

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, October 2, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Renner; Members Owens, O'Connor and Rackauskas

Members Absent: Members Nuckolls and Harding

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

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present:

Ms. Beth Kimmerling, County Coroner; Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services; Sheriff Dave Owens; Chief Deputy Derick Love, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Jodi Ellsworth, Project Coordinator, Domestic Violence Grant, State's Attorneys Office; Ms. Jane Foster, Supervising Attorney of the Domestic Violence Unit, State's Attorneys Office; Ms. Billie Larkin, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; Mr. Curt Hawk, Director, EMA; Ms. Cindy Brand, Jury Commission

Others Present: Ms. Barbara Stuart, Alternatives to Jail Committee; Ms. Carol Reitan, Alternatives to Jail Committee

Chairman Renner called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Chairman Renner presented the September 6, 2006 minutes and the August 22, 2006 Stand-up Committee minutes to the Committee for approval.

Motion by O'Connor/Owens to approve the Minutes of the September 6, 2006 Committee Meeting and the August 22, 2006 Stand-up Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services, presented a request for approval of an Interagency Agreement between McLean County and Chestnut Health System, Inc. This contract will be effective from September 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 at a minimum cost to the County. Ms. Castleman stated that

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Chestnut Health System will provide group services, evaluations and drug court offender group services to clients enrolled in the Drug Court program. Chestnut Health System will also provide residential care at no cost to the County.

Motion by Owens/O'Connor to Recommend Approval of an Interagency Agreement between McLean County and Chestnut Health System, Inc.
Motion carried.

Ms. Castleman presented a request for approval of Agreement #604174 "McLean County Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program" between Court Services and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. She explained that this is the third year of a three-year grant with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, which runs September 1st through August 31, 2007.

Motion by O'Connor/Rackauskas to Recommend Approval of Agreement #604174 "McLean County Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program" between Court Services and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas asked what are future funding plans for Domestic Violence. Ms. Castleman replied that the proposed plans will be discussed during the FY-2007 budget review.

Chairman Renner asked if the Committee had any additional questions. There were none.

Ms. Jodi Ellsworth, Project Coordinator, Domestic Violence Grant, State's Attorneys Office and Ms. Jane Foster, Supervising Attorney of the Domestic Violence Unit, State's Attorneys Office, presented a request for approval of Agreement #603170 "McLean County Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program" between the McLean County State's Attorneys Office and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Ms. Foster stated that this is the final year of a three year grant.

Motion by O'Connor/Rackauskas to Recommend Approval of Agreement #603170 "McLean County Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program" between the McLean County State's Attorneys Office and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
Motion carried.

Ms. Foster presented a request for approval of a Resolution approving McLean County's continued participation with the State of Illinois Appellate Prosecutor's Office. She advised that the State of Illinois Appellate Prosecutor's Office handles all appeals on behalf of the State's Attorneys Office.

Motion by O'Connor/Rackauskas to Recommend Approval of a Resolution Approving McLean County's Continued Participation with the State of Illinois Appellate Prosecutor's Office.
Motion carried.

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

Sheriff Dave Owens and Chief Deputy Derick Love presented several items for action. The first three are annual requests that can be acted upon together. The request is for approval of Intergovernmental Agreements between McLean County and the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and Illinois State University for Centralized Booking Services. Sheriff Owens reported that the proposed 2007 Agreement increases the fee charged by 3%.

Motion by O'Connor/Owens to recommend approval of Intergovernmental Agreements between McLean County and the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal and Illinois State University for Centralized Booking Services.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a request to review bids and select a contractor for chemical agents to be used in the McLean County jail laundry and kitchen. He indicated that requests for quotations were sent to Newman-Ullman, Ecolab, Bunn Capitol and Diversity. Sheriff Owens reported that Ecolab, Inc. is the recommended supplier as they have been the supplier in the past, their chemicals and service have been acceptable and Ecolab was the only bid received.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to recommend approval to award the bid to Ecolab, Inc. for Chemical Agents to be used in the McLean County Jail Laundry and Kitchen.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a request for approval of a contract with Rev. Colleen Bennett for the provision of Chaplain Services for the McLean County Jail. He reported that Rev. Bennett has been the Inmate Chaplain for the past 10 ½ years and continues to do an excellent job in this role. Sheriff Owens stated that the proposed contract increases the fee paid to Rev. Bennett by 3.5%.

Motion by O'Connor/Rackauskas to recommend approval of the Contract with Rev. Colleen Bennett for the Provision of Chaplain Services for the McLean County Jail.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a request for approval of a Letter of Understanding between the McLean County Board and the Regional Office of Education for McLean, DeWitt and Livingston Counties to provide a G.E.D. instructional program for the inmates of the McLean County Detention Facility.

Motion by O'Connor/Owens to recommend approval of a Letter of Understanding between McLean County Board and the Regional Office of Education for McLean, DeWitt and Livingston Counties for McLean County Jail Education (the GED) Program.

Ms. Rackauskas asked if the Committee is getting an annual report on the number of inmates taking classes and those that graduate. Mr. Zeunik replied that the Committee previously received a report for the prior year. Ms. Rackauskas requested that, in the future, a report on the GED Program be included at the same time the Letter of Understanding is presented to the Committee for approval. Mr. Love reported that the GED Program in the McLean County Jail has the highest GED success rate in this region. He indicated that an annual report could be included with the request for approval.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens reviewed a request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the McLean County Sheriff's Department and the Law and Justice Commission, MTU #8. He explained that this Agreement is a requirement of the Illinois Law and Enforcement Training Standards Board. Sheriff Owens indicated that all member agencies have to have the Agreement in order to receive state matching funds. He noted that the current agency fee, per member, is \$75.00. The State Board grants funding based on membership fees. Sheriff Owens stated that the County's current matching fund is approximately \$43,000.00 and the State provides approximately \$183,000.00 towards training. The County's overall training budget is comprised of matching funds and State funds.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to Recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the McLean County Sheriff's Department and the Law and Justice Commission, MTU #8.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a request for approval of an IDENTIX Livescan Maintenance Agreement. He explained that the current IDENTIX Livescan system went on line December 13, 2005. The one year warranty on this system expires on December 13, 2006. Sheriff Owens indicated that in order to maintain the system past this expiration date, a maintenance agreement between IDENTIX and McLean County needs to be approved. He advised that IDENTIX is the only vendor that can provide maintenance for the County's machine.

Sheriff Owens explained that the IDENTIX Livescan Fingerprint System allows the McLean County Jail to capture fingerprints electronically. The fingerprints are scanned into the system and they are sent, via the State Network, to the Illinois State Police Bureau of Identification in Joliet.

Motion by Rackauskas/O'Connor to recommend Approval of an IDENTIX Livescan Maintenance Agreement.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a request for approval of a Dietary Consultant Agreement. He explained that, in order to follow the Illinois State County Jail Standards, a Dietary Consultant must audit the menus for the year and discuss with the McLean County Jail Cook Supervisor the nutritional content of the meals served. Also, when necessary, the Consultant will assist the Jail Cook Supervisor with complex dietary issues for inmates on special diets (due to health reasons). The fee for the Dietary Consultant is \$35.00 per hour.

Mr. Owens asked how many hours does this entail. Mr. Love responded that it is usually not more than four or five hours per year.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to recommend Approval
of a Dietary Consultant Agreement.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a request for approval of Agreement #602371 "McLean County Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program" between the McLean County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. He stated that this is the final year of a three year grant. Sheriff Owens indicated that Lt. Mike Emery felt he could find the matching funds to complete this three-year grant cycle.

Motion by Owens/O'Connor to Recommend Approval
of Agreement #602371 "McLean County Domestic
Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program" between
the McLean County Sheriff's Department and the
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
Motion carried.

Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, introduced the review of the Fiscal Year 2007 Recommended Budget for the following departments:

Jury Commission – 0001-0018 can be found on pages 64-65 of the Recommended Budget and pages 168-169 of the Summary. Chairman Renner reviewed this budget, noting that there is no Revenue in this budget. He advised that it is strictly an Expense budget with a total operating budget of \$104,624.00, which is a 3.56% increase over the FY'2006 Adopted Budget. Chairman Renner indicated that there is no change in the staffing level. Ms. Cindy Brand, Director, Jury Commission, pointed out an increase of 2% in Materials and Supplies, noting that printing of forms and notices continues to increase due to the increased number of jurors needed by the Court.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to recommend tentative
approval of the Jury Commission – 0001-0018 FY'2007
Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Emergency Management Agency – 0001-0047 can be found on pages 155-158 of the Recommended Budget and pages 170-172 of the Summary. Chairman Renner reported that overall there is a 7.1% increase in the budget reflecting a 30.37% decrease in Revenue. There is a 70% increase in Capital Outlay from \$4,000.00 to \$6,800.00.

