

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 3, 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, Hoselton Rackauskas, McIntyre and Rankin

Members Absent: None

Other County Board
Members Present: Member Nuckolls

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

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Mr. Curtis Hawk, Director, EMA; Sheriff Mike Emery; Ms. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner; Mr. Bill Yoder, State's Attorney; Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender; Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services; Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center; Ms. Judy Renner, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; and Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk

Others Present: Ms. Lisa Pieper, Regional Vice President, Children's Home and Aid Foundation; Mr. Geoff Fruin, Chairman, Youth Impact and Assistant to the City Manager, Town of Normal; Mr. Kent Crutcher, Incoming Chairman, Youth Impact, and Police Chief of the Town of Normal; and Ms. Suzanne Geller, Assistant State's Attorney assigned to the Children's Advocacy Center

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

Chairman Renner presented the minutes from the January 6, 2009 Committee meeting and the December 16, 2008 Stand-up meeting to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Hoselton/McIntyre to approve the Minutes of the January 6, 2009 Committee meeting and the December 16, 2008 Stand-up Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator, presented the two requests relating to the Children's Waiting Room. The first is a request for approval of an Amendment to the Contract between the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court, the County of McLean and the Children's Foundation for the Children's Waiting Room. The second is a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2009 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Children's Waiting Room Fund 0171, Circuit Court 0016. Mr. Lindberg introduced Ms. Lisa Pieper, Regional Vice President, Children's Home and Aid Foundation who is available to answer questions. Mr. Lindberg reminded the Committee that these requests were presented at last month's Justice Committee Meeting and postponed to this month.

Mr. Lindberg advised that, at the January Justice Committee meeting, members asked the following questions:

- Why was there such a significant increase in the funding request?
- What additional material could be provided to support the 20 percent funding increase?
- What would happen if the request is not approved?

Mr. Lindberg indicated that Ms. Pieper prepared a narrative explanation to provide background and statistics in support of the request. He stated that the current County funding for this program makes up slightly less than one-half of the total program costs. Trust fund revenue and other charitable donations are used to support the other half of the Children's Waiting Room budget. Both have declined significantly due to market losses.

Mr. Lindberg emphasized that the \$5.00 fee for the Children's Waiting Room is deposited into a fund that is restricted by statute for the sole purpose of supporting the Waiting Room program. He reported that we started collecting the fee in August, 2006. However, we didn't begin the contract with the Children's Foundation until January, 2007, and since FY'2007 and FY'2008 revenue exceeded expenses, the fund balance in the Children's Waiting Room Fund is currently \$48,136.00.

Mr. Lindberg advised that the attached tables show the average monthly usage of the Waiting Room, which has significantly exceeded original projections. He stated that the number of staff hours reflects the number of children being served. For example, when there are fewer children, staffing levels and hours are decreased to hold costs at a minimum. Mr. Lindberg indicated that, when the program started, the enrollment was expected to be low and eventually increase to approximately 100 children per month. He noted that the enrollment has exceeded that estimate in a number of months.

Mr. Lindberg expressed the appreciation of the Judges as it has brought more order and decorum to the courtroom and is protecting children from negative incidents in the courtroom.

Mr. Lindberg informed the Committee that the consequences of not providing a contract increase would be that the number of children admitted to the Waiting Room would need to be limited and the hours of operation might need to be curtailed.

Chairman Renner reminded the Committee that concern was expressed last month with the request for an increase of 15% for the Children's Waiting Room.

Member Hoselton asked what is the percentage of collection. Mr. Lindberg replied that the Circuit Clerk collects the Children's Waiting Room fee as an add-on fee to case filings. The percentage collected is 100%.

Ms. Rackauskas asked who are the children being served. Ms. Pieper replied that it serves children of witnesses or defendants in criminal court, family court, traffic, domestic violence, orders of protection, and civil cases. She noted that half of the children using the Waiting Room are children associated with criminal cases.

