

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARDROOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018
MINUTES
4:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

- 2. Roll Call** – Jason Jording (ch), Russell Cotton, Barry Logan, Donald Tolan present.
Randy Roethler excused.

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approval of January 8, 2018 minutes
Motion to approve January 8, 2018 minutes made by Cotton, seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.*

4. Public Input

5. Approval of Claims

Motion to approve February claims made by Cotton, seconded by Logan. Mr. Logan asked what the Earthwise Environmental is, which Quentin responded it is the company that does the water for the cooling towers. They come once a month to inspect the water. Mr. Logan asked about the Roof Repair for RA O’Dean, and Quentin stated that there was a rip in material. Autobaum stated they did not do, so we got stuck paying for it. And Mr. Logan asked about the door from S&S Hardware and Sheriff Smith stated that a new door was added to the training room. *Motion passed.*

6. Coroner

7. ESDA

- a. Emergency Operations Plan approval – informational
Mr. McCanless stated that in January they submitted the County Emergency Plan and it was approved by the state. The State commented that our county has one of the better plans.

8. Sheriff

- a. Phone system in Board Room.
Mr. Huser brought this up at the Board meeting so Sheriff Smith contacted Frontier for a conference style phone, installed the price would be \$1,080.72. Mr. Jording asked if that would be the only cost. Sheriff Smith stated there would be a \$1,000 in repairs, and \$3,000 in maintenance. Mr. Jording questioned if we are required to accommodate people attending meetings by phone. Mr. Tolan stated that after seeing how last month’s meeting went with two people trying to conference in, all the wires, and hassle, \$1000 is a small amount of money to make it work. Mr. Cotton agrees with Mr. Tolan. Mr. Logan stated that the County Board has been pretty good about doing this, but he has seen it abused in other places, and he is not crazy about making it more available to be abused. It was the unanimous consent to send this to the Board for them to decide how to move forward. Mr. Logan asked Sheriff Smith if this was budgeted for, and Sheriff Smith stated no, but he always budgets some money for phones, so it could come out of there.

- b. Courthouse Window project bid approval
Sheriff Smith stated that last month they opened the bids for the window project in the Courthouse. He and Quentin went through the 8 bids, and 3 of the 8 bidders did not comply with the RFP. If the remaining 5, Riverside Construction is the lowest bidder that met all the RFP, with a bid of \$82,166. The Sheriff’s Dept. has worked with Riverside Construction before and is familiar with their work. Mr. Jording asked what the different tier bids were for. Sheriff Smith stated that they did know what the cost would be so they had the bidders bid each floor and whole courthouse. If costs were high, then they could do a floor at a time and spread the project out over a couple years. Three of the bidders bid the same type of

windows, and those were Quaker windows. The range of bids was from \$191,415 to \$82,166. Motion to accept the bid from Riverside Construction for \$82,166 and send to the full Board made by Cotton, seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.* Sheriff Smith asked the committee how they wanted to handle if, if when they take out the old windows they find rotten wood. He would want that rotten wood to be repaired which would increase the cost. Mr. Jording stated that he would be comfortable with doing a separate resolution for \$10,000. He also asked if the windows would be able to be opened and Sheriff Smith stated yes. Mr. Jording asked when the project would start, and Quentin responded in May. Mr. Logan stated that last month they had discussed how to do the bid openings different. In the future if they could provide a spread sheet with the information from the bids so the committee had something to look at it would be helpful. Ms. Andrews asked if the old blinds could be replaced. Ms. Breyman stated that she went to Walmart and bought shears for under \$10. Mr. Tipword stated that we needed to be aware of how the Courthouse look from the outside with different window treatment or different colored curtains.

