

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Law Enforcement & Courts  
**CHAIRPERSON:** RJ Winkelhake  
**DATE/TIME:** November 18, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon Behlke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bennett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Zillig
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Stoffregen	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RJ Winkelhake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Bingham	

Other Board Members:

Others: Dan Reimer, Dave Hachmeister, Steve Allendorf and Ira Wiesenfield (via conference call).

RJ Winkelhake called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Don Zillig made a motion to approve the October 21, 2013 seconded by Bill Bingham and motion passed.**
2. **Citizens' Comments**
3. **Unfinished Business**
  - a) **FY2013 Strategic Goals & Plans** – Nothing to add at this time.
  - b) **Law & Courts Committee assignments from 2013 County Board Retreat** – Nothing to add at this time.
  - c) **Update on five year capital improvement plan** – RJ Winkelhake reviewed a list of capital projects for the Law Enforcement & Courts committee that will be submitted for inclusion in the Jo Daviess County 5 year capital improvement plan (CIP). The list of capital projects includes a Next Generation 911 system, exterior improvements to the Courthouse and completion of HVAC system improvements in the Courthouse. Brandon Behlke discussed that their maybe some energy efficiency grant opportunities available through programs that the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council is overseeing. Behlke discussed that one of the items listed in the Illinois Energy Now and Smart Energy Design Resource Center grant application is funding for HVAC systems. Ron Smith discussed that Mike Moser is in the process of following up to get a detailed answer as to why the State is no longer eligible for certain federal grants associated with 911. Smith discussed that the State sweep money from the Wireless 911 Fund so it could be used for another purpose and this triggered the problems with grant eligibility. Smith will contact Moser for more information on this issue.
  - d) **Update on Public Safety Radio Communication Systems Upgrade Project** – The committee reviewed the acceptance test document that was submitted by Ira Wiesenfield. The Committee discussed the acceptance and affirmation section of the document and recommended that it be reworded to state: by signing this document, I affirm that all items listed above are working, and the system has been built as designed and to include the October 21, 2013 day of acceptance along with a signature line. Winkelhake reviewed the punch list that was provided

by Ira Wiesenfield. The committee reviewed items 17, 18 and 19 (VTAC33 repeater 1 and VTAC33 repeater 2) with Wiesenfield. The repeaters are surplus items that were removed from the old system and one of them was struck by lightning and does have some damage. One of the repeaters needs to be repaired and Comelec Services will provide a quote on the cost of repair. These repeaters will be used in the backup portable radio communication system and used in emergency situations where there may not be adequate radio frequency signal. Wiesenfeld discussed a law repeater that maybe needed in Stockton. This is separate from the duplexer that will go on the Illinois State Police Tower in Stockton. The duplexer is being donated to Jo Daviess County by Wisenfeld and is considered a part of the radio communication project. The need for a repeater in Stockton just came up. Steve Allendorf from Comelec Services estimated that to add a repeater to the Stockton tower it would cost approximately \$3,745 and to replace car repeaters it would cost approximately \$879 per squad car. Winkelhake asked that design and a quote for an additional repeater on the Stockton Tower be placed on the special Law Enforcement and Courts meeting agenda.

- e) **Recommendations to fund the Public Safety Radio Communications System Project** – Nothing at this time.
- f) **Discussion and possible action regarding items associated with the Public Safety Radio Communications System Project** – The committee discussed that any additional improvements to the Public Safety Communications System should be considered on a case by case basis as stand alone projects and should receive committee and the County Board approval.
  - i. **Punch list for Public Safety Radio Communication System Project** – see above

#### 4. New Business

- a) **Discussion and possible action regarding committee meeting dates for 2014** – The committee reviewed the proposed dates. **Terry Stoffregen made a motion to approve the FY2014 Law Enforcement and Courts Committee meeting dates as presented. Seconded by Gerald Bennett and motion passed.**
- b) **Discussion and possible action regarding resolution for the Office of the States’ Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor** - This is an annual resolution for the State’s Attorney’s Office and the resolution is the same as last year. **Brandon Behlke made a motion to approve a resolution for the Office of the States Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor in the amount of \$7,000. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion passed.**
- c) **Discussion and possible action on Public Defender agreement with Donald G. Schweihs** – This item was pulled.
- d) **Discussion and possible action on Public Defender agreement with Thomas A. Nack** – This item was pulled.
- e) **Discussion and possible action on ETSB claim for administrative fees paid to Jo Daviess County general fund** – Winkelhake reported that the ETSB Board discussed unpaid 911 Coordinator and 911 Assistant Coordinator stipends that were not paid because one position was not filled in 2012 and the other position

was not filled in 2013. The ETSB Fund continued to make an interfund transfer to the General Fund in the full amount. The ETSB passed a motion to have the General Fund credit the ETSB Fund for the amount of the unpaid stipends. Winkelhake stated that this needs future research by the County Administrator to determine the exact amount that may need to be adjusted from the final FY2013 scheduled interfund transfer. The committee also reviewed a draft agreement that was approved by the ETSB for FY2014 enhanced 911 emergency dispatch services. This agreement will be placed on the special meeting agenda, the meeting will be scheduled prior to the December 10, 2013 County Board meeting.

**5. Staff Reports**

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

**6. Citizens' Comments**

**7. Board Member Concerns**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. following a motion by Gerald Bennett and a second by Brandon Behlke.