Mr. Wendt asked what is the major expense of the Waiting Room. Ms. Pieper responded that the major expense is personnel, with some additional expense for supplies and toys. Mr. Wendt expressed concern that the expense of the Waiting Room is almost \$1,000.00 per month. Ms. Pieper explained that the program has been allocated 1.50 FTE's, which includes salary and benefits (25% of salary). Mr. Wendt noted that the total budget for the Waiting Room is \$67,500.00, with most of that going to salaries. She responded that the \$67,500.00 pays for the salary of one full-time employee, which is approximately \$26,000.00, plus 25% of that salary for benefits, plus another .50 FTE when necessary, as well as purchase of some supplies.

Ms. Rackauskas expressed concern that, with the current economic climate, more organizations are going to be requesting funds from the County. She indicated that the courts existed without the Children's Waiting Room and could do so again. Ms. Rackauskas suggested that the County budget may need to be allocated to projects with a higher priority. Ms. Pieper reminded the Committee that the \$5.00 fee for the Children's Waiting Room is deposited into a fund that is restricted by statute for the sole purpose of supporting the Waiting Room program. She stated that they are not asking for money from the General Revenue Fund, only for funds that have already been allocated, set aside and collected by the County for the Waiting Room.

Mr. Wendt asked how much money is collected each year with the \$5.00 fee. Mr. Lindberg replied that almost \$38,000.00 is collected per year. He added that the collection started before the program began so there is a current fund balance of \$48,000.00. Mr. Lindberg indicated that, even if this request is approved, the fund would still be running ahead. Mr. Wendt asked how much is currently budgeted to the Waiting Room. Mr. Lindberg replied that \$33,000.00 is currently budgeted, and, with this requested increase, it will be \$37,800.00.

Mr. Nuckolls expressed his support of this Program. He stated that he believes it is a necessary program that needs to continue. Mr. Nuckolls urged the Committee to approve the request.

Mr. Rankin asked if this program will be reconsidered on a yearly basis. He agreed with the need to be fiscally responsibility. However, Mr. Rankin expressed his support of this program.

Motion by Rankin/Rackauskas to Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the Contract between the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court, the County of McLean and the Children's Foundation for the Children's Waiting Room, and to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2009 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Children's Waiting Room Fund 0171, Circuit Court 0016..

Motion carried on a vote of 4-1, with Mr. Wendt voting "no."

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

Mr. Curtis Hawk, Director, Emergency Management Agency (EMA), presented a request for approval of the 2009 Emergency Operation Plan. He indicated that a CD was placed in the Justice Committee Packets that denoted the changes to the Plan. Mr. Hawk reviewed the changes, noting that most of the updates were spelling and grammatical corrections.

Mr. Hawk requested that the Committee approve the plan. Thereafter, he will share it with the Sheriff, Police Chiefs and Fire Chiefs throughout the County.

Mr. Hoselton asked if this covers all areas of policing in the County. Mr. Hawk responded that it covers all areas of policing, fire, and search and rescue throughout the County.

Mr. Hoselton asked if the City of Bloomington has updated its radios. Mr. Hawk replied that the City has not updated its radios from UHF. He indicated that he has been working closely with Bloomington to develop an alternate plan to make the communications work well together.

Motion by Hoselton/Rankin to Recommend Approval of
the 2009 Emergency Operation Plan.
Motion carried.

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

Sheriff Mike Emery presented a request for approval of an ATM Machine Agreement by and between the County of McLean and Bloomington Municipal Credit Union (BMCU). This will provide an ATM machine to be located in the lobby of the McLean County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Emery stated that this is a six-month agreement with BMCU. He advised that this agreement has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Eric Ruud, First Assistant State's Attorney.

Sheriff Emery indicated that there is no cost to McLean County. He pointed out that one of the requirements is to install a POTTs telephone line at an expense of \$30.00 per month. Sheriff Emery stated that, since this is inmate related, the expense for the telephone line would be charged to the Inmate Commissary Funds. There will be no expense to the County.

