

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 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, and McIntyre

Members Absent: Members Hoselton and Rackauskas

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. Julie Osborn, Acting County Auditor; Sheriff Mike Emery; Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services; Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center; Ms. Judy Renner, Director, Children's Advocacy Center

Others Present: Ms. Michelle Anderson, Financial Reporting Specialist, County Auditor's Office

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

Chairman Renner presented the minutes from the August 4, 2009 Committee meeting and July 21, 2009 Stand Up meeting for approval.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2009 and July 21, 2009 Stand Up Committee Meetings.

Motion carried.

Ms. Julie Osborn, Acting County Auditor, addressed the Committee per the Committee's request of last month to explain why the Auditor's Office has recommended that individual departments be added to the County Commerce Credit Card. She indicated that, in the past, the Auditor allowed departments to use the Auditor's credit card for occasional charges, but the usage has become

more frequent in recent months. Ms. Osborn advised that it is very difficult to track individual charges on the Auditor's card if a department should forget to inform the Auditor's office of their charges. If each department has their own card, all of those charges are listed under the departmental heading, thus eliminating the problem of identifying the department responsible for the charges.

Ms. Osborn stated that she would be happy to answer any questions. There were no questions.

Chairman Renner presented the Coroner's Monthly Report as submitted by Ms. Beth Kimmerling, County Coroner. There were no questions.

Sheriff Mike Emery presented a request for approval of the Task Force 6 Drug Unit Interagency Agreement 407020 with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for a grant of \$64,106.00 to be used to expand Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Units. He explained that this is a renewal of an annual pass-through grant. Sheriff Emery advised that the County has no financial obligation.

Motion by Wendt/Rankin to Recommend Approval of
the Task Force 6 Drug Unit Interagency Agreement
407020 with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information
Authority for a grant of \$64,106.00.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery reviewed the McLean County Detention Facility Population Report. He advised that two weeks ago the numbers spiked at the Jail and there are currently 16 inmates being housed out-of-county. Sheriff Emery noted that one factor that may have caused the spike is the return of students to Illinois State University. He indicated that with the amount of inmates scheduled to be released later this week, most of the inmates currently being housed out-of-county can be returned to the County.

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

Chairman Renner presented the Public Defender's Monthly Caseload Report as submitted by Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender. There were no questions on the report.

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, presented a request for approval of an extension of the Redeploy Grant from the State of Illinois Department of Human Services Community Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2010. She reminded the Committee that the Court Services Department received a Redeploy Grant in January 2009. Ms. McCormick indicated that she was informed that Court Services will be eligible for continued funding beginning August 18, 2009 until June 30, 2010. At the present time, the funding will be in the amount of \$183,869.00. Ms. McCormick reported that there is no match for these funds, and no personnel costs. She noted that private agencies will continue to subcontract with the County to provide services to target redeploy youth.

Ms. McCormick advised that at the end of State Fiscal Year 2009, the Redeploy Program has accepted 12 youth into the program, and had provided cognitive therapy, individual substance abuse treatment, psychiatric/psychological testing, crisis counseling, tutoring, electronic monitoring and family advocacy. During this period, no youth from the program was placed outside of the community or sentenced to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Mr. Wendt asked what ages are the youth. Ms. McCormick responded that the children are ages 13 through 18.

Motion by Wendt/Rankin to Recommend Approval of
an Extension of the Redeploy Grant from the State of
Illinois Department of Human Services Community
Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2010.
Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick reviewed the Court Services Adult/Juvenile Division Statistics for May 2009, as well as the Juvenile Detention Center statistics.

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

Ms. Judy Renner, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, presented the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Monthly Report and the CASA Report. She stated that the CAC interview numbers are low across the state.

Ms. Renner indicated that CASA is currently advocating for 108 children. There are 50 active CASA's in the new CASA training classes starting in September.

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

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Chairman Renner, presented the Monthly Caseload Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report as submitted by Mr. Bill Yoder, State's Attorney. There were no questions on the reports.

Chairman Renner, presented the July 2009 Statistical Report for the Circuit Clerk's Office as submitted by Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk. There were no questions on the reports.

Chairman Renner presented the August 31, 2009 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a Pending Total of \$1,167.00 and a Prepaid Total of \$1,700,101.02 for a Fund Total of \$1,701,268.02.

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Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of the Justice Committee Bills as of August 31, 2009, as transmitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Renner announced that the Justice Committee will need to schedule an additional meeting in October to review departmental budgets. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the Justice Committee will meet on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Renner asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary