

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Don Zillig, Chairman
DATE/TIME: July 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	☒ Bob O'Connor
☒ Don Zillig		

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None.

Others: Mike Simmons, Scott Toot, Kevin Turner and Jamie Watson

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes from April 20, 2022 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting – Don Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2022 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting. Seconded by Bob O'Connor and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.
- b) Minutes from June 21, 2022 Law enforcement & Courts Committee meeting – Bob O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2022 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting. Seconded by LaDon Trost and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2022 Strategic Goals and Plans – The committee reviewed their strategic goals and plans last month. They did not feel the need to review them this month.
- 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. They will attend the next meeting with their report.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action on the purchase of one (1) 2021 Ford utility AWD Police Interceptor from Morrow Brothers, Greenfield, IL at a cost of \$34,985.00 – Sheriff Turner commented that this is a new vehicle that they have on the lot; it is a leftover from last year. Turner does not know the cost savings of a 2021 over a 2022 model. If you can find squad cars right now you need to snag them up because there is such a demand for them right now. **LaDon Trost made a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) 2021 Ford utility AWD Police Interceptor from Morrow Brothers, Greenfield, IL at a cost of \$34,985.00. Seconded by Bob O'Connor and motion carried following a roll call vote resulting in all ayes.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** - Sheriff Turner reported that we have one inmate medical issue. He is probably going to have to have surgery. We did check with our inmate medical insurance that we will be responsible for the first \$15,000 then they will pick up the rest after that.

The inmate does have to have gallbladder surgery and it sounds like we can't release them. Last Friday we did receive a lightning strike on the Courthouse and Public Safety Building. We are having PerMar take a look at our fire alarm system. It is still showing a bad box somewhere. The system is so old they don't know if the system is right or not so they will come back out and take a look at that. We did have some more water leaking in on the Judge's chambers. We will be looking at the gutters to see if we have more issues there. Scott Toot interjected that Tricor will start working on the gutter project in September.

- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – Kathy Phillips, Clerk of the Circuit Court, reported that for the cases filed report, it looks to be down. With the new law in 2022 cases now are filed under one case number so we no longer have a DUI and three traffic tickets. It is all on one case number now. That makes the case load look down, but truly they are not. In July we collected \$1,700. We do have on July 21st another batch of the old cases that are scheduled for court and if they do not appear we will send those off to collections. Phillips is hoping to get some of that money back.
- c) **Probation** – Jamie Watson, Chief County Probation Officer, reported that we have finally filled our juvenile probation officer position with Angela Ziegler who started at the end of last month. We've been extremely busy with juveniles over the course of the last eight or nine months. We have had more juvenile detentions in the last nine months than we have had in the previous three years combined. Staff has pulled together and made sure we got all of that taken care of in the absence of a juvenile probation officer. Justin Bauer has really stepped up and filled in with that position. Watson has been dealing with AOIC, they have been rolling out a new statistical program. We are going to have to track information that is an insane amount. There are 9,000 different variables that we have to track for each individual client that comes through their office. Our case management system has to rework their system in order to be able to log all of this information and track this information. They have been working on this for the last year and they are not finished. We will have to pay for a part of this mandate. A lot of larger counties are going to create new positions to have sit there to collect this information. The deadline was July 1st to start tracking this information but nobody is ready for it. They are planning to push it to January, 2023. If the JIMS system is not ready by then we will have to do it all by hand.
- d) **Emergency Management Coordinator's Report** – Mike Simmons, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported there is an LEPC meeting tomorrow night. Recently we had ammonia released at the chemical plant in East Dubuque. We notified OSHA and EPA. Thankfully there were no injuries at the plant or in the neighborhood. We are going to meet with the safety director to set up protocol on what to do if this happens in the future. Working on finishing up the 5th quarter of the EMPG grant. This Saturday we are having a hazmat drill in Hanover. We will get all of the equipment out and go over it to make sure everything is operational. It has not been out in a long time due to the pandemic. August 6th there will be the Elizabeth Steak Out and they would like us to have some equipment there. We will have the Decon truck and some Hazmat vehicles to display and explain to all of the stakeholders that come to the organized event what the equipment is used for, how they can use it and when it is available.
- e) **Public Defender Reports** – There were no reports available at this time.

6. Citizens' Comments – None.

- 7. **Board Member Concerns** – LaDon Trost commented with this new police reform bill we were told the other night that it was going to make a lot more work for the States Attorney's office. It's hard for him to understand with no bond how this will affect the States Attorney's office.

The next Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, August 15, 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 Bob O'Connor and a second by LaDon Trost. A voice vote resulted in all ayes.