

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Bill Bingham, Chairman
DATE/TIME: February 20, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Toot	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RJ Winkelhake
<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Allendorf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LaDon Trost	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brandon Behlke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Zillig	

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None

Others: Craig Ketelsen, Mike Moser, Nick Tranel and Dan Reimer

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes from January 16, 2018 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting
Don Zillig made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by RJ Winkelhake and motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) **Update on five year capital improvement plan** – The committee bypassed the five year capital improvement plan for this evening.
- b) **FY2017/FY2018 Strategic Goals & Plans – Timeline Responsibilities** – RJ Winkelhake had a question regarding body camera software storage. Chief Deputy Ketelsen commented that we are in the process of applying for a grant from our insurance company which would help pay for the body cameras. The body cameras themselves are not that expensive but the storage is. The cameras being considered come with a storage plan.
- c) **Update on cost/fee study associated with the Sheriff Department** – Dan Reimer reported the Sheriff Department fee recommendations were moved forward to the Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee for review. The Finance Committee will be reviewing all fee recommendations from the parent committees and then make recommendations which will go to the County Board in April.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action to approve a preliminary plan for the installation of a taller radio tower at the Menominee-Dunleith fire station to address communications issues, at a shared cost to be negotiated between the ETSB, Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office and the Menominee-Dunleith Fire Protection District – Nick Tranel, representing the Menominee-Dunleith Fire District (MDFD), commented that radio communication issues affecting the (MDFD) have been discussed with the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB). MDFD started by asking the ETSB for an upgrade to the tower at Menominee Road Station 3. The firemen are having trouble communicating back and forth with each other. It has been determined that one of the main issues is the tower which does not have enough height. MDFD would like to increase the height of the tower from 47 feet to 100 or 180 feet. This will require a new tower and base. The committee reviewed cost estimates for two possible tower options. The current tower is owned by the County. The Committee discussed costs and which agency should be responsible for paying for a new tower or can the cost be split between agencies. The main communication issues are communicating

between vehicles and dispatch communicating with vehicles in certain areas, depending on the terrain. **RJ Winkelhake made a motion to forward a preliminary plan for installation of a taller radio tower at the Menominee-Dunleith Fire Protection District station to address communication issues for the FY2019 budget with the stipulation there is interaction with the ETSB and to look at a way to fund in FY2018 if funds are available. Seconded by LaDon Trost and motion carried.**

- b) Discussion and possible action on a squad car purchase – Chief Deputy Ketelsen discussed that an advertisement for bids was placed in local newspapers last week for bids and no bids were received. Ketelson requested proposals from local dealers, Barkau Automotive in Stockton provided quotes for Dodge Durango's that were within just a few hundred dollars of what the state purchase price was last year. Ketelsen received quotes from dealers for Ford Explorers that were left over from the state bid last year with the V6 model police package and they were \$33,000. Barkau receives the government incentive and passed the \$7,500 savings along. Ketelsen recommended the V8 model due to performance and resale value. In addition Ketelsen asked that the committee approve an emergency purchase for this vehicle so it could be ordered as the department is currently down a vehicle due to a recent accident. This will be an administrative vehicle so all the equipment from the Charger will be transferred to the new vehicle. The Charger was ten years old and was on the schedule for replacement this year. **Scott Toot made a motion to approve the emergency purchase of a 2018 Durango Special Service AWD at a total cost of \$28,525 plus license plates, title and document fees from Barkau Automotive, Stockton, IL. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion carried.**
- c) Discussion and possible action on a modification to the Blanding Landing Contract – Chief Deputy Craig Ketelsen commented that this is an annual agreement. The Army Corps of Engineers modified the contract and the only change is an increase in the amount of compensation to the County. **Don Zillig made a motion to approve an amendment/modification to the Blanding Landing contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with an increase in annual compensation from \$2,520.82 to \$2,707.88. Seconded by RJ Winkelhake and motion carried.**
- d) Discussion and possible action on a new commissary service system for the jail – Chief Deputy Craig Ketelsen discussed that the Sheriff's Department has been looking into a new updated commissary program. The recommendation is to go with Stellar Services, LLC. There will be better margins without charging more to our inmates. Ketelsen asked the committee for approval to end the current agreement with Swanson's and to enter into an agreement with Stellar Services for commissary. **LaDon Trost made a motion to approve a new commissary service system for the jail with Stellar Services, LLC and terminate agreement with Swanson Services. Seconded by Scott Toot and motion carried.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** – Chief Deputy Craig Ketelsen reported that a couple of years ago the County Board approved in the budget the hire of a third Court Security Officer. Last week they did hire another court security officer; this position will also assist with corrections. The person hired is Alexandra Scheetz. She has previously worked for the County part-time. Ketelsen reported that the PBLC union members voted to leave the PBPA and join the FOP. Negotiations should begin soon on a new collective bargaining agreement.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – No report.
- c) **Probation** – No report.
- d) **Public Defender** – No reports.
- e) **Other** – None.

6. Citizens' Comments – None.

7. Board Member Concerns – RJ Winkelhake commented on the bid opening for a consultant for the Jo Daviess County All Hazard Multijurisdictional Mitigation plan update. Three proposals were received. The All Hazard mitigation Committee will review the proposals and bring back a recommendation to the Law & Courts Committee for consideration.

The next Law & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m. following a motion by Don Zillig and a second by Scott Toot.