

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Law Enforcement & Courts
CHAIRPERSON: Don Zillig, Chairman
DATE/TIME: October 17, 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: Kathy Phillips, Scott Toot, Jamie Watson and Kevin Turner.

1. Minutes Approval:

- a) There were no minutes included in the packet for approval at this time.

2. Citizens' Comments: None.

3. Unfinished Business

- a) FY2022 Strategic Goals and Plans – The committee reviewed their strategic goals and plans.
- b) Discussion and possible action to approve line item transfers when needed from personnel line items in the FY2022 Public Safety Building budget 001-41122, allocated for the jail cook position, to line item 001-41122-719 Other Service Charges for food service expenses Sheriff Turner commented that it looks like the funding for the jail cook in the 2021 budget wasn't carried over for 2022, but they are short a Correctional Officer, and won't hire another until they know what will happen with the Safe-T Act, and whether they'll need it or not, maybe they can use this for a jail cook or personnel. There is money set aside in overtime, and they're hoping they could amend that into personnel instead of a jail cook position. **LaDon Trost made a motion to approve line item transfers when needed from personnel line items in the FY2022 Public Safety Building Budget 001-41122, allocated for the jail cook position, to line item 001-41122-719 Other Service Charges for food service expenses. Seconded by John Korth.** Discussion was called for. Melissa Hammer questioned Sheriff whether or not for 2022's budget have they increased professional service line for other service charges, to include the food service now? He was made aware the funding wasn't there. Earlier this year he sent an email to the Clerk and was advised that the funding was there and we would be able to move it and then this week he was just informed the money wasn't appropriated for 2022 so he will have to ask for extra funding for food. Hammer thought it was allocated for FY22 but in the FY23 budget it was not. Sheriff responded that it was not in the FY22 budget either. Hammer stated if that is the case there is not money in the part-time line item to take from. Her question is are we looking at FY23 which in the next couple of days is going to be passed have we increased the professional service amount to help cover that cost. Sheriff spoke with the county Administrator today that we are going to have to increase that. Hammer stated we have to have a mandatory increase for that line in this week's budget meeting. Sheriff stated yes. **Following discussion the motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**

4. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding squad maintenance bid for FY2023 – Bid Number 1 is from Palmer Automotive, with an oil change for \$32.95, synthetic \$37.95, and a labor rate of \$58.00. Bid Number 2 is Temperly Auto, oil change \$20.00, synthetic \$35.00 and labor rate of \$55.00. Bid Number 3 is from Fennin in Dubuque, IA, with an oil change for \$59.95, Synthetic \$89.95, and labor rate of \$125.00. Bid Number 4 is from Galena Chrysler with an oil change for \$31.00, synthetic \$39.00 and a labor rate of \$65.00. **Don Hill made a motion to approve bid Number 2 from Temperly Automotive with an oil change for \$20.00, synthetic for \$35.00, and a labor rate of \$55.00. Seconded by LaDon Trost and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.** Sheriff Turner asked whether a second could be approved as in the past they've used 2-3 service centers in East, West and Center, so the deputies could drop their vehicles off when they're off-shift, to get the service completed. **LaDon Trost made a motion to approve Bid Number 1, Palmer Automotive with an oil change for \$32.95, synthetic for \$37.95, and labor rate of \$58.00, as a secondary service center. Seconded by Darcy Wild and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding inmate food service bid for FY2023 – Sheriff Turner commented that there was only one bid received for the food service, from The Workshop Community Meals in Galena. The current price that was quoted for FY2022 was \$6.00 per meal including a beverage. The bid for FY2023 is for \$7.00 per meal including a beverage. This is for meals Monday through Friday, and on the weekends, Tammy's Piggly Wiggly is utilized, or we do a drive-thru if Piggly Wiggly isn't available. **LaDon Trost made a motion to approve The Workshop Community Meals in Galena as the inmate food service provider for FY2023. Seconded by Don Hill and motion carried following a voice vote resulting in all ayes.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Sheriff's Report** – Sheriff Turner reported that we're still waiting on some clarification on the Safe-T Act, for not bond, we're having a meeting with Judge Hay and all the other key players next month, just so that we're on the same page- but not knowing anything from the state, I think we're just trial and error. Other than that, just business as usual. LaDon questioned Sheriff if this goes into effect as proposed, will we be losing some of our deputies. Turner replied that if it comes down to where we can't bring anybody to jail, we would have to research about housing inmates someplace else, and do a cost study on that, whether it would be beneficial to just use the correctional officers as transports and use someone else to house the inmates for us. Not knowing how it's going to look, we're kind of on hold right now. Out of 102 counties, there are 100 State's Attorneys and Sheriffs that are against it, and there's about 52 State's Attorneys and Sheriffs that have a lawsuit against the state because of it.
- b) **Circuit Clerk's Office** – Kathy Phillips, Clerk of the Circuit Court, mentioned that there were \$8,110.00 this month in collections. We're going through old tickets and trying to collect what we can. Everything else is the same as usual.
- c) **Probation Report** – Jamie Watson, Chief County Probation Officer, reported that we were in a meeting last week with probation directors across the State regarding the newly formed office of Statewide Pretrial Services that AOIC has begun the process to take over pretrial services throughout the state. They did slip in a caveat, that some counties may be keeping their pretrial services, and supervising as we have been for a long time, what the parameters of that look like, we are not quite sure, so much like everything else with the State, we are hanging in limbo to see if we are indeed going to be having the State take over pretrial services, or if we are going to be keeping them. We are not sure when we will find out, but we're hoping to find more information out soon. Kathy Phillips commented that she was

recently in a meeting, and Jo Daviess County was not mentioned as it going to the State, so it sounds like we might be keeping our own.

- d) **Emergency Management Coordinator's Report** – Mike Simmons, Emergency Management Coordinator, was unable to attend. His report was included in the packet.
- e) **Public Defender Reports** – There were no reports available at this time.

6. Citizen's Comments – None.

7. Board Member Concerns – None.

The next Law Enforcement & Courts Committee meeting will be Monday, November 21, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, County Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m. following a motion by John Korth and a second by LaDon Trost. A voice vote resulted in all ayes.