Mr. Curt Hawk, Director, E.M.A., pointed out that Line Item 750.0001, Equipment Maintenance Contract, has increased from \$1,500.00 in the FY'2006 Adopted Budget to \$3,000.00 in the FY'2007 Recommended Budget for the annual maintenance contract for the satellite dish on the Mobil Command Vehicle. In addition, Line Item 839.0001, Purchase of Radio Equipment, includes funding for the purchase of equipment for the Mobile Command Vehicle, including one Data Storm F1 .74 Meter Dish, Direct Way 7000 series modem and a D3 MotoState Control Panel totaling \$5,845.00.

Mr. Zeunik stated that, on the Expense side, there is no change in the staffing level, as the E.M.A. staff level remains the same. He pointed out that all department budgets reflect an increase in gasoline, oil and diesel fuel.

Ms. Rackauskas asked why is the Revenue down. Mr. Zeunik replied that the Revenue in Line Item 407.0035 -- E.S.D.A. Grant -- decreased from \$41,300.00 in the FY'2006 Adopted Budget to \$30,000.00 in the FY'2007 Recommended Budget. This decrease is based on a review of last year's actual revenue and the year-to-date revenue as of the date the Recommended Budget was prepared. It is the result of a decrease in reimbursement from the State. Mr. Hawk added that E.M.A. can submit up to 50% of salary expense and office supply equipment to the State for reimbursement, but it does not usually receive 50% back from the State.

Motion by Rackauskas/Owens to recommend tentative approval of the Emergency Management Agency – 0001-0047 FY'2007 Recommended Budget as submitted.

Motion carried.

Before proceeding with the Court Services Budget Review, Chairman Renner asked Mr. Zeunik to address the article in The Pantagraph that stated McLean County had a \$3 million surplus of funds.

Mr. Zeunik reported that the General Fund Budget is balanced in accordance with the County Board's Adopted Budget Policy. The total revenues that are projected to be received in 2007 are equal to the total expenses. He noted that the Board's Budget Policy specifically says that the County must use revenues that are available in 2007 against expenses to be incurred in 2007.

Mr. Zeunik explained that the reference in the handout from the Alternatives to Jail Committee that there is a \$3 million surplus derived from Sales Tax and Investments is not correct. Interest earnings on investments is expected to increase \$323,000.00 in the Treasurers Office. Mr. Zeunik stated that Sales Tax dollars are up and, as indicated in the Budget Message in September, the increase is attributed to the population growth in Bloomington and Normal. He pointed out that there are nearly 125,000 residents in the Twin Cities along with 40,000+ residents living in the balance of the County. The increase in population and the increase in the retail sector in the community, as well as the hospitality sector, has driven up sales tax receipts for the County and for Bloomington and Normal. Mr. Zeunik stated that those numbers are not viewed in the budget as a surplus, but as the anticipated revenue expected to be received next year. Those revenues go to balance the overall budget in the General Fund.

Mr. Zeunik repeated that sales tax revenues are up, interest on investments are up, State Income Tax revenues are projected to be up over the previous year as well as Personal Property Replacement Tax revenues. All of those dollars have been used to balance the General Fund Budget and to fund the 10.5 new FTE positions that are recommended, including positions in Court Services and the Sheriff's Department, as well as to continue funding positions where grant funds end sometime during 2006.

Chairman Renner asked what is the current fund balance. Mr. Zeunik replied that the audited fund balance at the end of 2005 was approximately \$5.2 million in the General Fund. Chairman Renner compared it to a salary of \$72,000.00 per year, which allows you to have \$5,000.00 in savings. He advised that there is only a month's worth of funds available for operating costs. Mr. Zeunik added that the General Fund's fund balance is the only fund balance which, under law, the County can use for any need the County might have. The other fund balances, i.e. Highway, Health Department, etc. are restricted and can only be used for those specific funds.

