Ogle County Executive & State's Attorney Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 15, 2010
Tentative Minutes

1. Call to Order- by Chairman Rice at 4:13
   - Members present: Rice, Horner, Saunders, Kenney, Hopkins, Bauer arrived at 4:30
   - Members absent: Stahl, Nye, Huntley
   - Others present: Kilker, Barnes, DeArvil, McKinley

2. Approval of Minutes: August 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes
   - Motion to approve by Hopkins
   - 2nd by Horner
   - Motion carried

3. Public Comment – none

4. Sheriff & Coroner / Buildings & Grounds Committee Report – Committee Chairman Horner reported the following:
   - Historical Society asked we have the building open on Saturday Oct 2 from 10-2 for public areas only (not offices) during Autumn on Parade. Bathrooms would be open. The Sheriff has no funds for paying for security. The committee would like to ask board members or county department heads to be present that day. Two people from GIS volunteered and Horner will ask the county board to help do this. The Historical Society will do the tours.
   - Immigration & Customs Enforcement (previously INS) contacted the Sheriff about a holding facility in Ogle County. Beitel said they would like one central facility for this in Ogle County. We were approached in 2004 for this, but the opportunity was closed. The proposal request is to all counties and is to include 500 beds expandable to 700. New detention standards for immigrants are to be included based on civil and criminal detainee status. Other specifications are required. This gentleman said he knows the history and is excited to move forward now. Beitel said it will create close to 200 permanent jobs at the facility plus construction. It must be within 1.5 hours of the Chicago Office, which only can then be on the far east side of the county. Beitel said we can be ahead of this project because we still have the drawings from 2001/2002 through our primary contact. They would have to be modified and tweaked to meet modern standards. Sheriff committee recommended we explore this. Potential revenue for the county would depend on what we set the per diem. They would guarantee a certain capacity, and mentioned 75% for 5 years. All expenses and salaries and benefits are used to calculate the per diem. Horner asked if we could put the 911 center in there. They are looking for sites close to high speed technology for video conferencing, transportation hub, hospitals, and other infrastructure. There could be a few sites in the county that would meet these specifications and Harn indicated these sites would have input. Sheriff will go get more information and respond to their request for information by October 8. Kilker asked how many acres they would need, and Beitel said approx 25. Coffman asked if we could take our current inmates there in the future. Beitel said it could be designed that way, but we still need a central booking place in Oregon. The committee would like to give the full board this update Tuesday, and will put it on the agenda. Harn noted that on Nov 9 there will be an open house for Sheriff, Ruth, Jim, Wendy. He'll send information out on this.
   - Retirement Replacement Request –
     i. Motion by Saunders to approve the Sheriff to replace the Executive Secretary with a salary not to exceed $40,000 for grade 3 job level.
     ii. 2nd by Hopkins
     iii. Motion carried

5. Road & Bridge Committee Report – any action items taken will go to the board

6. Personnel Salary & County Clerk Committee Report – Committee Chairman Kenney recapped the meeting topics, including Rypkema's employee salary increase request and changing policy of accrued, comp, and vacation carry over policies for non-union employees. Nothing for the board.

7. Executive Committee – Board Chairman Rice would like to have Cheryl Hopkins and Bonnie Hendrickson come to the board meeting to publicly thank them for their great work on the courthouse historic artifact work and outcome.

8. Zoning Committee Report – Committee Chairman Hopkins reported that one zoning change will come to the board and that 3 windmill companies came into the meeting today regarding what they feel the rules and regulations in the county should be. Hopkins said he believes rules & regulations should satisfy both sides of this issue. The subcommittee presented rules that make it impossible for windmills to come into the county. Hopkins believes this will keep other industry from coming to our county and could be a detriment to the county. He is also opposed to taking personal property rights away from the citizens, so these regulations must be in line so if people want them they can have them. We need greener sources of generating energy per federal law and we need to get on the band wagon and not stick our heads in the sand on this issue. Saunders asked what was wrong with our previous ordinances, and Hopkins said nothing. DeArvil said the problem with the regulations put in the last ordinance is that they could be negotiated. Hopkins said his personal opinion is the issue goes to the land owner to be settled first. Next steps are to recommend to the planning commission, then ZBA, then County board. Bauer asked what the process is for investigating issues for ordinance violations, concerned that people are walking on property without authorization. Harn said if the zoning officer goes onsite, you don't have to notify them. Discussion about whether zoning officers can go someone's property followed. Sheriff Beitel said if they are looking at things in public plain view, this is not a problem and then the issue becomes what the reasonable expectation of privacy is. Kenney asked about the flood zone plain requirements stating the entire county was painted with the same brush and it's now problematic. He asked Hopkins what recourse there is for reviewing and changing this. Hopkins said you have to either make the adjustments or pay into a fund that allows the fix to be funded later. Kilker there was about 40 hours of testimony in Baileyville wind farm and asked if that will be happening again. Further wind energy discussion followed.

