

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: John Grizzoffi, Vice-Chairman
DATE/TIME: August 19, 2024 at 4:06 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	☐ Vacant	☒ Darcy Wild (Zoom)
☒ LaDon Trost (Zoom)		

A quorum was established.

Other Board Members: None.

Others: Amy Gonzalez, Kathy Phillips, Scott Toot and Jamie Watson

John Grizzoffi made a motion on an amendment to the agenda under minutes from July 15 to June 17. Seconded by Lynn Gallagher and motion carried.

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) Minutes from June 17, 2024 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting – Lynn Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2024 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting. Seconded by Dianne Allendorf and motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

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 – Scott Toot commented that he believes the switch over for that cable has been completed. Amy Gonzalez added that we have switched from our existing fiber to a newly run fiber and we are also working on a secondary fiber through Jo-Carroll. Toot has a meeting tomorrow morning with Steve Keeffer, the architect, Sheriff Turner and Chief Deputy Ketelsen. We are going to talk about transition. Going forward Keeffer will be the contact person for the courthouse project day to day. Sheriff and Chief Deputy will have input on everything as well.

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action of approving a request from the ETSB Coordinator to purchase two (2) Guardian Mobile 911 PCs from Solacom at a total cost of \$65,800. (Note: If approved by the ETSB, the purchase proposal must be referred to the Law and Courts Committee and the County Board for purchase approval. If approved at all levels, the request will be included in the proposed FY2025 Budget.) – Amy Gonzalez explained that Guardian is the hardware and software that we use for our 9-1-1 call handling. It's owned by a vendor named Solacom and they have provided that call handling equipment for us and since then have cut us over to Next Generation 9-1-1. As the next phase of that project, she would like to add two mobile stations, which in the event of a catastrophe, we can reroute our 9-1-1 calls to any location (as long as we have an internet connection) and receive 9-1-1 calls. This is kind of a safety measure in case we would have to evacuate our

PSAP dispatch due to any event. These would be used as a backup; in addition, they could also be used to supplement our existing system. Say we wanted to receive 9-1-1 calls from a specific location like the Galena Halloween Parade - ETSB would fund this project. **Dianne Allendorf made a motion to move on to the County Board for purchase approval, a request from the ETSB Coordinator to purchase two (2) Guardian Mobile 911 PCs from Solacom at a total cost of \$65,800, to be included in the FY2025 budget to be paid with ETSB funds. Seconded by Lynn Gallagher and motion carried following a roll vote resulting in all Ayes.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) Sheriff's Report** – Sheriff Turner was not in attendance.
- b) Circuit Clerk's Office** – Kathy Phillips reported that we had our very first jury trial August 5th. We had a couple comments from some of the jurors that came in that gave us some good advice about different things that we need to do. In all aspects it went well. Phillips did post for a job position and has one who accepted but she will not start until September 16th.
- c) Probation Report** – Jamie Watson reported that next week we are hosting the Probation Officers Conference that we have been hosting in Galena for over twenty years for all the probation officers in the 15th Judicial Circuit. We are hosting at the DeSoto House on Thursday and Friday of next week. We did receive our information on what we will be receiving for salary reimbursement from the State. Watson's salary and his four officers' salaries are eligible for salary reimbursement from the State. Watson's and three officers' are eligible for full reimbursement of just the salary. The other position is called a salary subsidy position and is eligible for reimbursement at \$1,000 a month for twelve months for a maximum of \$12,000. We are going to receive just under \$243,000 in reimbursement from the State in FY25 for our salaries. That's about 98% of what we are eligible to receive from the state. When Watson started in this position eight years ago he believes we were receiving just under 55% reimbursement of what we were eligible to receive from the State.
- d) Emergency Management Report** – Scott Toot reported that we have had some applications, but ours has always been a part-time position. However, we feel it should be a full-time position so there needs to be a Personnel Review Committee meeting to recommend this or not. If recommended it would go to Executive Committee and then we would repost the position.
- e) Public Defender Reports** – The Public Defender reports were not included in the packet.

6. Citizen's Comments – None.

7. Board Member Concerns – None.

The next Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, September 16, 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 4:23 p.m. following a motion by Dianne Allendorf. Seconded by Lynn Gallagher and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all Ayes.