Sheriff Emery noted that the agreement is effective through July 31, 2009 at which time it will either be renegotiated or cancelled.

Motion by Rackauskas/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of an ATM Machine Agreement by and between the County of McLean and Bloomington Municipal Credit Union.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery presented the January 2009 Detention Facility Report. He noted that Report is similar to the Report from December, 2008.

Sheriff Emery advised that a Jail Management meeting was held today to develop an approach for the National Institute of Corrections Study. He indicated that the final report issued by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), and the recommendation from the Jail Management Team will be presented to this Committee next month for review and discussion prior to the report being forwarded to the County Board.

Sheriff Emery reviewed two letters from Mr. Brad K. Hutchison, Superintendent, Olympia Community School District No. 16. The first letter thanked the Sheriff's Department for its donation of equipment to be used in their curriculum. The second letter acknowledged the success of the addition of the School Resource Officer, Mr. Jayson Kessinger.

Mr. McIntyre asked why was Olympia School District singled out to have a School Resource Officer. Sheriff Emery replied that Olympia School District and the Sheriff's Department wanted this Officer because of the distance to the school. Sheriff Emery pointed out that Olympia funds 75% of the cost of the School Resource Officer and McLean County provides 25%. He explained that Olympia pays for the Officer during the nine months of the school year and the County pays for the three months when school is not in session. Sheriff Emery advised that the three months when there is no school, the Deputy will be assigned to the Olympia patrol area to continue contact with those students.

Mr. McIntyre asked what are the possibilities of other rural area schools being assigned a Resource Officer. Sheriff Emery replied that Olympia School is the only rural jurisdiction directly under the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office because of its location. The other rural school districts are in towns with their own Police Departments.

Sheriff Emery reported that he received a letter indicating that Olympia School District has been enjoying a 98% attendance rate for the first time. He indicated that the Officer teaches classes and visits homes where students have called in s

sick. Sheriff Emery stated that four students with chronic truancy have doubled their attendance this year.

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

Ms. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner, presented her Monthly Report for December 2008. She indicated that the 2008 Annual Report should be forthcoming very soon.

Ms. Kimmerling reported that the number of deaths reported to the Coroner's Office has increased significantly. She added that the Out-of-County autopsy line item was up. Ms. Kimmerling noted that even though there was an enormous increase in the number of deaths reported, the autopsy numbers were a little bit down.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions on the report. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Kimmerling.

Mr. Bill Yoder, State's Attorney, reviewed his Monthly Caseload Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report. He noted that there was nothing out of the ordinary in the reports.

Mr. Yoder introduced Mr. Geoff Fruin, Chairman, Youth Impact, and Mr. Kent Crutcher, Incoming Chair, Youth Impact, to discuss the Youth Impact's Delinquency Prevention Plan.

Mr. Fruin thanked the Committee for allowing him to review the program. He acknowledged Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, and Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center, who are both on the Youth Impact Board.

Mr. Fruin advised that Youth Impact serves as McLean County's Juvenile Justice Council and aims to promote collaboration and synergies among local public, private and non-profit organizations that interact with our community's youth population. He indicated that Youth Impact's mission is to reduce criminal activity and gang involvement among the youth of the County's population. Mr. Fruin noted that Youth Impact does not have an Executive Director, a staff or even a physical address. Rather, it relies on its Board members to carry out the organization's activities.

Mr. Fruin stated that the operating philosophy of Youth Impact is about communication and collaboration. He indicated that Youth Impact tries to get all of the different organizations and service providers working together with a shared community vision to effectively leverage the resources in this community.

