

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Dane Jackson
DATE/TIME: July 20, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marvin Schultz	<input checked="" 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: Dan Reimer, Tim Stephenson, Kevin Turner, and Sheriff Hefel

Dane Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and introduced the new County Board and Committee Member – Don Zillig.

- 1. Minutes** - Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2009 and June 15, 2009 as presented. Terry Stoffregen seconded and the motion passed.
- 2. Citizens' Comments** – None

Dane moved forward item 4b – Tim Stephenson's report on DUI Court. Tim Stephenson reported that in 2007 the Jo Daviess County Board had inquired into the possibility of a drug court. The court system looked into the matter and after further review had come to the conclusion that in Jo Daviess County that the numbers for repeat offenders for DUIs were much more prevalent than repeat drug offenders so they decided to focus on the DWI Court. Stephenson explained that DWI court is a distinct court system dedicated to changing the behavior of the alcohol/drug dependant offenders arrested for Driving While Impaired (DWI). The goal of DWI court is to protect public safety by using the drug court model to address the root cause of impaired driving, alcohol, and other substance abuse. DWI courts primarily operate within a post-conviction model and utilize all criminal justice stakeholders (judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation officers, law enforcement, and others) coupled with alcohol and drug treatment professionals. Jo Daviess County has put together a team consisting of Judge Ward, Tim Stephenson (Coordinator), States Attorney Kurt, Public Defender Don Schweihs, FHN will be the treatment provider, Probation Officers Jamie Watson and Sharon Gillip and Law Enforcement Officer Mike Oellerich. They will be attending training the middle of September in Michigan. Stephenson reported that it is not the purpose of this program to get out of a conviction or the licensing sanctions of a DUI. The difference between a regular court and the DUI court would be a greater amount of supervision, emphasis on treatment, appearing before the Judge on a regular basis and would be a more intense program.

- 3. Unfinished Business**

- a) Courthouse Security.** Sheriff Hefel reported that he will meet with the Judges in another month or two and revisit this issue. This item will be taken off of unfinished business.

- b) **Strategic Goals & Plans.** Dane Jackson reported that the Phase II of the Courthouse roof project is complete. Dane Jackson is working with County Highway Engineer Steve Keeffer on plans to resurface the Courthouse parking lot. Because of budget constraints they are looking at possibly dividing the project into two different sections. Steve will prepare an RFP for the project and post notice in the newspapers. Dane reported on the Courthouse and Public Safety Building HVAC projects and that Dan Reimer will prepare a letter and RFQ for soliciting qualified engineers for this project. A list of names of possible engineering firms was distributed to the committee by Dane Jackson and asked if committee members had any additional firms to add to the list.
- c) **Courthouse Re-roofing Project Phase II.** See discussion above (3b).

4. New Business

- a) **Water Heater System for Courthouse.** There was an estimate from Top Notch Plumbing and Heating to provide and replace the 40 gallon electric water heater and install new circulating pump with timer in the amount of \$2,377.65. **Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the proposal from Top Notch Plumbing to provide and replace a 40 gallon electric water heater and to install a new circulating pump in the courthouse at a cost of \$2,377.65. Seconded by Gerald Bennett and motion passed.**
- b) **Tim Stephenson will report on DUI Court. See above**
- c) **Inspection Program with Vertical Transportation Consultants of Illinois, L.L.C.** Dan Reimer reported that there is a new law in effect that requires the company that inspects an elevator to be inspected by a third party. The County Administrator's Office investigated who was hired for this requirement last year and the costs of this inspection. Last year Schumacher Elevator Company worked with National Elevator Inspection Services (NEIS) and paid this company the amount of \$150.00. This year the County will be billed directly from the 3rd party company. The committee went over possible contracts for the companies of Vertical Transportation Consultants (VTC), which shows an amount of \$100 base fee plus \$10 per floor (5 floors- each level but both sides on floors 1&2) equaling \$150 plus a mileage fee of .25 per mile coming from either the South side of Chicago, Kankakee or Springfield which ever one was closest. This would put the estimated total for VTC at $\$150 + \$75 = \$225$ and if they would need to do any return inspections or re-inspections as they state in the contract that it would be an additional \$75 plus mileage. This company is looking for a contract commitment of 5 years. The other contract received for consideration was from National Elevator Inspection Services (NEIS). The break down for their fees are; a base fee amount of \$125 and a mileage fee of \$25 (coming from Moline) totaling \$150 and if they would need to do any return inspections or re-inspections then it would be an additional \$75 per hour with an average of 1 hour. This company is offers contract duration of 1, 2 or 3 years commitment. The committee discussed the need to enter into an agreement with Schumacher Elevator Company to conduct the required annual safety tests in the amount of \$330.00 and then, to be in compliance with State code, decide which third party company would be contracted to inspect the work of Schumacher Elevator Company. **Bill Cooper**