Mr. Zeunik stated that the General Fund's fund balance serves as the County's bank and, from January to May, prior to the receipt of the first installment of property tax revenues, the General Fund's fund balance is used to loan money to other County funds that do not have other sources of revenue. The County Board's budget policy which is what directs preparation of the budget says that if the General Fund fund balance exceeds 10% of the County's total annual operating budget, the Board can:

- a) Abate property taxes, which reduces the property tax levy in the General Fund;
- b) Use the funds for one-time capital expenses; and
- c) Fund various aspects of the Integrated Justice Information System

Mr. Zeunik explained that there has been an increase in interest on investments, which is nearly equal to one cent on the property tax rate. When the General Fund property tax rate is down, it drives the overall property tax down. The General Fund rate this year is not at the cap, rather it is below the cap because other revenue lines have increased over where they had previously been. When interest rates were very low, interest on investments were very low. When interest rates drop, it is necessary to make up the lost earnings through property taxes or some other revenue source.

Members of the Committee thanked Mr. Zeunik for his clarification. Ms. O'Connor surmised that the County is not carrying more money in the General Fund than in the past. Mr. Zeunik concurred with that assessment.

Court Services Department – 0001-0022 can be found on pages 85-89 of the Budget Book and pages 173-178 of the Summary. Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services, reported that there are some increases and decreases in the revenue. She explained that the Project Oz Grant funding through Youth Impact for a part-time juvenile IPS officer has been reduced. Ms. Castleman noted that Youth Impact will continue to pay for outreach programs and services in the community, but they will no longer fund the employee salary. Mr. Zeunik reported that this grant will run out on June 30th and is one of the grant-funded positions that the County will pick up as of July 1st.

Ms. O'Connor asked if the grant will come back the following year. Mr. Zeunik replied that the grant will not come back next year. He explained that there are two grants in Court Services which will cover salaries for the first six month of the year and the County will take over thereafter. Ms. Castleman indicated that the second grant is the Domestic Violence Grant.

Chairman Renner asked for clarification on money in the budget for space and staffing to provide a pre-trial services program. Ms. Castleman replied that the new position listed in the budget for FY'2007 would be a Probation Officer II position, which would act as a Pre-trial Service Coordinator. This position would begin in April, 2007, which would give the person time to develop the program. Mr. Zeunik indicated that all of the Court Services staff will be housed on the seventh floor of the Law and Justice Center beginning in early February.

Mr. Zeunik stated that there have been two grant funded Probation Officer I positions in the Public Defender's Office. He noted that Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender, obtained the grant and the employees worked in the Public Defender's Office. However, their duties and responsibilities mirrored those of a Probation Officer and the requirements of the position mirrored that of a Probation Officer, so that is how the positions were classified. Mr. Zeunik advised that the grant has ended and Ms. Davis has indicated that it would be appropriate for the positions to be under Court Services. In 2007 those positions will move to Court Services and become part of the Pre-Trial Services unit and will be supervised by the Pre-Trial Services Coordinator.

Ms. Castleman reported that there would be another new position for a Probation Officer I for Drug Court. She indicated that Drug Court met for the first time on Thursday, August 30th. For the remainder of this year, plans call for Drug Court to limit the number of individuals served to between four and six at any time. This will enable the court, the staff in Court Services, the State's Attorneys Office, the Public Defender Office and the treatment provider to work through the Policies and Procedures prior to expanding the program. Beginning in 2007, the goal of Drug Court is to be able to serve up to 40 individuals at any time. Ms. Castleman stated that, as individuals graduate from the program or leave the program; new cases will be added to maintain a service level of 40 individuals. The addition of 1.0 FTE Probation Officer I assigned to Drug Court will enable the program to serve 40 individuals.

Ms. Castleman stated that many of the increases or decreases in the budget are due to what is going on in the economy, including gas and oil, postage, phone service, etc.

Chairman Renner asked Ms. Castleman for her thoughts on using a kiosk to monitor probationers. Ms. Castleman indicated that she has read some articles, but does not have first-hand knowledge.

Ms. Castleman reported that Illinois has moved to a new risk needs assessment to help determine offenders' risks and needs. She indicated that this is an evidence-based practice and it is determined by evidence. With this instrument it has been determined that low-risk offenders should not be seen. Rather, the low-risk offenders can handle everything on their own with paper monitoring. Ms. Castleman stated that the monitoring unit is the clerical staff. Every offender must report with a Report Form every month; every two months the report can be mailed in and the third month they must come into the office and receive additional Report Forms. She indicated that this system is working very well.

