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Ogle County Sheriff's/Coroner/Building & Grounds/IT Combined Committee:
The regular combined meeting of the above referenced Committees was held Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, Training Room, 103 Jefferson St., Oregon, IL. Those members attending were: Chairman Fred Horner, Don Huntley, Lyle Hopkins, Pat Saunders, Bob DeArvil and Dan Janes, Bobbie Colbert, Coroner Finch and Sheriff Beitel. Also attending were Donald Conn, Greg Martin, Deb Dickson and Stephanie Grace.

1. Call to Order:
Chairman Horner called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:
At this time, Chairman Horner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2009 meeting. Saunders so moved, Huntley seconded, motion carried.

3. Presentation and Consideration of Payment:
Huntley made the motion to approve the Sheriff's bills - $12,773.13 - Colbert seconded; Saunders made the motion to approve the Corrections bills - $4,680.72 - Colbert seconded; and Colbert made the motion to approve the OCEMA bill - $2,097.24 - Saunders seconded; for a total of $19,551.09, motion carried on all. Huntley made the motion to approve the Building and Grounds bills - $9,056.09, Hopkins seconded, motion carried. The Coroner's bills were then presented for approval. DeArvil made the motion to pay $2,040.03 , Janes seconded, motion carried. IT bills - a bill in the amount of $4,235.00 for January 10, 2009 - February 9, 2009 was presented from Dynamic Horizons and a bill from GET in the amount of $4,990.70, for a total of $9,225.70. Huntley made the motion to approve this bill, Hopkins seconded, motion carried. There were no Judicial Center bills.

Sheriff Beitel also informed the Committee that $5,821.72 was to be reimbursed to the County from the Backup Battery claim in September, 2008. The failed equipment was sent to APC it was determined the failure was due to their equipment. The balance was paid by the County, because of a $1,000.00 deductible.

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Sheriff also mentioned that the conversion to the new computer system will be done in March. Therefore all OCSO employees will be going through training for this system. After doing research on the cost of computers, it was decided to lease enough computers so that everyone could be trained in the amount of time allotted. Once the training is completed the computers will be returned to the company, Dynamic Horizons, who can resell them.

4. Coroners Discussion and Comments:

a. Coroner Finch provided the *Death Updates by Category, through February 17, 2009* sheet.

Coroner Finch clarified the grant he received. This was generated from the Death Certificate System - all Coroners in the State of Illinois were awarded this Grant. With the money 2 cots and a cover was purchased. This could be an annual grant, however the amount is unknown.

Coroner Finch reported that he was able to negotiate a better price on the Bio Hazardous disposal for his office and the Sheriff's Office. It had previously been $1,300.00 every quarter - it will now be $800.00 every quarter.

The explanation to the cost of an autopsy was discussed.

5. Sheriff Discussion and Comments:

a. Purchases:

Sheriff commented that he had budgeted for 2009 - the purchase of 7 new squads, 6 are already here and a few are on the road. Since we purchased these we have 7 old squads being sold. Probation Department is purchasing 3 of the squads at a cost of $5,500 each. Pike County also is going to purchase a squad for $5,500.00. Last year the squads were sold for an average price of $2,700.00 each. When remaining squads will be sold, all the equipment is removed and they are detailed, prior to being sold. This revenue goes to the general fund.

In September, 2008, one of the K-9's - Chada, was retired, there were no other deputies interested, therefore the K-9 squad was sold under sealed bid to the Dixon Police Department for $26,001.00.

Sheriff stated in September, 2008 an OCSO Deputy, as part of ILEAS Mobile Field Force, assisted at the Republican National Convention, a reimbursement check in the amount of $3,772.60 was received for this assistance.

In 2008 an application was submitted to FEMA for a million dollar EOC Grant. LaSalle County was awarded this grant. However, Ogle County has submitted another application this year. If awarded this Grant the money must be used towards the EOC.

Sheriff gave a brief explanation about Prairie Shield and the things they provide. It is an alliance of 7 counties from Northwest Illinois. Money was contributed to purchase equipment - radio - these funds were match by 911, to purchase the StarCom radios for every police department in the county and 2 radios for every fire and ambulance service, to enable everyone to have a common communications tool. Prairie Shield was approved to work with Boeing on VSOC systems. This is a very exciting project and has great potential for the future.

Sheriff also discussed the Resolution 2009-1 approved by the Illinois Sheriffs' Association for Concealed Carry.

A few weeks ago the microwave system between this location and the Liberty Hill location went down. Since that time it has gone down repeatedly, and currently down. It is necessary to send a TC to the Rochelle PD in order to handle some of the calls. However it does not effect the 911 system.

Various systems have been investigated to eliminate this problem in the future. With the Judicial Center being the hub of County Government, if a buried fiber optic connection could be placed from that building to the Liberty Hill tower it could possibly be the solution. With this in mind they could use wireless to the Watt Building in Mt. Morris, when the renovation is completed and they are back in Oregon, there are other uses for this system. It has been discussed with the LRP committee and they have given their permission to pursue further information on this. It would be thought of as investment for the future.

6. Building & Grounds Discussion and Comments:

a. GEO-thermal Update:

Drilling was done to approximately 240 feet. Further information will be considered to determine how many wells will be needed. They are waiting on the final report regarding the heat exchange.

b. Additional Wiring Probation Dept.:

Greg Martin thanked Sheriff Beitel and Deputy Harn for all their cooperation on the vehicle purchase.

Martin then stated that he was in need of another office space in his Department, having a storage room that could be changed in to an office, he was requesting the authority to go ahead with the phone hookup and computer wiring. Sheriff did not have a problem with this. Martin will handle the cost of this project. It will be of no cost to the County.

c. **Autumn On Parade:**

Ms. Dickson stated that AOP is scheduled for October 3 and 4, 2009. Plans are starting for this celebration. She was considering partial relocation of crafter's booths due to the construction at the Courthouse. The Committee discussed the many possibilities and asked her to attend the June meeting for a more definite answer.

Sheriff requested input from the Committee on the various charges that are incurred by other departments when changes are done to their phone extensions. The County has a maintenance contract with the phone company which covers repair work, however the costs for changes, such as moving phones with desks are not covered. In the future any Department requesting changes, will be responsible for the charges to cover that change.

Sheriff Beitel mention the stand alone refrigerator at the Correctional Center has died. The compressor would need to be replaced. Various companies were contacted, a quote from Hobart Sales & Services was received in the amount of $4,203.50. A quote from Fox River Foods, Inc in the amount of $2,869.00, was approved by the Sheriff.

Coroner Finch commented on the relocation of his office during the renovation, he stated that the new ventilation system that was installed in the autopsy room is doing a great job, but the morgue office location is not a suitable space for day to day operations due to the lingering odors. The move to the Watt Building would make it more convenient for the public. Sheriff felt this was the right way to go, since the public has become used to these offices being in one location. It was the agreement of the Committee that if there were no extra charges and ample room at the Watt Building, the Coroners office should be moved also. Hopkins made that a motion, Huntley seconded, motion carried.

7. Public Comments:

Hopkins asked permission to use the Sheriff's Office Training Room for various county committee meetings, during the renovation period. Sheriff agreed to this. Also, Sheriff stated discussion was held regarding the relocation of the County Board meeting to the Judicial Center. Since this is a Security Building, Court Security would be required, causing unbudgeted OT. Therefore, a temporary change of meeting time may be implied for the County Board. This will be discussed at the County Board meeting.

8. February Meeting Date and Time:

Wednesday, March 11, 2009 - 8:00 a.m. at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office.

9. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.