c. Sheriff Communication System StarCom 21 radio system test proposal

The committee wanted the Sheriff's office to look for solution on how to fix the communication problems they were having. StarCom is the state communications system. They came in with a proposal to do a test to see if some of our existing mobile equipment and StarCom mobile radios would work to see what kind of coverage we would have county wide while still using the vehicular repeaters with the portables on the StarCom system instead of the UHF system. It would be a 30 day test and will cost \$3,500 for the equipment to be installed and configured. The sheriff does not have the \$3,500 budgeted, so it would have to come out of contingency. This could be the least expensive fix but we won't know until it is tested. Sheriff Smith stated that his only concern is that we would not control the system. Mr. Jording stated that we have to stay current with equipment and pay fees to be part of StarCom. Mr. Tipword stated that \$1,200 is just to participate in StarCom. Mr. Jording questioned Sheriff Smith if this is what he wanted. Sheriff Smith stated that it doesn't matter what he wants if this works. He wants a system that works that protects his officers. Mr. Cotton stated that we need to do something to make it safe, and so that officers can communicate. Mr. Logan questioned about how to pay, would we move money around. Mr. Jording stated that they had budgeted \$150,000 for windows, so they could move some money from that to pay for this. Mr. Jording made a motion to suspend the rules and allow the representative from StarCom to talk. He stated that they can put together a package for about 30 mobile radios. Mr. Jording asked if this would qualify for Government Project 25. The StarCom representative stated that he was not aware of any grant money for this. However, the surrounding communities were going to this system, which was a good reason for us to get on board also. Mr. Jording stated that the more people that use it, the more likely it will be kept up to date. The representative stated that Motorola updated the technology every two years. Motion to send to the Board with a recommendation to spend \$3,500 to do test made by Logan, seconded by Cotton. *Motion passed.*

d. Public Safety Building Cooling Tower Replacement Project update

One week from today they will start dismantling the cooling towers. A crane will be in to remove the old towers.

9. Animal Control

a) Discuss and action on contract, fees, Ordinance wording.

The committee received a signed contract for the Animal Control Administrator from Heather Leman. Mr. Jording asked Ms. Leman how it was going and if she would be interested in the equipment we have in storage. Ms. Leman stated it was going fine and she doesn't feel at this

time that she would have any need for the equipment, but would think about the cage and dart gun. She stated that TRAP – a company out of Peoria – has been called by people in the County to come trap some animals. She doesn't feel like they are taking business, as she is busy. Mr. Jording asked if the money collected for fines was going back into the Animal Control fund. It was stated that the money is being collected by the Circuit Clerk, and what is being done with it is not sure. The committee took a look at the current Animal Control Policy. There are changes that need to be made to the policy in order to comply with the law. The committee went through the policy and made the changes they felt were necessary. Ms. Breyman will make the changes, and bring back to the committee next month for their review. Mr. Jording stated that he felt there needed to be a graduated fine for repeated offenses. He stated that the way the policy is written now, it cost less money in a fine if you violate then it does to comply. There was a discussion on what fee should be and it was unanimously decided that the first offense for any violation would be \$50, second offense for same violation would be \$75, and the third violation for the same offense would be \$100. There was a discussion on offering vouchers for neutering a cat, when there is no registration fee collected for cats. Ms. Andrews stated that there are probably only 15 vouchers for neutering handed out per year, and probably 10 of those are for dogs. Mr. Logan stated that he is not crazy about offering vouchers for cats when we go no money for registration, but the number of vouchers released for cats is so small that we didn't need to change the policy for that.

10. New Business

11. Unfinished Business

- a. Public Safety Sales Tax Referendum

Mr. Logan stated that at the last Board meeting there was not a lot of support to go forward with this. Mr. Cotton felt that it needed to be discussed at the full Board. Mr. Jording asked that this be put on the Board Agenda and see how the committee should pursue this.

- b. Liability
- c. Workers' Compensation

12. Other

Sheriff Smith stated that someone inquired about putting a water fountain on the second floor of the Public Safety building. He did get a quote and to place a dual fountain would be \$17,240. Mr. Jording asked that this be placed on the Board Agenda.

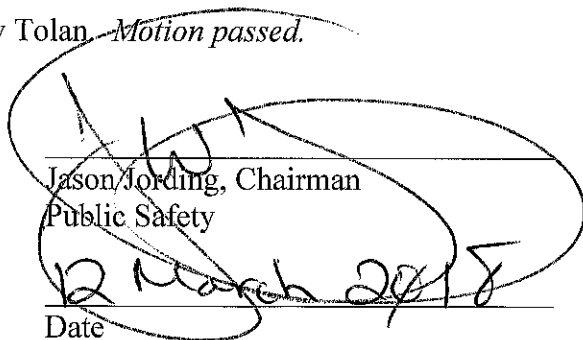
13. Executive Session – Roll Call Vote

14. Any action coming out of Executive Session

15. Adjournment

Meeting to adjourn made by Cotton, seconded by Tolan *Motion passed.*
Meeting adjourned at 5:58.

Submitted by: Deb Breyman



Jason Jording, Chairman
Public Safety

12 March 2015
Date