

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Bill Bingham, Chairman
DATE/TIME: January 21, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jo Daviess County – 3rd floor County Board Room

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucas Bourquin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LaDon Trost
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Allendorf	<input type="checkbox"/> John Korth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Toot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Zillig		

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None.

Others: Kevin Turner, Kathy Phillips, Chuck Pedersen and Dan Reimer

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes from December 16, 2019 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting – **Don Zillig made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2019 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting. Seconded by Lucas Bourquin and motion carried.**

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2019/FY2020 Strategic Goals & Plans – Timelines/Responsibilities – Dan Reimer discussed that at the December meeting the Committee reviewed each of their committee assignments from the 2019 County Board Retreat. Bill Bingham added that many of the committee goals have been completed or are in progress. Reimer will work with Sheriff Turner on the proposed Courthouse Soffit & Fascia repair project and bring a plan back to the committee.
- b) Progress report - Update of Jo Daviess County All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Chuck Pedersen, Jo Daviess County, EMA Coordinator reported that he has been in contact with our consultants from American Environmental Corporation. The update of the Jo Daviess County All Hazard Mitigation Plan is moving along quite well. Pedersen has been in contact with representatives from each of the communities and will be meeting with his local committee tomorrow. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th at Crossroads Church in Galena at 1:00 p.m.
- c) Update on Menominee-Dunleith Fire Protection District (MDFPD) Communication Tower
Don Zillig reported that he is trying to work on a grant. The East Dubuque Nitrogen Plant gave the East Dubuque Library a \$400,000 grant. The former library director provided Zillig with some information. It could take eight or ten months to get the grant and you have to have someone who works there sponsor it. Zillig indicated he has been in contact with someone who may sponsor the grant and who is also a member of the fire department. Zillig asked Steve Allendorf for a dollar amount that would cover the cost of the project. Allendorf estimated \$250,000. Allendorf would like to see the trustees and members of the fire departments as the spokespersons in this because that is who it is ultimately going to be beneficial to. Scott Toot asked if it has ever been determined in writing that the problem is the tower or if it is the radios in the trucks. Allendorf suggested representatives from the different entities meet sit down and talk things through and somehow develop a

plan, representatives to include two members from the Law Enforcement & Courts Committee, Sheriff, fire chiefs, and Com-Elec Services.

- d) Update on Report by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Jo Daviess County Board for Emergency Medical Service Sustainability – Bill Bingham reported that members of the Ad-Hoc committee presented the Report to the Special Service Commissions and also presented the Report to the Jo Daviess County Board on January 14th. The information was provided for the purpose of allowing the board members an opportunity to review everything that has been completed to date. There will be discussion at the February County Board meeting. Bingham discussed that the Report addresses many issues and provides sufficient information as to why some of the issues are happening, but it was not the group's responsibility to come up with a final solution, that responsibility will be with the County Board. Lucas Bourquin commented that it is a very well written and informational document to understand.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action on a Cooperative Law Enforcement Services agreement at the Mississippi River Project, Blanding Landing Recreation Area, located in Jo Daviess County for work periods in 2020, 2021 and 2022 – Sheriff Turner discussed the Cooperative Law Enforcement agreement at the Blanding Landing Recreation Area and there are no major changes no changes except for this will be a three year agreement instead of a two year agreement as in the past. The agreement provides extra patrol for the period from Memorial Day to Labor Day on Friday and Saturday nights for two hours each night. **LaDon Trost made a motion to approve a Cooperative Law Enforcement Services agreement at the Mississippi River Project, Blanding Landing Recreation Area, located in Jo Daviess County for work periods in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion carried.**
- b) Discussion and possible action on renewal of inmate medical excess risk insurance with International Medical Group, Inc. for the period 02/01/2020 to 02/01/2021 at a total premium cost of \$6,716.00 – This is an annual agreement with no change in cost from last year. **Steve Allendorf made a motion to approve the renewal of inmate medical excess risk insurance with International Medical Group, Inc. for the period 02/01/2020 to 02/01/2021 at a total premium cost of \$ 6,716.00. Seconded by Lucas Bourquin and motion carried.**
- c) Discussion and possible action regarding the use of the Contingency Fund to pay the cost of mandatory Correctional Academy training for two JDC Correction Officers as the result of State funding cuts to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board – Sheriff Turner sent out an email last week asking for assistance. We have two officers that are attending St. Claire County Correctional Academy right now. Usually the state reimburses for training and they were notified by the State Training Board that they are not going to reimburse at this time. If the state has any money left over at the end of the year they will consider partial reimbursement. The academy is \$967 per person so that is \$1,934 for two officers. We have to add in the cost of food of \$2,500 and lodging of \$1,750, so the total expense is \$6,184 that we will be paying out of pocket. The state is not reimbursing because of the new fee structures that the state initiated July 1st that fines and fees are not being paid to the training board so we are going to have to start paying a lot more for training. **Scott Toot made a motion to approve the use of the Contingency Fund to pay the cost of mandatory Correctional Academy training for two JDC Correction Officers as the result of State funding cuts to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training**

and Standards Board. Seconded by Lucas Bourquin. Steve Allendorf commented that he would rather see this come out of the Sheriff's budget realizing that he is going to go over budget but it is not his fault instead of taking it out of Contingency fund. It is only January and we are going to take this amount of money out of there when the fund is already down. If we take it out of the Sheriff's budget and at the end of the year he will be over budget but it will be a true reflection of what happened. The committee reviewed the fund description of the Contingency Fund. Dan Reimer commented that when the Contingency Fund has been used in the past we usually prepare a Resolution for County Board approval. A Committee recommendation will go next to the Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee. Sheriff had no way of knowing that he wasn't going to be reimbursed for training costs.. LaDon Trust is in agreement with Allendorf, however, if it does go over budget where does that money come from? Following much discussion a roll call vote resulted in the following: **Three aye votes were recorded for Bourquin, Toot and Zillig. Three nay votes were recorded for Allendorf, Bingham and Trost. Motion failed.**

- d) Discussion on Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act: A Practical Guide for Law Enforcement – Sheriff Turner commented that the Practical Guide for Law Enforcement is a very good informational piece. Page 7 gives a summary of how hospital visits have gone up in other states and the youth has started to use more marijuana. Sheriff believes that hospital calls and EMS calls are going to go up. Scott Toot added that auto insurance rates may go up as well.

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report**-Sheriff Turner had nothing more to report at this time.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – Kathy Phillips, Clerk of the Circuit Court, had nothing more to report at this time.
- c) **Probation** – Jamie Watson, Chief County Probation Officer, was not in attendance.
- d) **Public Defender** – None.

6. Citizens' Comments – Sheriff Turner commented that the governor is proposing bond reform. Kathy Phillips explained the bond process.

7. Board Member Concerns – Steve Allendorf feels bad for Sheriff Turner and how the vote turned out. We need to find ways to assist him with the funding problem. We need to make our concerns known to legislators. State cuts to ISB costs the County.

The next Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, February 18, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, County Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m. following a motion by Scott Toot and a second by LaDon Trost.