

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Renner; Members, Wendt, Rankin, Hoselton, Rackauskas and McIntyre

Members Absent: None

Other County Board
Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator; Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator; and Ms. Judith LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present:

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services; Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center; Ms. Joan Naour, Director, Correctional Health Services; Ms. Judy Renner, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; Mr. Will Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator - Eleventh Circuit Court; Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender; and Sheriff Mike Emery

Others Present: Ms. Michelle Anderson, County Auditor; and Rev. Tom Shea, Alternatives to Jail Committee

Chairman Renner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Renner presented the minutes from the November 3, 2009 Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Hoselton/McIntyre to approve the Minutes of the November 3, 2009 Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001, Court Services Department 0022. She indicated that this Ordinance is based upon the renewal of the Redeploy

Illinois Grant that was approved in September of 2009. Ms. McCormick stated that she was unable to include these funds in the FY'2010 budget during the budget cycle because she was unsure if the money would be received. She reported that she was notified shortly after the budget cycle that the money would be granted, based on the State's fiscal year, July 1st to June 30th. Ms. McCormick indicated that the \$110, 321 is based on what Court Services will receive in 2010.

Ms. McCormick reminded the Committee that the Redeploy Program is a program that is funded by the Department of Juvenile Justice in Illinois to keep children out of prison.

Mr. Wendt expressed some concerns and questions regarding the Grant funds, as follows:

- What happens if the funds are not received?
- Can the funds replace some of the other General Fund expenses?
- How was the distribution of the funds determined?
- How many employees are affected by this Grant?

Ms. McCormick replied that if the funds are not received, the program would not be instituted. She indicated that the funds received from the State for the Redeploy Program can be used only for the Redeploy Program and cannot reduce the General Fund expenses. Ms. McCormick advised that the funds were distributed per the needs of the Program, and were estimated expenses that fell within the amount of the Grant. She added that no employees are affected by this Grant as the services are contracted out to local social service agencies.

Motion by Hoselton/Rankin to Recommend Approval of
an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the
McLean County Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Ordinance,
General Fund 0001, Court Services Department 0022.
Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick submitted a request for approval of a contract with Ms. Cathy Vogel for counseling services at the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. She asked Ms. Waltz to talk about this contract as well as the next contract.

Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center, explained that the contract is identical to last year's contract, with the exception of a 2% increase for services for 2010. The total services provided will not exceed \$28,902. Ms. Waltz noted that the normal increase for this contract has been 3%, but

Ms. Vogel was understanding about the economic climate of the County and agreed to a reduced increase.

Ms. Waltz advised that Ms. Vogel provided excellent services the past year in the form of crisis intervention and clinical consultation.

Ms. Rackauskas expressed her appreciation that Ms. Vogel was willing to decrease the percentage of her yearly salary increase.

Motion by Rackauskas/Rankin to Recommend Approval of a Contract with Ms. Cathy Vogel for Counseling Services at the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center.

Motion carried.

Ms. Waltz presented a request for approval of the annual compensation to OSF HealthCare System, Kenneth Inoue, M.D., and Blair Valentine, M.D. for physician services at the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. She indicated that this contract is a three (3) year contract, with the first year being 2010. The 2010 contract indicates a 2% increase compared to the 2009 contract amendment. Ms. Waltz noted that the usual increase is 4%, but OSF was willing to reduce the increase due to the state of the economy. This increase is consistent with the contract at the Adult Detention Center. Ms. Waltz stated that both facilities utilize the same physicians. She noted that Dr. Valentine was added to the contract this year as a back-up physician for Dr. Inoue.

Ms. Waltz advised that OSF HealthCare System provided excellent services the past year in the form of medical services.

Motion by McIntyre/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of the Annual Compensation to OSF HealthCare System, Kenneth Inoue, M.D., and Blair Valentine, M.D. for Physician Services at the McLean County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick presented a request for approval of a Contract with Catholic Charities to provide Family Advocacy Services for Drug Court Participants. She indicated that one of the goals of Court Services is to work with the Drug Court clients who are on the road to recover and are drug free to re-align them with their families. Ms. McCormick stated that it is anticipated that Catholic Charities will

assist with up to five families at any one time. She added that the funds for the contract are coming from the Drug Court Grant and not General Fund money.

Mr. Hoselton asked what the estimate would be on the cost of the program. Ms. McCormick replied that the cost is part of the contractual in the General Fund that Drug Court is under. She indicated that five families would be served at least up to three hours per week for each individual family. Ms. McCormick noted that they plan to begin with just one to two families. She anticipates the cost would be between \$8,000 to \$10,000.00.

Motion by Rankin/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of
a Contract with Catholic Charities to provide Family
Advocacy Services for Drug Court Participants.
Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick reviewed the Court Services Adult/Juvenile Division Statistics for October 2009, as well as the Juvenile Detention Center statistics. She advised that she is always available by phone or by office visit if any Committee members have any questions or comments.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. McCormick and Ms. Waltz.

Ms. Joan Naour, Director, Correctional Health Services, presented a request for approval of the annual compensation to OSF HealthCare System, Kenneth Inoue, M.D., and Blair Valentine, M.D. for physician services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility. She indicated that the current contract for Physician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility is in effect from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. Ms. Naour advised that the annual compensation rate is subject to negotiation and approval by OSF HealthCare System and McLean County prior to the beginning of the second year of the contract agreement.

Ms. Naour stated that the rate of compensation for the 2010 contract year is \$54,184, which is the same rate as the 2009 contract year. This figure was negotiated with representatives from OSF HealthCare System, and is within the parameter of the approved Fiscal Year 2010 budget for the McLean County Adult Detention Facility Physician.

Ms. Naour indicated that, at the request of representatives from OSF HealthCare System, Blair Valentine, M.D. was added to the contract. Dr. Inoue and Dr. Valentine continue to provide on site medical services to the inmate population

three days each week on alternating weeks and OSF HealthCare System provides on-call coverage through Dr. Inoue, Dr. Valentine and other physicians in the OSF Medical Group. Ms. Naour noted that a clause has been added which enables Drs. Inoue and Valentine to conduct performance reviews for each primary care clinician on an annual basis.

Motion by Rackauskas/Hoselton to Recommend Approval of the Annual Compensation to OSF HealthCare System, Kenneth Inoue, M.D., and Blair Valentine, M.D. for Physician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.
Motion carried.

Ms. Naour presented a request for approval of a contract with Real Change Clinical Services (RCCS) for the provision of mental health services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility. She noted that this is a new provider for Correctional Health Services.

Ms. Naour indicated that Chris Cashen, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, and Mark Benson, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, will provide up to 18 hours per week of counseling services for the inmate population. She stated that Raju Paturi, MD, a licensed psychiatrist, will provide psychiatric services during two hour weekly sessions. Crisis intervention is funded by other agencies and will continue to be provided by McLean County Center for Human Services whenever necessary.

Ms. Naour advised that this contract is based on a fee for services rather than a fixed price, so she will monitor actual hours and report utilization at mid-year. She noted that the contract cost is anticipated to be reduced from \$84,000 to an estimated \$62,000 for 2010. Ms. Naour stated that she will monitor the cost and report back to the Committee in six months.

Mr. Hoselton asked how the new hourly rate compares to the previous hourly rate. Ms. Naour replied that the cost will be less. She explained that the current provider quoted a price of \$400.00 per hour for the psychiatrist expense. Under the new contract it is \$190.00 per hour. The Counselors in the past were \$45.00 per hour and now it is \$60.00 per hour, but they will only be utilized on an as-needed basis. She anticipated that the overall costs for these services will be reduced.

Mr. McIntyre asked if the prior year contract was one lump sum. Ms. Naour responded that it was a global contract for the last two years, which means it was one lump sum. With the new contract, the services are paid by the hour.

Mr. McIntyre asked who was the previous provider. Ms. Naour replied that the previous provider was the Center for Human Services.

Motion by Rankin/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of
a Contract with Real Change Clinical Services (RCCS)
for the Provision of Mental Health Services at the
McLean County Adult Detention Facility.
Motion carried.

Ms. Naour presented a request for approval of the renewal of an Agreement with Merle Pharmacy No. 1, Inc. for the provision of Pharmaceutical Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.

Ms. Naour advised that William Martin, RPh, under the auspices of Merle Pharmacy No. 1, Inc., has provided pharmaceutical services for the McLean County Adult Detention Facility since January of 2002. The current agreement for the provision of pharmaceutical services expires December 31, 2009. Ms. Naour recommends the renewal of the Agreement with Merle Pharmacy No. 1, Inc. for an additional year.

Ms. Naour stated that, effective in June of 2008, a 1st Amendment was added to the Pharmaceutical Agreement. This Amendment increased the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) discount and it is anticipated that the monthly pharmaceutical costs would be reduced by 25-30% on a yearly basis. Ms. Naour noted that, based on annualized figures for 2009, we have reduced pharmaceutical costs by 21.9% from 2008.

Ms. Naour indicated that, effective in January of 2010, Mr. Martin has agreed to increase the discount for pharmaceuticals from Average Wholesale Price minus 40% to Average Wholesale Price minus 42% for generic medications and Average Wholesale Price minus 25% to Average Wholesale Price minus 27% for over the counter (OTC) medications. This increase in the discounts for medications should result in additional savings in 2010.

Ms. Naour stated that she has looked into other drug provider options, including mail order and off-site pharmacies. She added that while these options are viable and still a possibility, she would like to stay with a local provider. Ms. Naour indicated that Merle Pharmacy is working very hard to keep prices within reason.

Ms. Naour advised that 42% of the Correctional Health Services pharmaceutical budget goes to psychotropic medications. She noted that if that amount can be reduced, it would significantly decrease the pharmaceutical expenses.

Mr. McIntyre asked if there are a lot of instances where medications are needed immediately and the mail order provider could not accommodate the need. Ms. Naour responded that it would be necessary to have a back-up pharmacy available if the medications were mail-ordered.

Ms. Naour advised that, during the past seven years, she has been favorably impressed with the ability of Mr. Martin and the staff at Merle Pharmacy No. 1, Inc. to provide for the pharmaceutical needs of the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.

Ms. Rackauskas asked how many inmates were already on prescription drugs before coming to the County Jail. Ms. Naour replied that a little more than half the inmates that required prescriptions medications were already receiving the prescription medications before they were incarcerated.

Mr. McIntyre expressed concern with the expense of the psychotropic medications. Ms. Naour responded that jails have become holding centers for psychiatric patients. She advised that there is a great deal being done in McLean County to alleviate the incarceration of mental health patients, including Mental Health Court. Ms. Naour indicated that if some of these people can be diverted to Mental Health Court, it will help the individual, help the Jail and alleviate the costs of medication.

Mr. Wendt asked what the status is on Mental Health Court and does the state fund the program. Mr. Lindberg replied that there is no state money for Mental Health Court. He added that the County applied for a Federal Planning Grant but did not receive the Grant. Mr. Lindberg noted that the County continues to look at other grant possibilities. He indicated that the mental health issue is not just a jail problem; it is a community and state-wide problem. Mr. Lindberg stated that a lot of people end up in jail because they have mental health issues and a lot of people develop mental health issues as a result of being in jail. Ms. Naour advised that inmates are provided very good mental health services; however, the Jail is not a therapeutic environment for someone with mental health issues.

Ms. Rackauskas expressed concern that inmates who are being helped and receive proper medication while in Jail, lose that assistance and medication as soon as they are released. Ms. Naour responded that there is a significant waiting period for released inmates to receive follow-up treatment.

Mr. Rankin commented that the recidivism rate is likely very high for these individuals.

Mr. McIntyre asked if there is a tendency on the part of the counselors to excessively prescribe the psychotropic drugs as a stop-gap measure. Mr. Wendt also expressed concern that the counselors could be over-prescribing in order to maintain job security. Mr. Lindberg explained that 42% of the pharmacy costs are for psychotropic drugs; it does not mean that 42% of the inmates are on the psychotropic drugs.