9. HEW & Solid Waste Committee Report – Committee Chairman Bauer noted fee increases will be coming forth from last month's inspection fee increase review, plus new fees for septic inspection. He stated recommendations on FY 2011 funding will go to Finance next month.

10. Finance & Insurance Committee Report – Committee Chairman Hopkins noted they passed a motion to increase health insurance by 10%. The Executive Committee agreed the FY 2011 budget projection should be discussed at this board meeting so we can get strategic direction on what they recommend, for instance cutting further, pulling from funds, borrowing money, etc.

11. Judiciary Committee Report – Committee member Kenney noted the bills have not been coming to committee and they are working with the judges on this. Next month we'll present the law library fee fund increase resolution.

12. Long Range Committee Report –
    - Presentation and Approval of LRP bills – McKinley noted this includes two additional items since LRP to pay the approved cement work done in the back of the renovated courthouse, by Donaldson. She is also working with RJC and H&R ensure final signoff has been completed prior to releasing final payments.
        - Motion to approve $178,124.43 by Kenney
        - 2nd by Hopkins
        - Motion carried
    - Project Update – Rice reported the Hess sandstone work has been done very well, and encouraged the board members to go look at it. In 5-10 years, the reworked columns should be resealed to prevent water damage and crumbling. Rice is pleased with the work. Long range committee is likely to be disbanded in the November board meeting because they'll have no more business. A/V troubleshooting is taking place and the software was approved to help the County Clerk monitor the system. Bauer asked how much of the bond pay off remains on the Judicial Center and Coffman reported it's about 12 more years.
    - Change orders for approval - none

13. Appointments & Resignations-
    - 911 Board Resignation – Tracie Sill

14. Interview & Recommendations-
    - Ogle County Emergency Telephone Systems Board , Susan Steeves- The Sheriff reported this is the Sheriff's recommendation as approved by the board.

15. States Attorney Report -
    - Approval of Bills –
        - Motion to approve $1, 902.47 by Kenney
        - 2nd Hopkins
        - Motion carried

16. New Business –
    - Oregon DQ Tax Abatement- McKinley is working with Heuer on the resolution to bring forward at a future date. Rice would like to know what other taxing bodies are doing on this.
    - Pork Producers & Beef Association Monument Contribution – Hopkins noted the money raised at the open house will be contributed to the memorial fund, without even covering their expenses. This will total about $1700 or more. This will be put on the board agenda, under presentations to be done first, along with the Historic Society.
    - Other – Bauer would like the Executive Committee to recommend doing forensic audits of departments on a rotating basis, ensuring funds are spent as they are intended. He believes each department should have this done on a rotating basis in the county. We would put a bid out to do this, and would like this on the agenda for next month. Saunders believes this would give the new person coming into office a clean start, e.g., Circuit Clerk and Sheriff. Rice noted the financial review process has not been pleasant and will be $2million less than 2 years ago. This has put the department heads under the microscope, and Rice feels we have done a good job reviewing the details. Bauer would like the forensic audit to ensure every penny is accounted for in these difficult time and to highlight any process failures and would like the Executive Committee to move this forward as a policy statement. Rice wants to ensure this is positioned appropriately.

17. Old Business –
    - Rice indicated he received information in the mail regarding the Illinois Noxious Weed Law and gave the letter to Hopkins to determine if action is required. Bauer said there was nothing in the Noxious Weed Law stating the county had to address these problems and the HEW committee did away with the last weed commissioner.

18. Adjournment - by Kenney, second by Horner at 5:20

Respectfully submitted,
Meggon McKinley, Ogle County Administrator

W. Ed Rice, Chairman