

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Don Zillig, Chairman
DATE/TIME: March 18, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Jo Daviess County Administrative Offices (Temporary Location) Former Galena Primary School, 219 Kelly Lane, Galena, IL

PRESENT – Law Enforcement & Courts:

☒ Don Zillig	☒ Dianne Allendorf	☒ Lynn Gallagher
☒ John Grizzoffi	☒ Tina Brandel	☒ Darcy Wild zoom
☒ LaDon Trost (4:15)		

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None.

Others: Scott Toot. Kevin Turner, Kathy Phillips and Francis Wachter appeared electronically.

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes from December 18, 2023 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting – Allendorf made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2023 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting. Seconded by Grizzoffi and motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

At this time, the Chairman moved to Staff Reports.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2023/FY2024 Strategic Goals and Plans – The committee briefly reviewed their Strategic Goals and Plans.
- b) Update on Courthouse Renovation Project Status – Toot reported that last Thursday, the Courthouse Committee recommended to approve the bids. There will be a Special County Board meeting to move forward. We had to make some additions to the project thus far; everything has worked out. Toot went over a timeline of how long this project had been an idea until it came into fruition. We have come a long way.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action on digiTICKET electronic ticketing solution quote – Sheriff Turner said this was an Unfunded Request in the budget. The total cost will be \$83,510.28. Annually, there will be a maintenance cost and other fees. Kathy Phillips has money set aside for the purchase. This is for the training, software, maintenance, etc., for everything in the first year. The State is going to mandate this in the next couple of years. The Sheriff's Office has \$50,000 set aside for the purchase and Phillips has enough to cover the remainder. This program also works with our records management system, Spillman. **Allendorf made a motion to approve the digiTICKET electronic ticketing solution quote at a cost no to exceed \$83,510.28. Seconded by Brandel and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.**
- b) Discussion and possible action on an Intergovernmental Agreement between Jo Daviess County, IL, Guilford Township and Scales Mound School Unit 211 – Sheriff Turner said he was contacted by the Scales Mound School. They currently rent space on a tower that is no longer going to be available. In speaking to ComElec, the County had the tower at Guilford Township. The school reached out to Sheriff to see if they could put their

equipment on that communications tower. He reached out to Mr. Wachter to see if it would be acceptable. The State's Attorney, Guilford Township and the Scales Mound School have all reviewed this agreement. We are asking the school to share in the cost of \$600.00 per year for upkeep and electricity. This will enable communication to the school buses for Scales Mound. The equipment we currently have on the tower is for the Sheriff's Department paging. Grizzoffi asked if this would interfere with the County's equipment on the tower. Sheriff responded that would be a stipulation of the agreement; there will be no interference. Francis Wachter, Guilford Township, said their attorney reviewed the agreement and he suggested that any increase in electricity usage should be accounted for and that Guilford should be compensated for the additional usage by the school district. There was some more discussion. **Gallagher made a motion approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Jo Daviess County, IL, Guilford Township and Scales Mound School Unit 211. Seconded by Wild and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** – Sheriff Turner did not give a report at this time.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – Kathy Phillips, Clerk of the Circuit Court, reported they have started court as of today in the new building. They're settling in quite well. There are some glitches they need to work out, but everything is going well.
- c) **Probation Report** – Jamie Watson, Chief County Probation Officer, was not in attendance. His report was included in the packet.
- d) **Emergency Management Report** – Mike Simmons, Emergency Management Coordinator, was not in attendance at this time.
- e) **Public Defender Reports** – Public Defender Reports were not included in the packet.

6. Citizen's Comments –

- 7. Board Member Concerns** – Gallagher reminded everyone to make sure they vote tomorrow. Zillig spoke about the Ad-Hoc Courthouse Committee meeting that was recently held. Allendorf stated that she believes it is their responsibility as board members, to ask the right questions and to bring up their concerns regarding the Courthouse Renovation. Toot mentioned that we started this process with the move and it came in more expensive than we thought it would; the Board wanted Toot and Trost to work on reducing costs. The second part of the move was supposed to take three days, but it was done in two. It saved the County a tremendous amount of moving costs. The amount saved was over \$27,000.00. Trost said he enjoyed the discussion and that it's what committees are supposed to do; he said we're here to discuss things and come to an agreement. Once we come to an agreement, we work toward the common goal to the end.

The next Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, April 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Administrative Offices (Temporary Location), Former Galena Primary School, 219 Kelly Lane, Galena, IL.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m. following a motion by Grizzoffi. Seconded by Allendorf and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.