Ms. Naour advised that there is a referral process to determine what inmates receive psychiatric assistance. She noted that there is a waiting list and not every inmate is eligible to receive psychiatric assistance. Ms. Naour added that an attempt is made to prescribe drugs that are affordable so that inmates can continue their medication when they leave.

Mr. McIntyre asked what percent of inmates take psychotropic drugs. Ms. Naour replied that about 12% of the inmates take psychotropic drugs.

Motion by Rackauskas/Rankin to Recommend Approval of the Renewal of an Agreement with Merle Pharmacy No. 1, Inc. for the Provision of Pharmaceutical Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.
Motion carried.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Naour.

Ms. Judy Renner, Director, Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), presented the CAC Monthly Statistical Report and the CASA Report. She noted that there is nothing unusual in the reports.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Renner.

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk, presented his October 2009 Statistical Report. He noted that he had nothing to add to the reports.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Everhart.

Mr. Will Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator - Eleventh Circuit Court, presented a request for approval of the renewal of the Circuit Court Contract with Mr. J. Brian Goldrick, Guardian Ad Litem. He indicated that this three-year contract renewal of the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) is for the Juvenile Abuse and Neglect Court. The McLean County Circuit Court has maintained a contract GAL since 1995, and had a contract with Mr. Goldrick for this position since 2000.

Mr. Scanlon advised that the Juvenile Abuse and Neglect GAL represents the interest of the children involved in the process of termination of parental rights. The GAL would be involved in the case from the early stages through the termination proceedings.

Mr. Scanlon presented a brief history of the Guardian Ad Litem attorney. He stated that the Juvenile Court Act changed in 1986 to establish a process where children have better representation. The Court followed suit by appointing Guardian Ad Litem through the late 1980s and 1990s. Mr. Scanlon indicated that the costs increased because they were being paid an hourly rate. He noted that the last time an hourly rate was paid; the total cost was approximately \$135,000. Mr. Scanlon stated that in 2000 Mr. Goldrick made an offer to provide the Guardian Ad Litem services for \$60,000 per year. That salary was in effect through 2006. He noted that the salary increased to \$74,000 in 2007. This rate will be in effect through 2011. Within this contract Mr. Goldrick goes up to \$78,000, which is about a 6.5% increase over the five-year span.

Mr. Scanlon noted that Mr. Goldrick acts as the Guardian Ad Litem in all cases unless he has a direct conflict, which is very rare.

Mr. Scanlon indicated that this contract is a three-year contract, 2010-2012. He noted that the alternative to this contract would be to place this out for bid. Mr. Scanlon cautioned that Mr. Goldrick is working approximately 100-110 hours per month, or an average of 1,200-1,300 per year for \$74,000, which is approximately \$62 per hour. Other conflict attorneys, such as Public Defender attorneys, are receiving about \$80-\$100 per hour.

Mr. Hoselton pointed out that Mr. Scanlon's memorandum indicated that the salary increase for 2011 is a 5% increase. Mr. Scanlon responded that he will make the correction to 6.5%.

Ms. Rackauskas noted that the Memorandum also stated that "...the rate of pay for this position will remain constant from FY 2007 to FY 2011..." She indicated that it should be FY' 2007 through FY 2011. Mr. Scanlon replied that he will make that correction.

Mr. Hoselton asked if Mr. Goldrick asked for the increase in compensation. Mr. Scanlon replied that Mr. Goldrick did ask for the increase.

Mr. Rankin asked who would step in should Mr. Goldrick have a conflict. Mr. Scanlon replied that an ad hoc appointment would be made. Mr. Rankin asked if that would be at the same contract cost or a different cost. Mr. Scanlon responded that the work would likely be billed at \$80 per hour.

Ms. Rackauskas expressed her appreciation of the *McLean County Juvenile Court Proceeding Chart* that was included in the packet. Mr. Scanlon indicated that Ms. Renner helped to develop the chart a couple years ago.

