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September 15, 2010

Ogle County Sheriff's/Coroner/Building & Grounds/IT Combined Committee:
August 11, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the Old Courthouse, Conference Room #100, Oregon, IL. Those members attending were: Chairman Fred Horner, Lyle Hopkins, Bobbie Colbert, Patricia Saunders, Bob DeArvil, Dan Janes, Coroner Lou Finch, Deputy Mike Harn and Sheriff Beitel. Also attending were County Board Chairman Ed Rice, Larry Callant, John Finfrock, Bev Simone, Amy Trimble, Otto Dick, Mike Mudge

1. Call to Order:
Chairman Horner called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:
At this time, Chairman Horner asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2010 meeting. Saunders so moved, Janes seconded, motion carried.

3. Presentation and Consideration of Payment:
Hopkins made the motion to approve the **Sheriff's bills** - $17,152.12 - Saunders seconded. DeArvil made the motion to approve the **Emergency Communications bills** - $1,093.35 - Janes seconded; Saunders made the motion to approve the **Corrections bills** - $24,916.85, Janes seconded. Janes made the motion to approve the **OCEMA bills** - $2,783.99 - DeArvil seconded; for a total of $45,946.31, motion carried on all. Horner made the motion to approve the **Building and Grounds bills** - $25,654.21, Saunders seconded, motion carried. The **Coroner's bills** were then presented for approval. DeArvil made the motion to pay $8,331.72, Janes seconded, motion carried. **IT bills** - There were no bills presented at this meeting, however Sheriff Beitel mentioned he thought a bill from RMU had been received.

4. Coroners Discussion and Comments:

a. Coroner Finch explained the *Death Updates by Category, through September 21 2010* sheet. The report shows a total of 28 deaths, with 7 cases pending.

He also commented on the cooler situation at the Morgue. Maintenance personnel have been working on this, the cooler is cooling, however the moisture situation (dehumidifier) is not keeping up.

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5. **Sheriff Discussion and Comments:**

a **Comments and Updates:**

Sheriff commented that the crime rate continues to go down - even though the unemployment rate is at 14%. However, the calls for service in Ogle County continues to rise.

Sheriff also commented on a new regulation with the State on how sexual assault cases are to be submitted. This is forcing every agency to go back in the old cases and recheck the evidence to make sure everything was done properly. Fortunately Ogle County does not have a lot of crimes of that nature. There is no funding to help offset the cost of this additional work.

e. **Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program:**

Sheriff reported - following 911 (September 11, 2001) interagency communication was not good. Now every County in Illinois will have to provide a plan on how they would communicate to one another in case of an emergency. Ogle County is in good shape, we have a nuclear plant - which helps in funding. The grant is $25,000 max. Ogle County is continuing to work on this situation.

c. **Purchase of Out-Of-State Service Credits - Update.**

Last month Sheriff approached this Committee as well as the Ogle County Board, regarding purchasing his out-of-state service credits from past employment. A dollar figure of what this would cost the County was requested, the cost over 30 years would be $47057. He spoke with John Coffman reference how often the rate varies - (goes up by 0.07%) from year to year depending on the number of employees. Janes commented that he looks at this as appreciation for the years of service in the Law Enforcement field, that Sheriff Beitel has given to Ogle County. Saunders commented that this practice has been offered to past military personnel with no questions asked. At this time Saunders made the motion to recommend to the County Board to approve Sheriff's request to pass the resolution allowing him to purchase these credits. Colbert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. **Request to fill the Executive Secretary position:**

Sheriff commented on the high level of trust and confidentially this position carries and stated that it is not a general clerical position. Over the past 50+ years there have only been 2 people in this position, therefore with the retirement of the current Executive Secretary, this position needs to be filled. There is a clause in the ERI contract that, in this instance needs to be forgiven and an exception to the rule be granted. Sheriff stated there are a few other employees from this Department that will be retiring and will not be replaced at this time. This position needs to be filled as soon as possible so that ample training can be given. DeArvil made the motion to proceed with the hiring of a replacement for the Executive Secretary position. Janes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other:

Sheriff gave a brief discussion regarding the recent correspondence he received from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement regarding the goal of the Immigration Detention Reform to create a civil detention system in this area. This is the third time that Ogle County has been approached to participate in such a program. They are extremely interested in this area due to the closeness to general acute care hospitals that have emergency rooms and other medical services, the technology and be within one and a half hour ground commute from the ERO Chicago field Office.