made a motion to approve the proposal from Schumacher Elevator Company for an annual hydraulic elevator inspection at a cost of \$330.00. Seconded by Bernece Hill and motion passed. Bill Cooper made a motion to enter into a three year contract with the third party elevator inspection company of National Elevator Inspection Services (NEIS) to inspect and witness the annual hydraulic pressure test for the courthouse elevator at a cost of \$125 plus mileage of \$25. Seconded by Bernece Hill and motion passed. Dan Reimer reminded the committee that last years inspection by Schumacher Elevator identified several items that needed to be repaired or changed. All but one item was repaired in May of this year by Schumacher Elevator and the agreed amount of \$1,188 has been invoiced. The remaining item was to remove all materials and electrical devices not pertaining to the elevator in the machine room. Jo Daviess County was given until 2013 to complete this work. It was discovered that this item may be something that Jo Daviess County can get a variance or be eligible for the grandfather clause on. It was recommended the States Attorney write a letter to State of Illinois asking for this variance. The Sheriff's Department will follow through with States Attorney Kurt to prepare and submit a request for variance letter.

- d) **Consideration and Possible Action with Schumacher Elevator.** A new maintenance contract was not available at meeting time so this item will remain on the agenda for next month.
- e) **HVAC Study.** Discussed with strategic goals item 3b.
- f) **911 Update Software.** Dane Jackson introduced Ben Petitgout and explained to the committee that at the 911 meeting last month they discussed the software program update that they were working on. The current software system that is being used is about 15 years old. Ben reported that because of the cost being around \$450,000 that they were working with the area law enforcement officials on joining together to make the new software a network system that would allow all of the law enforcement to have access from their mobile computers as well as dispatch. This would give officers the opportunity to have 24/7 access to the information from their patrol cars. Ben explained to the committee that this was for informational purposes and that the 911 ETSB Committee was not seeking funding at this point, that they were working with an individual on grant writing and hoping to be able to apply for some grants for the purpose of communication upgrades. Dane Jackson suggested that Ben take this information forward to the Finance, Tax and Budget Committee on July 30, 2009 for them to add this to the Capital Improvement Plan. This information will also be presented to the Information and Technology Committee on July 29, 2009. Bill Cooper reported that the Communications Upgrade Committee met on July 16, 2009 and discussed the need for upgrades on the telecommunication equipment that Jo Daviess County currently uses. He will continue to give updates on this committee at monthly meetings.

5. Staff Reports –

- a) **Sheriff's Report.** Sheriff Hefel reported that the Merit Commission met on Thursday, July 16, 2009 and that they recommended the promotion of Kevin Turner to the position of Lieutenant as soon as possible. With Kevin's promotion

there will be a Sergeant's position vacancy, the Merit Commission will do interviews for that position.

- b) **Circuit Clerk.** No discussion
- c) **Probation.** No discussion
- d) **Public Defender Reports.** No discussion

6. Board Member Concerns – None.

Next regular meeting: Monday, July 20, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. following a motion by Cooper and seconded by Bennett.