

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Bill Bingham, Chairman
DATE/TIME: June 21, 2022 at 4:31 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	☒ Bob O'Connor
☒ Don Zillig		

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None.

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

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes from April 20, 2022 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting – The minutes were not included in the packet at this time.

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2021/FY2022 Strategic Goals and Plans – The committee reviewed their strategic goals and plans.
- b) Discussion and possible action on the Courthouse Master Planning Report - Scott Toot reported that we do not have a final report from them yet, but on June 9th Bill Groh and Mike Lewis were here from Shive-Hattery due to concerns from some of the department heads. They held face to face meetings with those who would like questions answered and were given input.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action to amend R2022-25 a Resolution for Sole/Single Source Procurement of an Emergency Custom Built Generator for the Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Turner commented that he spoke to Robbie at Genesis Power in regards to a supply change issue that has reached over to generators. He is advising that now the earliest we would get our generator is February, 2023. Our resolution states that this is a 2022 project. There was no action at this time.

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** - Sheriff Turner reported that the sprinkler inspection from Ahern was included in the informational packet. They did find one deficiency which is their 10 year dry testing. We will need to have this completed so that we can have the sprinkler system signed off on. The cost will be \$2,011.00 to do the testing.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – Kathy Phillips, Clerk of the Circuit Court, reported that recently they sent out hundreds of notices for old cases for a second time. They are due the third week of June. If they are not paid we will send them off to collections. Hopefully we will see some results from that soon. Everything else is going as planned. With the pretrial fairness act now it is saying we will have court on weekends. Phillips will need to discuss her budget with Scott Toot in anticipation of this. All judicial departments will be affected.

- c) **Probation** – Jamie Watson, Chief County Probation Officer, was unable to attend this meeting, however, spoke with Bill Bingham and reported that they have filled their vacant juvenile probation officer position. Her first day in the office will be June 27th.
- d) **Emergency Management Coordinator's Report** – Mike Simmons, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that the LEPC Committee is back on line now and they have met twice on the last two months. Simmons is working with Steve Keeffer to get a generator at the Highway Department facility that can possible supply the backup for the Emergency Operating Center and the rest of the building. Working on the 5th quarter EMPG grant which needs to be submitted by July 15th. Working with Preston Taylor from Elizabeth who is organizing Elizabeth Stake Out to thank all of the police officers in the state, County and local area. He has agreed to let the EMA vehicles be there on display to show the stakeholders of the County what is available to them. This event will be held on August 6th from 11 am to 4 pm at the Elizabeth Fairgrounds. Simmons is working on a schedule for a full-scale exercise later in the fall. We will be having a hazmat incident in Galena. Simmons attended the emergency procedures presentation at the courthouse and a fire drill that followed. Also working with Steve Keeffer on a fire drill and tornado drill at the Hanover facility. Working with Sandra Schleicher on drills at the Health Department as well. Recently sent a press release to the press about the cooling centers in the County. We took the UCP to Rockton for the Old Settler's Days to be used by police, fire and EMS to as their command post for the event.
- e) **Public Defender Reports** – There were no reports available at this time.

6. **Citizens' Comments** – None.

7. **Board Member Concerns** – None.

The next Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, July 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, County Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. following a motion by Don Zillig and a second by LaDon Trost. A voice vote resulted in all ayes.