

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Law Enforcement & Courts  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Steve Allendorf, Vice-Chairman  
**DATE/TIME:** July 16, 2018 @ 5:02 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

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

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None

Others: Dan Burke, Kathy Phillips, Gerald Podraza, Dan Reimer and Sharon Wand

**1. Minutes Approval:**

- a) Minutes from May 21, 2018 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting  
**Don Zillig made a motion to approve the May 21, 2018 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by RJ Winkelhake and motion carried.**

- 2. Citizens' Comments:** Gerald Podraza prepared a brief statement for the committee: Some people describe school as a cultural washing machine. Not only do people learn reading, writing, arithmetic, science and a bunch of other subjects, they learn cultural meanings from a diverse group of people so you might say that school as a washing machine sanitizes peoples rough edges, empowers people to understand shared meanings like what we know and enjoy about our liberties and our privileges that come out of the Bill of Rights and our Constitution. Sometimes these shared meanings, common understandings we enjoy, are spoken of as common sense or overlapping common sense. Some examples of what can be shared meanings, common sense but bring to light how each of them can be interpreted differently. As a graduate student at Southern Illinois University Podraza was exposed to lots of unusual activities and new people. One time he encountered a student in the neighborhood where he rented a room who would shoot squirrels out of his bedroom window with a 22 caliber rifle. He would then skin and fry the meat for food. He brought to Carbondale a cultural understanding that was foreign to Podraza as well as a multitude of other people. Podraza knew him through the band. Not hunt for food but shoot your firearm rifle in a place inhabited by lots of people. That behavior for sure would not be tolerated in Iowa City, Madison, WI, Dubuque, IA or Stockton, IL simply because of the enormous potential for collateral damage. But here he was exercising a cultural understanding that he had by providing himself with food, squirrels, and frying them and doing something constructive. Another moment Podraza still remembers is how his roommate, somebody whom he really liked, soon to graduate, enter the military and become a member of the esteemed Army Rangers would carefully remove his AR-15 from his case, disassemble it, reassemble it, point it out the window at some indistinct thing, engage the clip and repeat the sequence. He did this without exaggeration at least twice a week for the twelve weeks that Podraza lived with him. He shared a cultural meaning common sense with his fellow soldiers that represented life and death not only for him but for his partners. There are plenty of equivalents. One might be whether in the military or civilian life doing regular maintenance on an aircraft inspecting them before each flight. Again a shared meeting between pilots, stewardesses, management and aircraft mechanics. We assume and enjoy the benefits of that shared understanding. Now that also applies to people who in my neighborhood of Apple River who are successful farmers. They are very careful about

maintaining their equipment. They just don't neglect it because when they need to do something they want to depend on it. When it comes to second amendment there seems to be a significant debate and/or disagreement about common sense and shared cultural meanings. It is possible the second amendment is the least spoken about and formally addressed in our public schools curriculum.

### 3. Unfinished Business

- a) **Update on five year capital improvement plan** – Nothing new to update.
- b) **FY2017/FY2018 Strategic Goals & Plans – Timeline Responsibilities** – Nothing new to report.
- c) **Discussion and possible action on the construction of a new Radio Communication Tower for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Highway Facility in Hanover, Illinois** – Chuck Pedersen, reported that the Public Works Committee decided on a location for the communications tower. Steve Keeffer is researching consultants for a soil test to be done at the location. Once the soil test is done we can proceed with the foundation. Steve Allendorf added that ComElec has sent a quote on radio equipment and tower information which just arrived today. We will be reviewing that. As a reminder the tower is expected to be 100 feet with the capability to go 140 feet if needed in the future. A request for proposal for the design/build will be going out soon. The possible cost is to be determined.

### 4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action on an IBM Power Systems Proposal for the purchase of new AS 400 Operating System– Sharon Wand, Clerk of the Circuit Court, reported that for the most part we are paperless in the civil department. We are not there yet in the traffic and criminal but that has not been mandated yet. That will be coming soon. Now that everything has been electronically added to our system, our system has slowed way down and the software that we have has to run on an IBM AS-400. That is the only hardware that it will run on. Wand has budgeted money for this. She is making a request to this committee that she be allowed to purchase this new AS-400 through IBM at a cost of approximately \$36,000. Wand has budgeted in her automation line item approximately \$42,000. In addition there is \$30,000 available in the document storage fund. Kathy Phillips added that the judges no longer have a court file in front of them in the court room. Sometimes it can take quite a while for them to pull up the information that they need during a court proceeding. This is not only affecting the Circuit Clerk's office but the judges and everyone else that is involved with the cases as well. **Scott Toot made a motion to move forward to the County Board a recommendation to approve a proposal from Midland Information Systems, Inc. to purchase a new IBM Model 9009-41A server, a TS2260 Tape Drive, UPS, software user licenses, IBM 24/7 HWMA Uplift, and a three year IBM software maintenance at a total cost of \$33,225.87 to be paid from line item 029-47183-810 Equipment plus system maintenance (included in purchase for year 1, 2, and 3) \$3,048.99 annually in year 4 and year 5 and to approve a proposal from Goodin Associates, LTD to install the IBM server at a total cost of \$3,113.49 to be paid from line item 029-47183-810 Equipment. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion carried.**
- b) Discussion and possible action on a request from Gerald Podraza that the Jo Daviess County Board adopt a Resolution to request that the Illinois State Board of Education review and incorporate into the standard Illinois High School Curriculum a Firearms Training Program to be paired with Drivers Education – RJ Winkelhake commented that Gerald Podraza placed an advertisement of his request into the newspaper asking people to sign and return to Chairman Winkelhake. Winkelhake only received three requests. This

does not qualify as a petition for the County Board to put on the ballot. This is basically for information only. Steve Allendorf asked Gerald Podraza if he had contacted the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and what is their position. Don Zillig commented that he is not in favor of this as it will expose children to fire arms that may not otherwise have an interest in them. Scott Toot commented on the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program that he was involved in during high school. It was a voluntary program and there were no issues. Allendorf commented that he sees this as being an elective program if this should move forward and does not see this as something that the schools would put at the top of their list of programs. LaDon Trost does not think that any type of program that uses guns will ever be allowed in the schools. Any gesture or weapon of any kind on school grounds by anyone other than a school resource officer is an expelled circumstance for any student. RJ Winkelhake commented that Scales Mound has a program funded by the National Rifle Association (NRA). Their gun club is quite successful. There are outside citizens that work with the students and they use the range in Schapville. There needs to be more research done and fact finding. Allendorf asked Podraza to contact and get something in writing from the Regional Office of Education (ROE) and/or ISBE. This item will be held over until the next committee meeting. Podraza then requested that the proposal be withdrawn at this time so that he can contact the ROE and ISBE.

**5. Staff Reports**

- a) **Sheriff's Report** – No report.
- 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** – Scott Toot commented on the severe storms that we encountered recently. Chuck Pedersen was a big help to him because he is Toot's back-up plan for Code Red. They had no power and were unable to put out the notifications at all. Pedersen went above and beyond to help out in this situation. Pedersen assisted Scales Mound as well. RJ Winkelhake commented on the UCCI membership meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at Eagle Ridge. There are five board members that are signed up to attend. Don Zillig added that this would be a good time for us to address the UCCI with our concerns.

The next Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, September 17, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. following a motion by Don Zillig and a second by LaDon Trost.