

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Dane Jackson
DATE/TIME: April 16, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Cooper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marvin Schultz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Zillig
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernece Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Stoffregen	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dane Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bennett	

Other Board Members:

Others: Dan Reimer, Kevin Turner, Dave Hachmeister, Mike Moser and Melosa Belger.

Dane Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the first floor evacuation policy.

1. Review and approve minutes of March 19, 2012 meeting. These minutes will be placed on next months agenda for approval.

2. Citizens' Comments

Chairman Jackson moved item 4d forward – **Discussion and possible action on the Galena Lead Rush half marathon-** Melosa Belger, Event Coordinator for the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitors Bureau addressed the committee and thanked them for their continued support of the events that have been hosted by the CVB in Jo Daviess County. Belger provided an overview and reviewed the race route for the Galena Lead Rush half marathon on Blackjack Road which is scheduled for November 3, 2012 **Bill Cooper made a motion to approve the Galena Lead Rush half marathon scheduled for November 3, 2012. Seconded by Terry Stoffregen and motion passed.**

3. Unfinished Business

a) **FY2012 Strategic Goals & Plans** – The committee reviewed the Committee 2012 strategic goals. Jackson reviewed the goal of ‘Develop a Courthouse Interior/Exterior Maintenance Plan’. Jackson stated that he would like to have a plan completed for the FY2013 budget meetings. Marvin Schultz asked the committee take a close look at the Courthouse stairwells, especially the vinyl covering on the stairs in the stairwell by the elevator. This matter will need to be addressed for safety reasons.

b) **Executive Committee assignments associated with the 2011 County Board Retreat-** The committee reviewed their current assignments and no changes were made.

c) **Update on the Andover Gateway System in the Courthouse** – This item will remain on the agenda for next month.

4. Public Safety Radio Communication Systems Upgrade Project Update– Engineer, Ira Weisenfeld joined the committee via conference call at 7:30 pm. Weisenfeld informed the committee that work at the following locations are either been started or completed; the Menominee tower, the Massbach tower, at this site, as replacement pieces are placed into service there will be no down time. Weisenfeld asked the committee to make a list of provisions that they would like to

see included in the radio communication maintenance contract. Weisenfeld plans to be in Jo Daviess County next week and will work on the agreement with Comelec Services. The committee reviewed the current draft maintenance agreement and asked that service rates be included in the agreement. This would include rates for items that are not specifically listed in the agreement or items not covered under warranty. The committee also discussed the addition of language clarifying the termination of the agreement by either the customer or the vendor. Weisenfeld discussed the issues with the Scales Mound tower and the need to provide a power supply to that location and that a possible option is being discussed with Mediacom who already has power at the water tower site. This option if approved by Mediacom would allow Jo Daviess County to piggy back off of the existing Mediacom power line. This option would require the installation of a deduct meter placed on the line, with an estimated cost of \$1,300.00. Weisenfeld will write up a change order for the additional cost of the work. Dan Reimer reviewed a budget spreadsheet for the Jo Daviess County radio communications project with actual expenditures to date. Bill Cooper asked that the weekly construction reports from Comelec Services be placed in a folder on the ftp site. The committee discussed grants and why more were not applied for or received. Sheriff Turner discussed that Jo Daviess County is not eligible to apply for but certain grants and only certain emergency service districts such as fire districts are eligible to apply. Working with different fire districts Jo Daviess County has applied for radio communication grants and were turned down. Now that the project has started it is doubtful the County will be eligible as most grants require that no work can be started prior to the grant being awarded. Marvin Schultz discussed that Illinois governmental entities are sometimes not eligible for or do not receive certain grants like the ones awarded in Iowa because of mistakes the State has made which reduced the amount of federal funding.

- a) **JDC Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning Update**– Dan Reimer reported that the initial meeting for the JDC Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee was held on March 30, 2012 at the Public Health Department. Approximately 35 people were in attendance. The next meeting will be on June 14, 2012. A questionnaire has been developed and placed on the Jo Daviess County website for the public to complete in regards to the history of natural hazards in Jo Daviess County and the effect on their community.
- b) **Job responsibilities of assigning residential addresses to new county residences** – Dane Jackson reported that Marvin Schultz is working on this agenda item.
- c) **Maintenance agreement with Comelec Services for the Radio Communication System** – See above.
- d) **Update on the development of shovel ready projects for ETSB 911, Sheriff and IT** – Dane Jackson reported that a joint meeting of the Law Enforcement & Courts committee and the Information Technology committee is tentatively scheduled for May 1st to discuss to and develop of list a shovel projects that are related to emergency radio communication system and to the computer software and hardware equipment that serve Jo Daviess County government as a whole.

Bill Cooper will work with GIS/IT Coordinator Joe Kratcha to finalize a date for the meeting.

5. New Business

- a) **Discussion and possible action on a grant application by the Sheriff's Department to the Galena Country Fair for 4 portable radios-** Sheriff Turner discussed a request for a grant to apply for 4 portable radios through the Galena Country Fair grant. **Dane Jackson made a motion to approve a grant application to the Galena County Fair for 4 portable radios in the amount of \$3,000. Seconded by Bernece Hill and motion passed.**
- b) **Discussion and possible action on a grant application by the Sheriff's Department to the NRA (National Rifle Association)-** Sheriff Turner reported that the local rifle association has been doing fundraisers for the National Rifle Association for years and they would like to see money come back to Jo Daviess County. Jo Daviess County is eligible to apply for a grant from the NRA in an amount up to \$5,000. Sheriff Turner discussed that if successful this money would be used to upgrade and maintain the existing shooting range. **Bill Cooper made a motion to approve a grant application to the National Rifle Association (NRA) for improvements to the Jo Daviess County shooting range located on Norris Lane for an amount of up to \$5,000. Seconded by Gerald Bennett and motion passed.**
- c) **Discussion and possible action on the purchase of an industrial refrigerator/cooler for Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department -** Sheriff Turner reported that the refrigerator/cooler in the Sheriff's Department kitchen will need to be replaced and they looking at a used commercial refrigerator and will report back to the committee at next month. A new commercial refrigerator/cooler would cost approximately \$2,500.
- d) **Discussion and possible action on the Galena Lead Rush half marathon –** see above
- e) **Discussion and possible action regarding the relocation and/or enclosure of the Courthouse dumpster-** The committee discussed that a new city ordinance requires the all dumpsters in the downtown area of Galena be screened or moved out of site. Sheriff Turner is working with Galena Building Inspector Duff Stewart and Montgomery Trucking to find an agreeable location to move the Courthouse dumpster to a location behind the public safety building which is out of public view.
- f) **Discussion and possible action on medical expenses for Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department K9-** Sheriff Turner reported that Vader (the Jo Daviess County K9 dog) is having health issues and has been referred to the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at the University of Wisconsin. Sheriff Turner reported that the University is running more tests but there is a possibility that Vader will have to have surgery and the cost could be up to \$3,000. The committee inquired if it would be possible to buy insurance for a K9 dog.

6. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Office-** Sheriff Turner reported that the fire alarm system has been installed at the Public Safety building and that Galena Fire Chief Mike Simmons will be scheduling a time to inspect the system. Sheriff Turner reported that if Jo

Daviess County wants to continue to charge for fingerprinting/background checks, the employees who do the fingerprinting will have to complete training and certain insurance requirements will apply. Sheriff Turner will research this new requirement more and report back to the committee.

- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office**
- c) **Probation**
- d) **Public Defender**
- e) **Other**

7. Citizens' Comments

8. Board Member Concerns

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. following a motion by Don Zillig and seconded by Bernece Hill.