Mr. Fruin stated that Youth Impact has been in existence since 1992. He noted that every couple of years Youth Impact puts together a Delinquency Prevention Plan. In prior years, the organization has focused solely on those youth that were on the verge of or are currently involved with serious criminal or gang activity. Mr. Fruin stated that Youth Impact has realized that to achieve long-term sustainable results for the community, these youth and their families need to be reached at a much earlier age. He noted that, while the organization still realizes the importance of reaching out to youth that fall in that category, it has shifted its community strategy to a three-pronged, balanced approach, namely a prevention section, an intervention section and a suppression section. Mr. Fruin indicated that those three areas need equal weight in order to make significant progress in the community. He highlighted the section, as follows:

➤ Prevention

- Need to increase level of parental involvement:
 - Working with an Illinois State University Class to develop a marketing campaign, which will be launched in the next several months;
 - Need to investigate if there are any barriers that are prohibiting greater levels of parental involvement;
 - Proposing to hold several community forums to share thoughts and ideas to develop solutions.
- Education:
 - Supports various educational efforts in the community;
 - Both Unit 5 and Unit 87 school superintendents are on the Youth Impact Board;
 - Support initiatives, such as United Way of McLean County's efforts to boost graduation rates in the County;
 - Started an Educational Scholarship Program last year;
 - Offered four scholarships last year.

➤ Intervention:

- Major initiative is a summer jobs program that has been piloted for two years;
 - Teaches at-risk youth critical job skills in a real world setting;
 - Youth Impact to continue to engage local employers in the program;

- Ensure that youth selected for the program receive personal development training;
 - Goal is to double program from 25 students to 50 students.
 - Supports the Redeploy Illinois initiative;
 - Steering youth away from the detention system
- Suppression
- Communication between law enforcement agencies;
 - Exchange of information.

Mr. Fruin stated that the plan includes the proposal of a grant program whereby Youth Impact would provide funds to local service providers who have new, creative ideas for services that go along with its mission.

Mr. Hoselton asked if Youth Impact has a staff. Mr. Fruin replied that the work is done, on a volunteer basis, by its Board of Directors.

Ms. Rackauskas asked if the Board members represent the different agencies. Mr. Yoder replied that most local agencies are represented on the Board, including the State's Attorneys Office, Sheriff's Office, Bloomington and Normal Police Departments, School Districts, United Way, State Farm, etc.

Mr. Yoder concluded that the function of Youth Impact is to involve the community and the agencies to try to steer juveniles away from the justice system. He stated that the current plan to prevent youth from going into the justice system is the most effective. Once youth enter the system, it is more difficult to pull them back out of the system. Mr. Yoder reiterated that more emphasis will be placed on the prenatal and early childhood years.

Ms. Rackauskas asked how are the at-risk children identified. Mr. Fruin replied that the at-risk students are identified by school counselors, police department school resource officers, service providers, such as Boys & Girls Club, etc.

Mr. Yoder reminded the Committee that he has been introducing various units of the State's Attorneys Office to the Committee each month. Mr. Yoder introduced Ms. Suzanne Geller, Assistant State's Attorney, who is assigned to the Children's Advocacy Center.

Ms. Geller explained that her position is somewhat different from other Assistant State's Attorneys because she exclusively prosecutes cases that come through the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). When a possible physical or sexual abuse case involving a minor is reported, perhaps by a school teacher, family member,

police officer, etc., the CAC is contacted and an interview is arranged with the minor.

Ms. Geller advised that the CAC has a multi-disciplinary team of which she is a member. Ms. Geller indicated that the multi-disciplinary team consists of Mary Whitaker, who is the Associate Director and forensic interviewer. Ms. Geller noted that Ms. Whitaker has been trained in a specific protocol named "Finding Words." This is a special protocol for interviewing children who may be victims of physical or sexual abuse. Ms. Geller noted that it is important to have a particular protocol for interviewing children in order for that interview to stand up in court. She pointed out that, in some cases, where a child of sexual abuse is under the age of 13 when they disclose that abuse, the tape can be played of the disclosure in addition to having them testify in court. Ms. Geller indicated that sometimes continuances occur in cases and it becomes a lengthy period of time from when the child discloses the offense to the time the case goes to trial. Sometimes, you would be looking at the difference between having an 11 year old go into court versus having a 13 or 14 year old. It is important that the jury understand exactly how young the child was when they disclosed the abuse.