Motion by Rankin/Rackauskas to Recommend Approval of the Renewal of the Circuit Court Contract with J. Brian Goldrick, Guardian Ad Litem.
Motion carried.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Scanlon.

Chairman Renner presented the State's Attorney's Monthly Caseload Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report as submitted by Mr. Bill Yoder.

Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender, presented six requests for approval of contracts with Special Public Defenders. She indicated that the first three contracts can be acted upon together and the remaining should be considered individually. Ms. Davis stated that the first three are contracts with Special Public Defenders who handle felony cases, but not murder cases. Those contracts are with Mr. John W. Wright, Mr. Harvey C. Welch, and Mr. David Rumley.

Motion by Rankin/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of a Contract between John Wright, Jr., Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; to Recommend Approval of a Contract between Harvey Welch, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; and to Recommend Approval of a Contract between David Rumley, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office.
Motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented a request for approval of a contract between Alan Novick, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office. She noted that Mr. Novick is the attorney who would act as the Guardian Ad Litem when Mr. Goldrick is unable to handle a case.

Mr. Hoselton asked for an explanation of the salary for Mr. Novick. Ms. Davis replied that Mr. Novick's salary is split with the Circuit Court. The Circuit Court pays one-half of Mr. Novick's salary. Ms. Davis noted that a few years ago the Public Defender's Office needed to cut some expenses, so she made a deal with the Judges to take half of the expense for Mr. Novick.

Motion by Hoselton/Rankin to Recommend Approval of
a Contract between Alan Novick Special Public
Defender, and the Public Defender's Office.
Motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented a request for approval of a contract between Keith Davis, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office. She indicated that Mr. Davis handles post conviction matters. Ms. Davis explained that if someone files a motion for post conviction release, that is post-appeal but it is in the nature of appellate relief, which is Mr. Davis' specialty. Ms. Davis advised that Mr. Davis' caseload is very low because these are extremely complicated cases. She indicated that these are usually murder cases that have gone through a number of appeals and have extremely complicated legal issues remaining to be litigated.

Motion by Rankin/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of
a Contract between Keith Davis Special Public
Defender, and the Public Defender's Office.
Motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented a request for approval of a contract between John J. Bussan, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office. She stated that this is a new contract. Ms. Davis indicated that this contract is a stop gap so that it would not be necessary to add another attorney to the Public Defender's Office. She noted that the attorney in the Public Defender's Office handles lower level felony cases, was overburdened. Ms. Davis added that last year this position was requested and approved.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of
a Contract between John J. Bussan, Special Public
Defender, and the Public Defender's Office.
Motion carried.

Chairman Renner announced that Ms. Beth Kimmerling, County Coroner, would not be able to be at the meeting today. Chairman Renner presented the October 2009 Monthly Report as submitted by Ms. Kimmerling.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Sheriff Mike Emery presented a request for approval of a contract between the McLean County Board, the McLean County Sheriff and Heartland Community College to provide GED Preparation Courses at the McLean County Detention Facility. He stated that this contract, which was negotiated with Heartland Community College over the last several months, was reviewed and approved by the County's Civil Legal Department. Sheriff Emery indicated that the benefit of this contract with Heartland Community College is that there will be a \$7,800 savings over our previous contract with the Regional Office of Education. He also pointed out the benefit of opening the door for the Jail inmate population to take advantage of other educational opportunities at Heartland Community College.

Mr. Hoselton asked what happens to the inmates who are released before the course is completed. Sheriff Emery replied that if the inmate is released, the inmate can continue that education with Heartland at their own expense. Mr. Hoselton expressed his opinion that a lot of the inmates would not complete the GED course once they are released from Jail. Sheriff Emery noted that, last year, the statistics show that 1,075 inmates logged into the GED Program at the County Jail.

Ms. Rackauskas indicated that, previously, she has asked for some type of statistical report on the number of inmates who complete the GED once they have been released. She asked if Heartland Community College can keep a statistical log on the number of inmates who continue their education. Sheriff Emery replied that there is language in the contract for Heartland to provide the County with statistics on the inmates that attends Heartland Community College whether it is just to complete their GED or to continue their education.

