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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, March 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 County Board Chairman Ed Rice.

1. Call to Order:
Chairman Horner called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:
At this time, Chairman Horner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2009 meeting. Saunders so moved, Janes seconded, motion carried.

3. Presentation and Consideration of Payment:
DeArvil made the motion to approve the Sheriff's bills - $68,493.43 - Colbert seconded; Hopkins commenting that this budget is a little over budget, and encouraged careful spending; Janes made the motion to approve the Telecommunications bills - $11,247.98, Saunders seconded; Hopkins made the motion to approve the Corrections bills - $19,567.73 - DeArvil seconded; there were no OCEMA bills; for a total of $99,309.14, motion carried on all. Hopkins made the motion to approve the Building and Grounds bills - $10,901.65, Janes seconded, motion carried. The Coroner's bills were then presented for approval. DeArvil made the motion to pay $3,225.65 Janes seconded, motion carried. Hopkins reported that this budget was over on expenditures. IT bills - a bill in the amount of $3,850.00 for February 9, 2009 - March 9, 2009, and a bill in the amount of $150.00 for an annual fee for website was presented from Dynamic Horizons, plus a $1,500.00 charge for programing and installing one router of a previously authorized installation of 4 routers. The total cost for 4 routers will be $6,000.00. Also a bill from GET in the amount of $696.32, which will be paid out of the Long Range County Network Fund. Saunders made the motion to approve these bills, DeArvil seconded, motion carried. There were no Judicial Center bills.

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A brief discussion and explanation followed regarding the charges from Dynamic Horizons. Sheriff explained that the monthly charges are still less than if there were an annual contract in place with them.

4. Coroners Discussion and Comments:

a. Coroner Finch provided the *Death Updates by Category, through March 17, 2009* sheet. Stating there had been 20 deaths.

b. Coroner stated his Office is going to join the State by implementing the Electronic Death Certificates program. He is also attempting to get the local funeral homes to participate in this program.

He reported that within the next few months his office will be going to a panel of 4 people rather than have a coroners jury. There are 4 surrounding counties following this schedule and it is working great. This will help reduce the cost to his budget. If it is warranted - an inquest can be held.

5. Sheriff Discussion and Comments:

b. Civil Process Vehicle:

Sheriff explained the situation with the paper server squad. Currently this vehicle has approximately 120,000 miles and is costing the County money. There have been about $500.00 per month repairs on this squad, for some time. After a great deal of research and information - a State bid vehicle was located - $14,997.00. $25,000 was projected as income from the sale of equipment, however this money goes into the County General fund and does not reflect in the Sheriff's Budget. Over the last few months vehicles have been sold and an excess of money has been received, however, with the purchase of this vehicle it would overdraw the line item. After a great deal of discussion Hopkins made the motion to purchase the vehicle now and amend the budget this fall, if needed. Janes seconded the motion, DeArvil, Janes, Hopkins, Colbert, Horner voting yes. Saunders voted no - due to the wording of the motion. The motion carried.

Sheriff also reported that he had locked in on a supply of gasoline at a very good price, which will be very helpful for this budget.

Sheriff mentioned that the microwave system is working. He also commented on the fiber pathway to the Liberty Hill Road Tower. Bids were opened on Tuesday. This situation will be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting later today.

Sheriff Beitel also reported to the Committee a situation with drug

investigations in the County. The Detective Division is doing and making cases, generating an enormous burden to the Drug Fund. The Ogle Lee Crimestoppers have paid out over $10,000 in funds this year for information provided, however the Crimestoppers do not supply money to purchase drugs in the investigations. He was asking if there was any way that the County could assist in this ongoing project. Discussion followed and it was unanimously agreed that the Sheriff's office can't be hindered if the goal is to have a safe County, assistance needs to be offered. Sheriff ran various reports on arrest warrants and bond money, and the problem sometimes reverts back to the fact that some people are not being held accountable for payment of their fines. After a great deal of discussion, Saunders made the motion to request from the Finance Committee to provide funds from the Contingency fund - a line of credit of up to $5,000.00 for drug investigation and then re-discuss this situation again in a few months. Colbert seconded, motion passed unanimously. Sheriff thanked the Committee for their understanding and cooperation in this matter.

6. Building & Grounds Discussion and Comments:

a. Weld park - Proposed Quote for 2009

Sheriff reported a quote for the 2009 mowing season was received from Mike Seaworth. The amount was $6,000.00, the same as last year. Colbert made the motion to approve this, and Hopkins seconded, motion carried.

7. Public Comments:

Chairman Rice stated that he would be asking the County Board for their understanding and cooperation regarding the upcoming move to the Watt Building and construction of the Old Courthouse. The time frame of everything falling into place is very important and each step depends on the one before it. Therefore he will be asking the Board to go ahead and sign the lease so that all the other steps can fall into place in a timely manner.

Sheriff mentioned a "kick off" event on March 19, 2009, 5;30 p.m. at the Nash Recreation Center, Oregon, Il, hosted by the Shining Star organization. They will be hosting a Walk Across Illinois to assist the Child Advocacy Project.

8. April Meeting Date and Time:

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 - 8:00 a.m. at the Ogle County Sheriff's Office.

9. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.