Ms. Geller stated that other members of the multi-disciplinary team, who are all housed in the CAC offices, include:

- Detective Michael Burns, Bloomington Police Department;
- Detective Nick Thacker, Normal Police Department;
- Ms. Charnette Griffin, DCFS Investigator;
- Ms. Susan Thomas, Family Advocate;
- Ms. Sharon Klingman, Therapist.

Ms. Geller reviewed the steps taken to interview children. She noted that the CAC is a very warm, children friendly environment. According to protocol, the following steps are taken to interview a child.

- The detective from the police agency must be present and observing;
- Ms. Geller is present and observing;
- If DCFS is involved, they are present and observing;
- All interview occur in a friendly room with the child and the forensic interviewer;
- In a separate room called the Observation Room the rest of the multi-disciplinary team members observe the interviews on a closed circuit televisions;
- There are cameras in the interview room and all interviews are audio and video recorded;

- The case is staffed by all the team members once the child has made a disclosure;
- Decisions are made on what to do such as:
 - Get search warrants,
 - Determine if the child needs to be removed from the home,
 - Determine if the perpetrator will continue to have access to the child.

Ms. Geller indicated that the team makes these decisions. She stated that this is why it is important that the team be housed together.

Ms. Geller advised that it is her decision to initiate a charge and what that charge will be. Once a charge has been made, she works closely with the family advocate and therapist in order to help the family, the child victim and the non-offending care givers or foster parents to help prepare the child for trial.

Ms. Geller noted that the therapist provides free therapy to all of the children who come in and disclose being victims of sexual abuse. All therapy services and trial preparation are coordinated. Ms. Geller stated that, once the therapist has met with the child, the family advocate, the therapist and she will meet with the child and parents to answer questions, to explain the process of a trial and to build a rapport with the child. By building a rapport with the child, the child will have one person in the courtroom that they feel comfortable with and can focus on when answering questions.

Ms. Geller advised that the team works very diligently to ensure that they make these cases as comfortable for the children as possible. In addition, they sometimes help families relocate when necessary. For instance, if the perpetrator was the sole provider for the family and is now going to prison, the family may not be able to afford to keep their apartment.

Ms. Geller stated that she has attended training sessions on working with child victims of sexual abuse and understanding the interviewing process for child victims of sexual abuse.

Ms. Geller invited the members of the Justice Committee to visit the Children's Advocacy Center.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Yoder and Ms. Geller.

Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender, requested that she be allowed to review her monthly report before presenting her action item. Ms. Davis advised that she personally handles 81 line cases, which are felony cases of all types and descriptions as long as they are felonies. She added that her First Assistant Public Defender handled 122 last year. Ms. Davis indicated that she also handles all Mental Health Cases, she is the Drug Court attorney for all of the Drug Court clients and she runs the office.

Ms. Davis stated that, this year, five murder cases are being handled by the Public Defender's Office. She advised that the Supreme Court rules dictate that, on capital cases, there must be two attorneys assigned to each murder case. Ms. Davis expressed her belief that all five murder cases should have two attorneys. She noted that two of the five murder cases were capital cases, which means two attorneys are required for each of the two cases. Ms. Davis indicated that there are only five full-time attorneys in the felony division. She pointed out that the Contract Attorneys do not handle murder cases. Ms. Davis informed the Committee that, with five murder cases, two of which require two attorneys, and with only five full-time attorneys in the felony division, there are not enough attorneys to cover the cases. Ms. Davis indicated that she currently is handling all of the murder cases personally. She noted that this is why she is asking for a special contract for one of her contract lawyers who currently provides services to seven clients per month during the year, but non-murder cases.

Ms. Davis presented a request for approval of a contract between David N. Rumley, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office. She stated that this will be in addition to his current contract. Ms. Davis indicated Mr. Rumley will take one of the capital murder cases. She added that amending Mr. Rumley's contract will also save the County money by not having to go outside to hire another attorney. In addition, it saves the County money on investigation, as the investigation fees would come out of the Public Defender's budget.