Mr. Zeunik pointed out that the situation in Peoria County and Tazewell County is different than the situation in McLean County. He stated that, for a number of years, McLean County conservatively spent the dollars in the Adult Probation Services Fee Fund. With the permission of the Administrative Offices of the Illinois Court, the County was able to transfer monies from the Adult Probation Fee Fund to the General Fund to offset the failure of the State to provide the salary reimbursement at the levels mandated in Illinois Law. Unlike Peoria and Tazewell Counties, in using the transfers over a period of four or five years, the County was able to avoid having to cut as many positions as those Counties. He stated that one reason Peoria County went to kiosk reporting is that they lost a significant number of Probation Officers in budget cuts. Mr. Zeunik reported that McLean County has been able to maintain a staff complement at a level rate. Ms. Castleman added that, since moving their minimum cases out of regular probation, there has been a dramatic decrease in the probation population. During the month of August the average case load was 120 cases per officer, and, while that is still high, it is much better than in the past.

Ms. Rackauskas asked if the intent of the kiosk reporting was to replace Probation Officers or to allow current Probation Officers to do other duties. Ms. Castleman repeated that, in Peoria, it was because they did not have the Probation Officers. She noted that it could also be used as an enhancement, or a combination of both. Ms. Rackauskas asked what is the cost factor and would it be to the County's advantage to consider kiosk reporting. Chairman Renner replied that the County has several options and it is investigating the best options. Ms. Castleman indicated that, originally, it was being considered when the Probation Officers were dealing with all the minimum risk offenders. However, now that the risk level has been identified, the case load for Probation Officers has lessened. She pointed out that it is not taking Probation Officer time, but clerical time.

Chairman Renner suggested that Court Services keep track of the current method of probation reporting and investigate the advantages of kiosk reporting. It was the consensus of the Committee that the kiosk reporting method would not be considered during this budget cycle.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to recommend tentative approval of the Court Services Department – 0001-0022 FY'2007 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Court Services Juvenile Probation Fee Services Fund – 0145-0022 can be found on pages 90-91 of the Recommended Budget and pages 179-180 of the Summary. Ms. Castleman reported that the Juvenile Probation Services Fee Fund is a Special Revenue Fund, which was established pursuant to State Law. The Court can order juvenile probationers to pay a Probation Services fee to the Court Services Department. State law requires that the revenue collected in the current fiscal year be appropriated in the following fiscal year. As a result, the revenue budgeted in FY'2007 has already been collected and is available to be appropriated for services. As a Special Revenue Fund, the Juvenile Probation Services Fee Fund must be balanced within the Fund. Ms. Castleman stated that the funds can be rolled over from one year to another if it is not used. She noted that the FY'2007 revenue will be \$6,167.00.

Motion by O'Connor/Owens to recommend tentative approval of the Court Services Juvenile Probation Fee Services Fund – 0145-0022 FY'2007 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Court Services Adult Probation Fee Services Fund – 0146-0022 can be found on pages 92-94 of the Recommended Budget and pages 181-184 of the Summary. Ms. Castleman reported that the Adult Probation Services Fee Fund is a Special Revenue Fund, which was established pursuant to State Law. The Court can order adult probationers to pay a Probation Services fee to the Court Services Department. State law requires that the revenue collected in the current fiscal year be appropriated in the following fiscal year. As a result, the revenue budgeted in FY'2007 has already been collected and is available to be appropriated for services. As a Special Revenue Fund, the Adult Probation Services Fee Fund must be balanced within the Fund. Ms. Castleman stated that the revenue is down, partly because there was not as much money carried forward as in the past. She noted that most of the revenue from this fee is used for drug testing for the offenders and for contractual services.

Motion by Rackauskas/O'Connor to recommend tentative approval of the Court Services Adult Probation Fee Services Fund – 0146-0022 FY'2007 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Court Services – Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Grant – 0160-0022 can be found on pages 95-97 of the Recommended Budget and pages 185-186 of the Summary. Ms. Castleman advised that this is the grant that will be ending in September of 2007. These two Domestic Violence Probation Officer positions will be moved into the County's General Fund at that time.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to recommend tentative approval of the Court Services – Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Grant – 0160-0022 FY'2007 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department – 0001-0029 can be found on pages 98-103 of the Budget Book and pages 187-192 of the Summary. The FY'2007 Recommended Budget for this Department is \$7,242,055, which is a 4.46% increase over the FY'2006 Budget.

Sheriff Owens reported that the biggest change in the budget is in new positions, which are directly tied to the new construction of the Law and Justice Center building, as follows:

- Add 1.0 FTE for a new Correctional Officer will be designated as the Jail-Court Correctional Officer. This Officer will be responsible for securing and transporting inmates scheduled to appear in Court from the Adult Jail to the Court holding cells and back again.
- Add 1.0 FTE for a Control Operator, which is actually two positions that are scheduled to begin on July 1, 2007. The renovation of the Law and Justice Center includes a new Adult Jail Control Room. The new Control Room will require two Control Operators to be present to monitor the closed circuit televisions, fire and smoke enunciator panels and open and close the interlocking jail doors.

- Add 1.25 FTE for Correctional Officers to provide the necessary staffing for the expanded Booking Area and the new Work Release Center that will be constructed on the first floor on the west side of the Sheriff's Department. It is anticipated these positions will begin on October 1, 2007.

Sheriff Owens advised that some of these positions are only partial FTE's for FY'2007.

Sheriff Owens pointed out the following Line Items where expenses have gone up:

- Gasoline/Oil/Diesel Fuel expenses;
- Food for inmates;
- Radio/Communications Equipment for conversion to the Verizon wireless data transmission to the patrol cars in the field.

Mr. Lindberg pointed out that the new positions required for the expansion of the Correctional area have been budgeted based on when they will be needed for this year. For example, the 1¼ positions that begin on October 1 will equal 5.0 FTE positions next year when the positions are annualized.

Motion by Owens/O'Connor to recommend tentative approval of the Sheriff's Department – 0001-0029 FY'2007 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Court Security Fund – 0141-0029 can be found on pages 104-106 of the Budget Book and pages 193-195 of the Summary. Sheriff Owens reported that this is a dedicated Court Security fee which is collected by the Circuit Clerk and used by the Sheriff to provide security in the Courts.

Sheriff Owens advised that there is no change in this Fund from FY'2006.

Motion by Rackauskas/Owens to recommend tentative approval of the Sheriff's Department Court Security Fund – 0141-0029 FY'2007 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Grant – 0160-0029 can be found on pages 107-109 of the Budget Book and pages 196-197 of the Summary. Sheriff Owens reported that this Grant was discussed earlier, noting that this is the final year of the Grant.

Motion by Owens/O'Connor to recommend tentative approval of the Sheriff's Department Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Grant – 0160-0029 FY'2007 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas asked what will be done to replace this Grant Fund. Mr. Lindberg replied that this will be handled differently. The plan for Domestic Violence in Court Services is that the County will pick up the funding for the two Probation Officer positions in Court Services who deal with Multi-DV. He stated that, when the grant runs out at the end of August next year, the County will pick up the portion of those two positions in Court Services. In the Sheriff's Department, because it is a bigger department and has a bigger staffing base, it will be absorbed into their existing position base. He noted that the Officers have been trained on how to deal with domestic violence.

Merit Board – 0001-0008 can be found on pages 37-39 of the Budget Book and pages 198-200 of the Summary. Sheriff Owens reported that the Merit Board is budgeted at \$17,350.00 in the FY'2007 Recommended Budget, which is a 13.03% increase over the FY'2006 Adopted Budget. Sheriff Owens advised that extra funds were budgeted in the Testing line-item to update and redevelop the test. He noted that the actual expense depends on how many applications and tests are administered.

Motion by Rackauskas/Owens to recommend tentative approval of the Merit Board – 0001-0008 FY'2007 Recommended Budget as submitted.
Motion carried.

After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to add a special Justice Committee meeting to review budgets on Tuesday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m., following the County Board Meeting.

Chairman Renner presented the September 30, 2006 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a pending total of \$584.45 and a prepaid total of \$1,970,749.65 for a fund total of \$1,971,334.10.

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Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to recommend approval
of the Justice Committee bills as of September 30,
2006.
Motion carried.

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Chairman Renner asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary