

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2013

Committee Chair Carl Borngasser called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. in the committee room within the Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Borngasser, Yoder, Arbogast, Kestner, Mays, Peterson, Weller

Absent:

Also Present: Marty Fannin, Earl Rients, Mark Runyon, Bill Flott, Joan Bullard,
Sheriff Meredith, Chief Rutledge, Bill Cox, Stu Inman,
Seth Uphoff, Alina Hartley, June Slagel, Lynn Cahill-Masching

Borngasser called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none being requested.

Motion by Yoder, second by Peterson to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the May 7th, 2013 meeting. *Motion by Peterson, second by Yoder to approve the minutes of the May 7th, 2013 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Monthly Department Report – Chief Rutledge reviewed the draft FY 2014 budget with the Committee. Meredith stated that it is hard to do a budget this early in the year. Rutledge stated that funding is included to continue with Northern Illinois Crime Lab. Rutledge stated that it is also difficult to predict how much deputies and correctional officers will use for uniform replacement. Rutledge stated that there is currently \$38,893 on the books for deputy uniform allowance and \$40,410 for correctional officers. Chief Rutledge further reported that they are submitting a capital request for \$12,250 for a bar code system for the evidence room. Sheriff Meredith stated that the evidence room is up and running as it should.

Cook County Report – Superintendent Cox reported that they billed a total of \$92,200 for the month of May. Cox reported that they spent an additional \$9,349 for inmate meals. Cox reported that year to date they have billed a total of \$583,800; they have received \$309,805 and have \$273,995 due.

Odell Town Contract – Fannin reported that he has worked out a proposed 3 year contract in an attempt to balance out the payments that are made for full time and part time coverage. Fannin stated that he plans to meet with Odell in the near future.

Budget Amendment – To be presented next month.

Pro-Active Report – Sheriff Meredith reported that the unit is active and doing well. Meredith reported that he had submitted his notice to withdraw from the unit in April. Meredith stated that there was a disagreement about the policies and procedures and he made an executive decision to

remove himself and his officers from the unit. Meredith stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement states that the sheriff shall have command of the unit, and the policies and procedures were in conflict with that provision.

Henson stated that the prior administration never put the protocols and procedures in place, so there was an attempt by States Attorney Uphoff and the oversight committee to develop those protocols so everyone would know what policy they were following. Uphoff stated that the former arrangement did not provide checks and balances within the unit. Uphoff state that the Sheriff was not taken out of command.

It was noted that Chairman Fannin would be meeting with the mayors of each town in regards to the agreement. There was a desire of Committee members to review both the current Intergovernmental Agreement and the draft protocols and procedures. The Committee will continue to review this item at a special meeting.

Dwight Correctional Center

Criminal Justice Consulting – Sheriff Meredith had distributed information regarding the rental of the Dwight Correctional Center to house additional Cook County detainees. Meredith stated that the x-house and sally port are the only areas that he is interested in using. Weller stated that he had information regarding the proposals for the sewer project that came from the capital development board. Weller asked that the board office distribute copies of that information as well. Sheriff Meredith stated that he would like the county to consider hiring Lynn Cahill Masching, through Criminal Justice Consulting, to conduct a feasibility study on the project. Meredith stated that he felt the county needed to have a bi-partisan party evaluate the project. Meredith noted that the proposal does not include some costs that were previously brought to his attention including insurance costs.

Adam Dontz reported that they provided a study from Northern Illinois University on the negative impact of the closure of DCC. Dontz stated that an estimated 56 jobs will be created as a result of this project. Dontz stated that the GLCEDC discussed working with the Sheriff's department on exploring the options and impacts of the project.

Discussion took place. Committee members felt that they would like to personally look at the space prior to making a decision. *Motion by Weller, second by Arbogast to approve proceeding with the Sheriff's Department continuing to obtain information from the State of Illinois regarding the lease of a portion needed, including costs per month to be paid to the State as lease payments. Also to have information sent to Livingston County as soon as possible for review and discussion with the Sheriff, Jail & License Committee and forwarding to the full County Board for approval.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Motion by Yoder, second by Kestner to recommend the county board hire an outside person to analyze the feasibility of the project. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Raffle Licenses – N/A

The Committee reviewed the bills presented. *Motion by Weller, second by Yoder to approve the bills.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Motion by Yoder, second by Mays to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m..

Alina Hartley
Administrative Resource Specialist