

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE STATED MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

The stated meeting for the month of May was held in the Stephenson County Board Room on the above date with Mr. Senn, the Chairman, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Mr. Senn, Mr. McKenna, Ms. V. Hooper, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Cashmore, Ms. Boynton and Mr. Graham. County Board Chairman Blum was not present.

Minutes of the stated meeting of Tuesday, April 1, 2008 were approved, without reading, on a motion by Ms. V. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Hilton.

Mr. Groves reported that the full scale domestic terrorism exercise went fine and the after-action report has been completed.

The County's Emergency Management Agency has received several grants. Mr. Groves reviewed the four grant programs and how these funds would be expended. He distributed a budget amendment that would account for these additional revenues and expenditures. On a motion by Mr. Graham, seconded by Ms. V. Hooper, the Committee recommended approval of the budget resolution to amend the necessary revenue and expense lines for the four grants.

Mr. Groves distributed copies of announcement about a Natural Disaster Assistance Fund that was established in Winnebago County. He explained how disaster relief funds are distributed after a disaster. A special disaster fund would duplicate services already available, from other organizations, such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army. He said if funds were donated directly to his office, they could be distributed by the Unified Command.

Mr. Senn reported that he has been working with Eric Kohlbauer regarding banners and bunting for the Courthouse. They propose putting banners around the posts in front of the Courthouse and around the Civil War Monument just below the soldiers. The banners would cost around \$400. He further reported that the County could get 10 silk-screened 4' x 6' out-door flags for \$334. There was a discussion on the type and number of flags that should be ordered and where the flags should be flown. The Sheriff volunteered to use the Courthouse budget for the purchase. On a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Hilton, the Committee agreed to order 20 flags and banners/bunting for the Courthouse, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, with payment from the Courthouse budget.

The Sheriff reported on Sharon Hensal health situation. Eric Kohlbauer is back from his surgery. Mary Freeman has ALS and suffered a fall at home.

The sally port floor/boiler room ceiling repair started today.

Last month, the Committee recommended approval of a budget amendment to cover expenses associated with the TLEP grant. The budget amendment was referred back by the Finance Committee. There was a discussion on how to handle this grant and future grants, in the budget. On a motion by Mr. Cashmore, seconded by Mr.

McKenna, the Committee recommended approval of a budget amendment to transfer \$31,125 from the Contingency Account to the Law Enforcement budget to be split among the Equipment (\$3,090), Machines & Equipment (\$5,240) and Automotive & Red Light (\$22,795) budget lines.

The Sheriff noted that the jail population has been running between 160 and 170.

The Sheriff and his staff are still reviewing Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, for possible updates.

The County Administrator noted that during his State of the County address, Chairman Blum asked that this Committee review the Public Safety Sales Tax referendum. Mr. Groves said that the first responders were looking for a commitment in dollars or a percentage of the tax for their support. There was a discussion on how to inform the public. There was a recommendation to form a subcommittee. The topic will be discussed further in the Finance Committee.

The scheduled Executive Session was not needed.

Claims of \$67,418.50 were approved, on a motion by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Cashmore.

The Committee adjourned at 7:51 p.m., on a motion by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Boynton.

Approved: June 3, 2008

Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:
Tuesday, June 3, 2008 6:30 p.m.
Stephenson County Board Room