A great deal of discussion followed - factors that must be considered are the current unemployment rates in Northern Illinois and Ogle County and the revenue this facility would generate for the County would be enormous. Hopkins made the motion to proceed with this project proposal, as it would definitely develop jobs in Ogle County and the income is needed. Janes seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Rice commented this project could help maintain current jobs and create up to 150 full-time positions.

It was asked if Sheriff Beitel would be available as a consultant for this project if it were to happen. He commented that he would, a great deal of the "ground work" has been done from previous studies, figures would need to be updated, but that could easily be done.

6. Building & Grounds Discussion and Comments:

b. Planter/barriers at Old Courthouse:

The planters have been delivered, the design of the flowers will be duplicated from the City planters on the sidewalk around the Square.

c. Driveway Aprons around Old Courthouse Square:

Sheriff stated this is still pending on the driveway aprons. Sheriff and Deputy Harn commented that they received no other bids for this work. At this time only 2 of the driveways will be repaired. They would like to have this completed prior to the AOP Celebration. Saunders made the motion to accept the one and only bid that we have, on the condition that the amount stay under the proposed amount. This motion was then withdrawn. This will be presented to the Executive Committee

d. AOP Use of Courthouse Grounds and Tours:

At this time Sheriff introduced Beth Simone and Otto Dick, representatives of the Ogle County Historical Society. This group was contacted by the AOP regarding the possibility of giving tours of the Courthouse during AOP. No offices would be toured, just the board room and the Memorial Hall room. Discussion followed.

Concern regarding the use of the rest rooms and other areas - requiring additional personnel to clean after the event. Sheriff stated unfortunately he did not have the staff or the funding to provide some of these features. It will be discussed with the County Board to have the members volunteer their time to assist with this. Callant stated that both he and his assistant would be willing to volunteer their time to be available for this project, if it were approved.

Sheriff then introduced Amy Trimble, representative of the community group, Forward Oregon. As owner of the property at the corner of Hwy 2 and 64 on the Courthouse Lawn, Ms Trimble is requesting support from Ogle County, if Forward Oregon were to purchase a permanent community sign that would promote activities such as the County fair, AOP, Oregon Trail Days and School activities. If funds would allow, they would purchase a digital sign. After further discussion regarding liability, cost, responsibility, it was agreed that this should be directed to Scott Robinson in the SA office for further research and a possible lease agreement. Ms Trimble also stated that she would come back to the Committee with further designs and plans. This project will not be an immediate thing as additional funding will need to be obtained. She was instructed to contact either Sheriff Beitel or the County Administrator for anything further.

Chairman Rice then stated that is was necessary to have a motion to request bids for the tree trimming on the Courthouse lawn. Hopkins made the motion to put this project out for bids, DeArvil seconded, motion carried.

At this time Sheriff introduced Mike Mudge regarding the Counties utility costs and savings plan. After Mike gave his presentation, it was recommended that this be presented to the County Board. Hopkids will take care of this.

Sheriff Beitel reported that during the inspection of the jail, the Fire Marshall requested a more current and efficient fire detection system be installed at that location. Currently a home system is being used. The money for this project was put in to Long Range. Two proposals were received for this project. Simplex Grinnell presented the low bid, they are currently providers for the County with a good working relationship. Sheriff asked permission to proceed with Simplex Grinnell and have this work done. The money is in the LR Fund. Saunders made the motion to proceed with this project. Janes seconded, motion carried.

Deputy Harn then commented on the age and condition of the current jail and the concerns that are associated with that.

7. **Public Comments:**
None

8. **September Meeting Date and Time:**
Wednesday, October 13, 2010 - 8:00 a.m. at the **Ogle County Courthouse, Conference Room #100, First Floor.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Shipman
Executive Secretary