

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Bill Bingham, Chairman
DATE/TIME: April 15, 2019 @ 4:33 p.m.

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 checked="" 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: Nick Tranel, Trina Orr, Chuck Pedersen, Kathy Phillips, Dan Reimer and Kevin Turner

1. Minutes Approval:

a) Minutes from March 18, 2019 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting – Don Zillig made a motion to approve the March 18, 2019 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by LaDon Trost and motion carried.

2. **Citizens' Comments:** Nick Tranel, representing Menominee-Dunleith Fire Protection District (MDFPD), reported that the MDFPD has an opportunity to acquire a 120 foot radio communication tower at no charge; the only expenses would be to take it down and move it to a new location. The tower is located at Finley Hospital in Dubuque. The current MDFPD radio communication tower is 60 feet tall and county equipment is on the tower which is located at the Menominee fire station on N. Menominee Road. If the MDFPD acquires the new tower Tranel would like financial assistance from the County to relocate the equipment on the current tower to the new tower. Tranel does not know what that cost will be at this time. There are still a lot of questions which need answers before a plan can be completed, such as can the 120 foot tower be added onto the existing tower, will a new foundation or guy wires be required. Tranel explained that there are ongoing radio communication issues in certain areas of the District due to the steep terrain and one of the solutions is a taller tower. The Sheriff's Department also experiences communication issues from time to time in this area. Tranel would like the County to consider financial assistance for this project.

3. Unfinished Business

a) Update on five year capital improvement plan – This item was deferred at this time.

b) FY2017/FY2018 Strategic Goals & Plans – Timeline Responsibilities – Dan Reimer discussed that the 2019 County Board Retreat is scheduled May 15th. Historically each committee is asked to give a progress report on their committee assignments from previous retreat. The committee reviewed and noted the status of each of their Committee assignments from the 2017 County Board Retreat.

c) Update on Hanover Radio Communication Tower – Chuck Pedersen, Jo Daviess County EMA Coordinator reported that a pre-construction meeting was held on April 1, 2019. A timeline was established, with dates subject to foundation and tower construction and equipment availability. If all goes well the project could be completed by June 7, 2019. Pedersen has been in contact with John Oliver, vice-president of T-Steel, the sub-contractor company that is doing the foundation work. Pedersen was informed that T-Steele still has two projects in front of ours and foundation work would not start until early May. The tower itself is being built by Rohn at their manufacturing plant in Peoria, Illinois and is

tentatively scheduled to be on site by May 1st. The tower will be raised May 15th. If all goes well the tower, antennas, and cables should be completed by May 31st.

4. Update on the Jo Daviess County All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Chuck Pedersen discussed that there were some issues between IEMA and FEMA in meeting grant application deadlines for Illinois All Hazard Mitigation Plan updates. Pedersen explained that he received a call from the assistant director of IEMA. The assistant director told Pedersen that the Jo Daviess County application had been denied because it had not been received by FEMA. Thirty-one other applications in Illinois and other states had not been received as well. Our consultant, Greg R. Michaud, Manager, American Environmental Corporation, received receipt from IEMA that our application was received before the deadline. Somewhere between IEMA and FEMA something happened. FEMA is saying the application did not make it in the time frame therefore it is denied and will not be accepted again until the next window which will probably not be until October. Our project which was supposed to start this year will probably not start until mid-next year. We don't lose any funding and there are no penalties for not having it in on time because we did have it in on time to IEMA and we have a receipt. It was not just us, other counties and states were affected. Pedersen has not received an explanation of what happened.

5. **New Business**

- a) Presentation by Christian Narkiewicz-Laine and Marty Johnson – Galena City Beautiful Initiative, the JDC Courthouse, Father Mazzuchelli the Architect – Christian Narkiewicz-Laine and Marty Johnson were not in attendance. Dan Reimer suggested that we contact them and reschedule their presentation to a future Law & Courts Committee meeting.

6. **Staff Reports**

- a) **Sheriff's Report** – Sheriff Turner commented that he will be working with the State's Attorney about some type of overnight parking ordinance at the Courthouse. Sheriff Turner reviewed the 2013 Courthouse Exterior Building Condition Study that was prepared by Shive-Hattery. The HVAC Systems Study and the Courthouse Capital Improvements spreadsheet were also reviewed. Reimer added that we have a Five Year Capital Improvement Plan that needs to be updated for the FY2020 budget process. LaDon Trost asked if there were grants available for historic preservation. Trina Orr responded that the courthouse is not a documented historical building; we are just in the historical district. Trost feels we should try to get the Courthouse on the national registry so it can be eligible for federal funding.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – Kathy Phillips, Clerk of the Circuit Court, reported that she has nothing new to report at this time.
- c) **Probation** – No report.
- d) **Public Defender** – No reports.
- e) **Other** – None.

7. **Citizens' Comments** – None.

8. **Board Member Concerns** – Don Zillig commented that in light of the recent loss of a young state trooper he feels that law enforcement should wear reflective vests when making stops. Scott Toot discussed that the USDOT changed the standards a few years ago and law enforcement personnel are required to wear yellow vests in certain emergency situations such as: directing traffic and roadside safety checks. The DOT does not require law enforcement to wear yellow vests on traffic stops because it was felt that could put a yellow bull's eye on them for someone to aim at.

The next Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. following a motion by Don Zillig and a second by Scott Toot.