Ms. Davis distributed a revision to Mr. Rumley's original contract that was amended by deleting the statement that he "cannot handle murder cases." Therefore, two contracts would need to be considered for approval.

After some discussion, it was determined that the Committee could only vote on a recommendation for the contract that is in the Packet that refers to Mr. Rumley being appointed for the purpose of handling one (1) murder case. The contract to amend Mr. Rumley's original contract to allow him to handle a murder case will need to be considered at a Stand-up meeting prior to the County Board meeting on Tuesday, February 17th.

Mr. Wendt asked if Mr. Rumley has experience handling a murder case. Ms. Davis replied that Mr. Rumley is from Champaign and has handled several murder cases. She added that he is a very good attorney.

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

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

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, presented the Court Services Department Monthly Report. She informed the Committee that the year-end report will be presented next month. Ms. McCormick asked Ms. Waltz to share the results of the American Correctional Association report.

Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Facility, advised that the American Correctional Association (ACA) National Conference was held January 10th in Florida. She indicated that she attended the Panel Hearing regarding the ACA audit of the Juvenile Detention Center that was conducted last summer. Ms. Waltz stated that the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) has been accredited through the ACA since 1996. There are a number of mandatory standards that must be met at 100% and there are hundreds of non-mandatory standards that must be met at 90% to be accredited. Ms. Waltz indicated that the JDC is audited for reaccreditation every three years. She stated that the Audit team marked the JDC down on one standard, so they received a 99.7%. Ms. Waltz advised that, in an attempt to recover that .3%, she did a discretionary waiver on the one standard that was marked down, which was a conflict between an ACA standard and Illinois State Law. She explained that ACA requires a detention hearing for any youth that comes into the facility within 24 hours and Illinois law requires a hearing within 40 hours. Ms. Waltz indicated that they have asked for this waiver in the past and been denied. However, this time, ACA approved the waiver and the JDC received a score of 100%.

Ms. Waltz commended the staff at the JDC for what they do for the youth that come into the facility. Ms. McCormick added that the auditors from ACA are extremely thorough in their audit, including interviews with the staff and the juveniles. Ms. Waltz stated that the Auditors were very complimentary in their exit interview of the facility.

Ms. Waltz invited members of the Justice Committee to tour the Juvenile Detention Center.

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

Ms. Judy Renner, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, reviewed the Children's Advocacy Center Monthly Statistical Report and the CASA Report. She stated that the number of children interviewed at the Center decreased 15% this year from 2007. Ms. Renner indicated that, during 2008, CASA served 162 children. She added that 103 children were advocated in December with 55 volunteers.

Ms. Renner informed the Committee that their fund raiser "Tip a VIP" is coming up February 21st. She noted that all of the dining seats have been sold. The only tickets available at this time are for dessert and band tickets. Ms. Renner advised that most of the funding for the CAC comes from grants and fundraising.

Ms. Rackauskas asked who is chairing the event. Ms. Renner replied that Ms. Patsy Weber is acting as the Event Chair. Ms. Renner indicated that Central Station and The Loft partnered with CAC to provide the facility at not charge. Ms. Rackauskas asked if they will be using the upstairs loft. Ms. Renner responded that they will be using the entire building. There were 370 seats available for dining at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., which is totally sold out with 21 celebrity waiters. The upstairs area will be used for the silent auction and the band.

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

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk submitted his December 2008 Statistical Report and the 4th Quarter Statistical Report. He indicated that there was nothing unusual to note in the reports.

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

Chairman Renner presented the final December 31, 2008 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a prepaid total of \$230,870.13 and a Fund Total that is the same.

Motion by Rackauskas/Rankin to recommend approval of the Justice Committee bills as of December 31, 2008.

Motion carried.

Chairman Renner presented the January 31, 2009 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$2,144,427.71 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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Motion by Rackauskas/McIntyre to Recommend
Approval of the Justice Committee Bills as of January
31, 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 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary