

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Bill Bingham, Chairman
DATE/TIME: January 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Jo Daviess County – 3rd floor County Board Room

PRESENT – Law Enforcement & Courts:

☒ Bill Bingham	☒ Don Hill	☒ LaDon Trost
☐ Darcy Wild	☒ John Korth	☐ Vacant
☒ Don Zillig		

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members:

Others: Craig Ketelsen, Scott Toot, Mike Simmons, Kathy Phillips and Kevin Turner

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes from October 18, 2021 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting – Don Zillig made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2021 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting. Seconded by John Korth and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2021/FY2022 Strategic Goals and Plans – The committee reviewed and discussed their strategic goals and plans.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action on establishing meeting dates and start time for the FY2022 Law Enforcement and Courts Committee meetings. – **LaDon Trost made a motion to establish meeting dates and start time, as presented, for the FY2022 Law Enforcement and Courts Committee meetings. Seconded by Don Zillig and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**
- b) Discussion on Criminal Justice Reform Trailer bill. Discussion led by Chief Deputy, Craig Ketelsen, regarding the Criminal Justice Reform Bill HB3653. The initial bill was written without any input from law enforcement. The original bill was 600 pages and was attached to another bill before essentially being removed. The final draft of the reform bill was over 700 pages. The House received the 700 plus page bill at 3:15 a.m. and it was voted on by 4 a.m. One of the legislations created by this bill is an auditing official position. Every agency has to have an auditing official. One of the duties of the auditing official is to receive and investigate complaints against officers. If each municipality does not have an auditing official it would fall back on the States Attorney. This new legislation also requires all body cam footage to be deleted after 90 days. The legislation also allows complainants 3 years to file a complaint. The concern is if a complaint is filed after the 90 days, body cam footage of the incident would already be deleted. When asked if purchasing a personal body camera device would be allowed. Ketelsen stated the bill specifically states that any camera worn must be department issued. Qualified Immunity was included in the bill but essentially removed. The new required Illinois law enforcement course plans were discussed. The bill also includes new hire processes and requirements. All of which is causing a law enforcement shortage. Existing officers are leaving and there has been

significantly less new applicants. Sheriff Turner stated as of January 1, 2023 this bill would essentially put an end to cash bail.

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** - Sheriff Turner reported he has been speaking to Shive-Hattery discussing the courthouse work.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – Kathy Phillips, Clerk of the Circuit Court, reports were included in the informational packet.
- c) **Probation** – Jamie Watson, Chief County Probation Officer, could not be in attendance but his reports were included in the informational packet.
- d) **Public Defender** – No reports at this time.

6. Citizens' Comments – None.

7. Board Member Concerns – None.

The next Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, County Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m. following a motion by John Korth and a second by LaDon Trost. A roll call vote resulted in all ayes.