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Sheriff

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Chief Deputy

December 9, 2009 ***"Dedicated to Service, Committed to Protection"***

Ogle County Sheriff's/Coroner/Building & Grounds/IT Combined Committee:
The regular combined meeting of the above referenced Committees was held Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, 103 Jefferson St., Oregon, IL. Those members attending were: Bobbie Colbert, Lyle Hopkins, Pat Saunders, Bob DeArvil, Chairman Fred Horner, Sheriff Beitel, and Coroner Finch. Also attending was County Board Chairman Ed Rice, County Administrator Meggon McKinley, Don Conn, Larry Callant, Lynn Kilker, and TJ Graden.

1. Call to Order:
Chairman Horner called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:
At this time, Chairman Horner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2009 meeting. Saunders so moved, DeArvil seconded, motion carried.

3. Presentation and Consideration of Payment:
DeArvil made the motion to approve the **Sheriff's bills** - $1,828.77, Colbert seconded; Hopkins made the motion to approve the **Telecommunications bills** - $877.39, Saunders seconded; Hopkins made the motion to approve the **Corrections bills** - $26,708.28 - Colbert seconded; a question was asked regarding the Sinnissippi contract - this is $15,000.00 annually, being paid quarterly. Colbert made the motion to approve the **OCEMA bills** $446.44, DeArvil seconded; for a total of $29,860.88, motion carried on all. Saunders made the motion to approve the **Building and Grounds bills** - $38,109.13, Hopkins seconded, motion carried. $20,000 is towards the maintenance contract with Simplex/Grinnell for the fire alarm service at the Judicial Center. Other avenues were reviewed for this service, however it proved to be the better value to keep the maintenance with Simplex/Grinnell. An **IT bill** in the amount of $2,485.00 (for service 11/07 - 12/04/09) from Dynamic Horizons was presented, DeArvil made the motion to approve, Hopkins seconded. Administrator McKinley questioned the maintenance of the router - 36 switches, Dynamic manages these also. The **Coroner's bills** were then presented for approval. DeArvil made the motion to pay $2,557.33 plus $4,845.46 to satisfy the loan for the 2005 Van, for a total of $7,402.79, Hopkins seconded, motion carried.

4. **Coroners Discussion and Comments:**

   a. Coroner Finch provided the *Death Updates by Category, through December 15, 2009* stating there had been 27 deaths and 2 autopsies.

5. **Sheriff Discussion and Comments:**

   a. **Comments:**
   Sheriff and Curtis Cook met to discuss the winter weather plans. The Telecommunicators will get the calls regarding the road conditions. An email account has been set up allowing them to enter these various reports, at the time when the Highway Department foreman checks, all the information will be readily available to him, rather than calling him a number of times. If there is an urgent situation that would come up, the foreman would be given a call rather that waiting for him to check the email. So far this has been working satisfactorily.

   b. **Activity Report:**
   Sheriff mentioned the 911 stats for the month of November - 1,508 9-1-1 calls, 4,398 administrative calls for a total of 5,906 calls handled in the Communication Center. Rochelle also handled 142 9-1-1 calls.
   Crime Stats - Sheriff stated that in 2003 we were at a high level in staffing and crime was at a lesser amount, then in 2007 the staffing dropped and crime rate rose. In 2008 we were back to full staff in enforcement and the crime rate went down again. Sheriff attributed some of this to the high unemployment and more people are at home. There has been a slight increase in thefts.

   c. **Layoffs:**
   Sheriff stated that a few weeks ago he personally delivered 13 layoff notices, 5 full time employees and 8 part time employees. Since that time a letter of resignation has been received from a Correctional employee, which will allow the Sheriff to recall the CO that received a layoff notice.

   d. **Jail Food Service:**
   Sheriff explained the situation with the food service at the Correctional Center. The two part time cooks were part of the lay off group, research was conducted regarding contracting with an outside food service. Our current food service staff have done an excellent job, there are no complaints with the quality or quantity of the food and the cost has been in line. After checking with outside vendors, it was determined to be more cost effective to hire another full time cook. The cooks will then work 10 hour days, 4 on and 3 off, with an overlap of one day which will be used to do inventory and planning.

   e. **Thomson Prison:**
   Sheriff reported that on November 14, 2009, a public notice was released regarding the Bureau of Prisons acquiring the Thomson prison to possibly house the detainees from the Quantonimo prison. A meeting of a select group of law enforcement and government officials was held with the Director of Federal

Prisons. The surrounding Sheriffs' agreed that the concern with these detainees being housed in Thomson was not that they would escape or of being "busted" out, but that of protestors and demonstrators. Unfortunately in Carroll County there is only the Sheriff plus 8 deputies, which is not sufficient staffing to handle situations of that magnitude. A meeting was held with the State Police and local law enforcement professionals from Carroll, JoDavies, Stephenson and Ogle County to discuss the needs of handling these demands. The two major concerns were Manpower and the funding of this manpower and Communications. However, they were told that Homeland Security funding would be available to relieve these concerns.

Sheriff has been in touch with Congressman Manzullo and Chairman Rice has been in touch with Representative Sacia reference this situation.

6. Building & Grounds Discussion and Comments:.

c. Cleaning Schedule:

Sheriff stated that due to the recent layoffs in the Maintenance - Janitorial Department, a revised schedule has been written for the cleaning at various County buildings. He also complimented the Maintenance Department for their frugal use of time during the snow removal, to help eliminate overtime.

Sheriff mentioned that the City of Mt. Morris has been in touch with Jim McBride regarding the use of ice melting salt on the new sidewalks around the Watts Building. With this situation in mind, the purchase of another type of ice remover has been purchased.

7. Public Comments:

Don Conn expressed appreciation to Sheriff for his diligence in returning money to the County through the 2009 budget.

Saunders inquired about a situation, ordered by a Judge, regarding non-life threatening surgery for an Ogle County detainee. She was concerned with this because of the status of the finances and felt that a situation such as this should be reconsidered.

T.J. Graden, a local business owner/wrecker service, shared some concerns as to the call list for rotation of a wrecker service. When establishing his business he requested that he be included in this rotation. However, for some reason this has not been the case and was concerned. Sheriff did comment that in a situation where a wrecker is needed, if the parties involved request a specific wrecker service, it is then out of our hands as to the rotation. Sheriff was not fully aware of this situation and will check in to it and respond to him as soon as he can.

Administrator McKinley commented on the revenue expenses and returns.

8. December Meeting Date and Time:

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 - 8:00 a.m. at the Sheriff's Office Training Room

9. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Shipman
Executive Secretary