

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Dane Jackson
DATE/TIME: April 20, 2009 @ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Stoffregen	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bennett	

Other Board Members:

Others: Dan Reimer, Sheriff Leo Hefel, Kevin Turner, Mike Moser and Ben Pettigout

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

1. **Minutes** - Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2009 as presented. Bernece Hill seconded and the motion passed.
2. **Citizens' Comments** – None
3. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **Courthouse Security.** Sheriff Hefel reported that the sub-committee has a meeting planned for May 14, 2009 with Judge Kelly and Judge Ward, he will report next month.
 - b) **Strategic Goals & Plans.** Dane Jackson reported that the next project that the committee needs to work on is the HVAC and to have a RFP put into place. The committee discussed that there has been money budgeted for this project and the steps that would need to take place to get started. Jackson stated that he was going to get with Steve Keeffer, Highway Engineer, about what needs to be done with the parking lot project. This item will remain on the agenda for next month.
 - c) **Courthouse Re-roofing Project Phase II.** Dane Jackson informed the committee that Tricon started working on the roof project today, Monday, April 20, 2009.
 - d) **Discussion of Energy Efficiency Study by Jo-Carroll Energy.** There has not been any further changes or contact with Jo-Carroll on this study.
 - e) **Property Concerns in Schapville.** Bill Cooper reported that he did send an update from zoning to Duane and Donna Mitch and that he discussed with States Attorney Kurt that the next step would be that the Mitch's would have to file a criminal complaint and the Sheriff's office would have to write a ticket before the State's Attorney's office could get involved. This item is to remain on the agenda for next month
4. **New Business**

Dane Jackson introduced Mike Moser from Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department for discussion only of County Radio Networking. Moser reported that the County's radio network and associated communications infrastructure is in need of updating. They have been researching various options for upgrading the system and are currently in the process of trying to identify possible sources of revenue that might be available to fund such a project. At this time, phone lines at the cost of around \$32,000 per year, are running the radio towers. One of the options discussed was the idea of using a microwave wireless umbrella system

with an estimated cost of \$164,000. What Emergency Management Services (EMS) is proposing is a plan with three phases. The first phase being the decision of the type of system, whether it is phone lines or microwave wireless; the second phase would be upgrading the capacity for law enforcement, fire and EMS; and the third phase would include replacing the counsels in the radio room. A rough estimate for the total three phases would be around \$550,000 to \$600,000. Moser has proposed that the County would establish a communications committee made up of County Board, law enforcement, fire, EMS, 911 Board and the Sheriff's office. Because of time restraints on grant applications it was discussed that there be a special Law & Courts meeting before the County Board meeting on May 12, 2009 to make a recommendation to the Law & Courts committee to establish a communication committee and possible members of the committee.

- a) **Sheriff Hefel to discuss COPS Federal Grant for Sheriff's Department.** Sherriff Hefel discussed that the Sheriff's Department applied for the COPS federal grant that would pay for all labor expenses for 2 years for 2 deputies and the third year the County would have to pay these expenses. It was discussed that if Jo Daviess County was awarded this grant that they would not have to accept the grant. This item will remain on the agenda for next month.
- b) **Jail Inspection Report.** Sheriff Hefel reported that the jail inspection report was distributed and that he was very happy with the positive report.
- c) **Review and Approve ETSB By-Law Revisions.** Dane Jackson reported that the revisions to the ETSB by-laws were; the meeting dates were changed in Article IV: Meetings from the first Thursday of each month to the first Wednesday of each month. **Bill Cooper made a motion to accept the revised by-laws of ETSB and move forward to the County Board. Terry Stoffregen seconded and motion passed.**
- d) **Intergovernmental Agreement for Juvenile Justice Council.** Dan Reimer reported that this intergovernmental agreement officially establishes the Jo Daviess County Juvenile Justice Council and provides insurance coverage for the Council under the County's insurance. **Bill Cooper made a motion to move forward the intergovernmental agreement establishing the Jo Daviess County Juvenile Justice Council. Bernece Hill seconded and motion passed.**

5. Staff Reports –

- a) **Sheriff's Report.** Sheriff Hefel reported the Illinois State Police along with the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department would be covering the upcoming rally to stop Blackwater Worldwide organization on Friday, April 24, 2009 in Stockton, IL. Hefel reported that on May 30, 2009 that there will be a full inspection of personnel and vehicles of Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department. Lieutenant Turner reported that they would be receiving bids for the replacement of carpet on the second floor of the Public Safety Building.
- b) **Circuit Clerk.** No discussion.
- c) **Probation.** No discussion.
- d) **Public Defender Reports.** No discussion

6. Board Member Concerns – Marvin Schultz asked Sheriff Hefel if there was any requests for training because of the recent robberies that have taken place in Galena. It

was reported by Mike Moser that there is some training set up for the local banks, but nothing further at this time.

Next regular meeting: Monday, May 18, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. following a motion by Cooper and seconded by Stoffregen.

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