Mr. Wendt stated that it would be valuable to know how many of the inmates who started on the GED Program actually finish the program once they are released. He suggested that if 90% or more of the inmates enrolled in the program do not complete the program, the program may need to be reviewed to determine if the program is worth continuing.

Ms. Rackauskas expressed her delight that this program is now available through Heartland Community College, providing additional educational opportunities for released inmates.

Mr. McIntyre asked if there is a GED service provided by the Regional Office of Education. Sheriff Emery replied that the contract for many years has been with the Regional Office of Education. He stated that it was advantageous to offer the contract to Heartland Community College based on the other educational opportunities available for released inmates as well as a savings of \$7,500. Sheriff Emery added that they will continue to work with the Regional Office of Education to administer the actual GED test in the County Jail, which is \$50 per inmate. He noted that these fees are paid out of Inmate Commissary Fund and are not a General Fund expenditure.

Sheriff Emery noted that Heartland Community College also has a Life Skills Program that they offer to the community and could potentially bring into the County Jail. He stated that the County previously had life skills training, but the instructor just recently left. Heartland could potentially provide the Life Skills Training class. Sheriff Emery advised that funding for the life skills training would be paid from the Inmate Commissary Fund. He indicated that Information Technologies supplied ten old computers to be used in the life skills training program to teach basic typing and computer skills.

Sheriff Emery advised that the life skills training is an opportunity to reward inmates for good behavior. He noted that not everyone is allowed into the life skills program. Rather, the training is a reward and incentive program.

Motion by Hoselton/Rankin to Recommend Approval of a Contract between the McLean County Board, the McLean County Sheriff and Heartland Community College to Provide GED Preparation Courses at the McLean County Detention Facility.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery reviewed the McLean County Detention Facility population Report for November 2009. He indicated that the Jail population is not at full capacity. Sheriff Emery noted that, by Friday, there will be 18 new custodies to begin sentences, but the roll-over in the Jail population should allow the population to remain stable.

Sheriff Emery reported that on November 21st, at 8:36 p.m., he was notified that there was a successful suicide in the County Jail, which is an occurrence that correctional facilities and prisons face all the time. He indicated that the County has been successful in the past to intervene before a death occurs. Sheriff Emery advised that this is currently under administrative review and investigation.

Sheriff Emery stated that notification was immediately sent to the Illinois Department of Corrections Jail Standards Board, their investigator arrived today and all documentation was turned over to him. Sheriff Emery stated that preliminary findings show that the investigator does not hold the County responsible. The written report will come within the next couple of weeks. Sheriff Emery added that he will include the report in the next Justice Committee packet.

Sheriff Emery advised that the Jail staff involved and the inmates who found the individual have received grief counseling through the County Jail's Chaplain, Tony Watson.

Sheriff Emery stated that he has also ordered an internal investigation to be conducted by two Commanders for the purpose of reviewing the Jail policies and procedures including the specific actions of the Correctional staff involved.

Mr. Rankin commented that the County is fortunate that this doesn't happen more often. He stated that it speaks volumes to the professionalism of the Jail staff.

Sheriff Emery indicated that national statistics show that men between the age of 15 and 25 are most prone to commit suicide. He added that this age spread is the greater percentage within the County Jail.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Sheriff Emery.

Chairman Renner presented a Transfer of Funds of \$4,050 from the Sheriff's Department Line Item No. 0841.0001 (Purchase of Police Equipment) to Line Item No. 00621-0001 (Non-Major Equipment) for the purchase of tasers.

Motion by Rackauskas/Rankin to Recommend Approval of a Transfer of Fund of \$4,050 from the Sheriff's Department Line Item No. 0841.0001 (Purchase of Police Equipment) to Line Item No. 00621-0001 (Non-Major Equipment) for the Purchase of Tasers.

Motion carried.

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Chairman Renner presented the November 30, 2009 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$1,587,743.95 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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Motion by Rankin/Rackauskas to Recommend Approval of the Justice Committee Bills as of November 30, 2009, as transmitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Renner asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary