

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 8:40 a.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Rackauskas; Members McIntyre, Wollrab, Schafer, and McKibbin

Members Absent: Member Rankin

Other County Board
Members Present: None

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

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Mr. Will Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator-11th Circuit Court and Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services

Others Present: None

Chairman Rackauskas called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Chairman Rackauskas presented a request for approval of a contract for consulting services for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – Circuit Court.

Motion by McIntyre/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of
a Contract for Consulting Services for the Criminal
Justice Coordinating Council – Circuit Court.

Mr. Will Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator-11th Circuit Court, explained that this contract is between the County of McLean and Illinois State University on behalf of its Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development. Stevenson Center provides research and analysis services to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC). He noted that the Stevenson Center group provided a full report last Thursday at the CJCC meeting and will continue to provide reports every month. Mr. Scanlon advised that this is a service that could not be duplicated. He added that the expense was budgeted.

Chairman Rackauskas called for a vote on the motion.

Motion carried with Mr. McKibbin voting “present.”

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Chairman Rackauskas presented a request for approval of a Sub-Contract Agreement between McLean County Court Services and the National Center for State Courts for Program Evaluation (SAMHSA Grant) – Court Services.

Mr. Wasson indicated that this item was brought to a Stand-up Committee meeting because of a timing issue in getting these services in place for the grant. He stated that this expenditure with the Center as evaluator was included in the grant application and authorization documents that have been approved and signed.

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, advised that this agreement defines the scope and services that the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) will provide as a result of the SAMHSA grant award received in the fall of 2011. Due to the need for the evaluator to attend a site visit in February as well as a grantee conference at the end of February, an agreement for them to begin work with our office should be in place.

Ms. McCormick indicated that this agreement will allow the NCSC to assist with program evaluation, technical assistance, implementation of data gathering, reporting infrastructure that is necessary to achieve the goals of the local evaluation, and provide annual performance assessment reports to the Department of Health and Human Services who has awarded the County with the three-year grant that enhances services to both Drug and Recovery Courts.

Motion by McIntyre/Schafer to Recommend Approval of
a Sub-contract Agreement between McLean County
Court Services and the National Center for State
Courts for Program Evaluation (SAMHSA Grant) –
Court Services.
Motion carried.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary