the roof project. Cooper seconded and the motion passed with Jackson abstaining.

- b) State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor resolution. This resolution and cost is the same as last year. Berlage made a motion to recommend approval of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor resolution. Zillig seconded and the motion passed.

#### 5. Staff Reports

- a) Circuit Clerk's Office was included in the meeting packet for the committee.
- b) Sheriff's Office. Melton had nothing further to add to his written report.

#### 6. Board Member Concerns

Jack Zillig had some questions about the Christmas holiday and when the courthouse will be closed.

Stoffregen reminded the committee that the budget hearing is November 21 and the committee sign up sheets are due to the County Administrator's office November 27.

The committee discussed the opening of the front door and concerns expressed by the departments regarding safety.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. following a motion by Zillig and seconded by Cooper.