

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Bill Bingham, Chairman
DATE/TIME: October 21, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jo Daviess County – 3rd floor County Board Room

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham	<input 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: Kathy Phillips, Dan Reimer, Kevin Turner and Jamie Watson

1. Minutes Approval:

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

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2019/FY2020 Strategic Goals & Plans – Timelines/Responsibilities – The committee deferred their goals and committee assignments from the 2019 County Board Retreat.
- b) Update on the Jo Daviess County All Hazard Mitigation Planning grant//process – Dan Reimer reported the first meeting of the Jo Daviess County All Hazard Mitigation Committee is scheduled for October 29th at 1:00 pm at the Crossroads Church in Galena, Illinois. Chuck Pedersen, JDC EMA Coordinator and Trina Orr, JDC Grants Administrator, have been working with the consultants from American Environmental on the grant agreement for this project. The signed agreement between IEMA and Jo Daviess County was received on October 2nd. This is a reimbursement grant with a local match requirement. The total grant reimbursement is not to exceed \$47,283.00. A quarterly report was submitted to IEMA on October 7th for work that has been completed to date.
- c) Update on Menominee-Dunleith Fire Protection District (MDFPD) Communication Tower Sheriff Turner discussed that we have not received a response from Menominee-Dunleith Fire Protection District on some of the questions regarding the communication tower. Turner is not sure if this will be a project for FY2020. The project was discussed at the County Board Budget Workshops earlier this month but was not awarded funding for FY2020.
- d) Update on Meeker Street Sidewalk repair – Sheriff Turner reported Mike & Nick Sproule Construction will start work on the Meeker Street Sidewalk repair project tomorrow. The quote for the project is \$5,185.00, as long as there are no other issues. Dan Reimer discussed that Chairman Scott Toot authorized the work as an emergency purchase.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action on Facility Use Agreement with St. Mary's Church – County Board Chair, Scott Toot reported that St. Mary's Church as agreed to allow the County to use 20 parking spaces in their Franklin Street parking lot for employee parking. The diocese requires the County to enter into a Facility Use Agreement. Toot discussed that

this will help alleviate some of the parking issues for the Courthouse. Toot has looked into a possible path from the Courthouse to the St. Mary's parking lot that would go between the Public Safety Building and Franklin McCoy Manor. Toot recommends that a segment of sidewalk be added between the properties. **Scott Toot made a motion to approve a Facility Use Agreement with St. Mary's Church for Jo Daviess County Employee Parking. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion carried.**

- b) Discussion and possible action regarding squad maintenance bid for FY2020 – Sheriff Turner commented that his office received four bids for vehicle maintenance and oil changes. In the past three vendors have been selected; one on the east side of the county, one in the center and one on the west side of the county. **LaDon Trost made a motion to approve squad maintenance contracts with three local establishments - Barker Performance Auto, \$25/\$30/\$50, Palmer Automotive Specialties, Inc. \$26.95/\$35.95/\$54.00, Leibold's Auto Center of Galena, \$16.00/\$32.00/\$50.00. Seconded by Scott Toot. Steve Allendorf made a motion to amend the original motion to include Galena Chrysler, \$16.95/\$24.95/\$60.00. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion carried. The committee then voted on the original motion as amended and motion carried.**
- c) Discussion and possible action regarding inmate food service bid for FY2020 – Sheriff Turner commented that Dillions is the current 2019 vendor and they are they only vendor to submit a bid for 2020. **Scott Toot made a motion to award a contract to Dillon's HM, Galena, IL for inmate food service at the Jo Daviess County Jail for FY2020 at a cost of \$8.50 for lunch without beverage. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion carried.**
- d) Discussion and possible action on Jo Daviess County Jail Nurse – Sheriff Turner discussed that he is not sure if our current jail nurse wants to continue to contract in 2020. If not Turner is reviewing other possible options including Midwest Medical Center, the Jo Daviess County Health Department and other local health services. We may need to schedule a special meeting before the next county board meeting so that we can finalize something. Right now we are still working out details.
- e) Discussion and possible action on the purchase of a squad vehicle – Sheriff Turner discussed that this is the final planned squad car purchase for FY2019. The vehicle recommended is a state purchase vehicle from Morrow Brothers in Greenfield, IL which has the state bid for this year. The vehicle is a 2019 Ford Police Interceptor AWD with a police package; this will be an investigator's car so it will be unmarked. There is no trade-in. The vehicle being replaced will be sold on eBay. **Scott Toot made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 2019 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan AWD from Morrow Brothers, Greenfield, IL at a cost of \$28,590.00 to be paid from Sheriff's Vehicle Reserve Fund line item 038-46179-820 Vehicle. Seconded by Steve Allendorf and motion carried.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** – Sheriff Turner reported that his office is researching options for qualified vendors to provide mental health services at the jail.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – Kathy Phillips, Clerk of the Circuit Court, reported that our current collection agency can also ask the state to collect delinquent fines and fees from income tax. Phillips is going to research this more with the State's Attorney and bring back a possible recommendations to the committee.

- c) **Probation** – Jamie Watson, Chief County Probation Officer, reported that a probation officer hired in July is no longer with the department. Watson is working to reassign cases to spread out the extra work load. They are all doing a good job helping each other out. A search will begin for a new probation officer.
- d) **Public Defender** – Dan Reimer reported that he emailed the public defenders reminding them to submit their monthly reports. Steve Allendorf requested that Judge Kelly be copied on future emails.

6. Citizens' Comments – None.

- 7. Board Member Concerns** – Steve Allendorf asked Sheriff Turner if we needed to keep the two Chevy Suburban vehicles. They are the oldest vehicles and he is looking at the cost to license and insure them. Turner responded that the one is used as a backup canine car and is currently being used for bloodhound training. The other actually was used for a search warrant last Friday. Scott Toot commented that he will talk to Tom Nack in regards to the public defender reports.

The next Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, County Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m. following a motion by Scott Toot and a second by Don Zillig.