

LAW & LEGAL COMMITTEE
December 12, 2016

The Law & Legal Committee held its monthly meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse in the Law Library. Committee members present included Chairman Travis Hiel, Jerome Anderson, George Dixon, Alice Henry, Bob Mahr, Rod McGrew, Robert Shouse and County Board Chairman Scott Schwerer. Member Clarke Kelso was absent. Other persons in attendance were Dave Schaab, Veteran's Superintendent Ric Smart and Sheriff Rick VanBrooker. Beth Crossett was present as committee secretary.

Chairman Hiel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members introduced themselves.

Review & Approve November 7, 2016 Minutes

Member Dixon moved with second by Member McGrew to approve the November 7, 2016 minutes as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Waste Management Update

Dave Schaab presented the monthly report. The Host Fee tied to CPI will be reported next month. Discussion was held on country recycling. Currently the only way would be to have a secured area to drop off. A secured area to drop and how it would be paid for has not been determined.

Tri-County R & WM Report

In the absence of Tim Lobdell, the committee reviewed his report. It contained: facility totals, executed contract for 2017 with Dynamic Recycling and truck delivery.

Veteran's Assistance and Van Report

Veteran's Superintendent Ric Smart presented the monthly report. Nine veterans were given assistance in November amounting to \$ 1,882.90. The transportation van made 14 trips to Iowa City transporting 30 Veterans. He currently has 19 drivers. The VAC is comprised of representatives from every Legion, VFW and 40 & 8 in the county. The Blandinsville Legion will be joining the LaHarpe Legion and depending how the combination is done, the representative from there could possibly not be eligible since LaHarpe is Hancock County. The VAC is having the State's Attorney review their by-law decision concerning a felony conviction.

Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Rick VanBrooker gave the monthly report. He gave an overview of FY 2016. He was under budget in County General fund 4 ½ % and in PSST under 6%. He has lost 3 jailers and the overtime was up. The Inmate work program has been in high demand and done well. It was a bad year for squads as there were 4 deer incidents and a broadside by another motorist. They have received the two new squads for FY 2017. Last year we were fortunate to get a new canine squad thru a grant and a seized pickup that was outfitted for about \$ 8,000. The switch to digital communications should be complete by April. The Sheriff has approached West Prairie and Bushnell Prairie City schools to work with the Drivers Education programs. He would send a Deputy to do a lesson on interaction and correct response to traffic stops. He has taken a more active part in the upkeep of the Courthouse and painting has been done. They are using the Inmate work program to do updates/remodel in the State's Attorney's office. He is still waiting for an estimate on the exterior pillars and it appears it is a much larger project than originally hoped. There is a possible donation for the MPD and Sheriff department for a citizen, if received, it may be used to add to the finger print system we have.

Assessor's Office Update

County Board Office Administrator Crossett read Tammy's report. Board of Review finished the last hearing December 2nd and final notices were mailed. They are just doing daily office work until they roll to the new year.

Appellate Prosecutor Resolution

This is the annual Resolution to use the Appellate Prosecutor. Member Dixon moved with second by Member Henry to pass to the full Board Resolution FY 2017 Appellate Prosecutor. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Claims Review and Approval

Member McGrew moved with second by Member Henry to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Other

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Hiel called for a motion to adjourn. Member Henry moved with second by Member Shouse to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.