

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, August 6, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Renner; Members Rackauskas, Owens, Selzer and Butler

Members Absent: Member Harding

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

Department Heads/
Elected Officials

Present: Ms. Joan Naour, Director, Correctional Health Services; Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services; Sheriff Mike Emery

Others Present: Mr. Sharjeel Rizvi, Pre-Trial Service Coordinator, Court Services; Ms. Kimberly Wells, Executive Director, Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence; Ms. Barb Nafziger, Chief Deputy Coroner, Coroner's Office; Rev. Tom Shea, Alternatives to Jail Committee

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

Chairman Renner presented the July 2, 2007 Committee minutes and the June 19, 2007 Stand-up Meeting minutes to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to approve the Minutes of the July 2, 2007 Committee Meeting and the June 19, 2007 Stand-up Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Ms. Joan Naour, Director, Correctional Health Services, presented a request for approval of a contract with Eric Abreu, DDS, for the Provision of Dental Clinician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention facility. She explained that Dr. Krug has provided dental clinician services for the McLean County Adult Detention Facility since 1995. However, in December of 2006, Dr. Krug announced that he did not wish to renew his contract. Ms. Naour stated that Dr. Krug agreed to continue to provide services until another dental clinician could be secured.

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Ms. Naour advised that a search for a new dental clinician started in January 2007. She recommends that the contract with Eric Abreu, DDS, to provide dental clinician services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility be approved.

Ms. Naour stated that Dr. Abreu will provide the same level of services as in the past, which will include on-site dental evaluation and treatment once a week for approximately three to four hours. She recommends that the contract be approved for a one-year time period, and the compensation for the 2007-2008 contract year be paid at the hourly rate of \$132.00, in addition to a monthly retainer of \$100.00. Ms. Naour noted that these figures are the same figures which were negotiated with Dr. Krug in December of 2004.

Mr. Butler asked what is the cost of this service per year. Ms. Naour replied that it is approximately \$16,000.00 per year.

Motion by Selzer/Butler to Recommend Approval of a
Contract with Eric Abreu, DDS, for the Provision of
Dental Clinician Services at the McLean County Adult
Detention Facility.

Motion carried with Ms. Rackauskas abstaining.

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

Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services, presented the Court Services Monthly Reports. Ms. Castleman stated she would be glad to answer any questions on the reports. There were no questions.

Ms. Castleman introduced Mr. Sharjeel Rizvi ("Sarge") who is the new Pre-Trial Service Coordinator. She indicated that Mr. Rizvi began his new position three weeks ago. Ms. Castleman advised that the Pre-Trial Service Coordinator position has been under consideration for several years.

Mr. Rizvi thanked the Committee for the opportunity to be the Pre-Trial Service Coordinator. He stated that he comes from a background where he was in Court Services for ten years, five of which was exclusively in the area of Pre-Trial Services. Mr. Rizvi acknowledged that this is an exciting opportunity and challenge for him.

Ms. Castleman indicated that the Pre-Trial team includes Chief Judge Robb, Judge Drazewski, State's Attorney Bill Yoder, Public Defender Amy Davis, Sheriff Emery, Mr. Rizvi and herself. She stated that the team will be meeting again on

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Wednesday, August 8th. Ms. Castleman noted that Mr. Rizvi has been developing policies and procedures, and steps that need to be taken to phase in the program.

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

Chairman Renner presented a request for approval of a Contract for Special Public Defender with David N. Rumley, Attorney at Law as submitted by Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender.

Mr. Zeunik explained that this is a contract for one of the conflict attorneys. He indicated that one of the attorneys, Mr. Jason Chambers, recently resigned because his private practice became too busy for him to continue in this position. Mr. Zeunik stated that Ms. Davis recruited Mr. Rumley to take over that position. He noted that, other than the change in the name and term of the contract, the balance of the contract is identical to the previous contract.

Mr. Zeunik advised that Mr. Rumley's services would be used on conflict cases. He explained that a contract attorney is needed when there is more than one defendant in a case and the Public Defender cannot represent more than one individual.

Motion by Selzer/Owens to Recommend Approval of a
Contract for Special Public Defender with David N.
Rumley, Attorney at Law.
Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas asked how long did the previous conflict attorney hold this position. Mr. Zeunik replied that Mr. Chambers held the position for less than a year.

Ms. Rackauskas asked how long has the contract attorney program been in existence. Mr. Zeunik responded that the program has been in place for many years. He indicated that the County saves money by having contract attorneys handle conflict cases.

Ms. Rackauskas indicated that her reason for asking about the tenure of the previous attorney was to justify the salary remaining the same for the new attorney. She wanted to be sure that the previous attorney had not been in the position for several years and then have a new attorney start at the same salary.

Chairman Renner presented the Monthly Caseload Report for May 2007 as submitted by Ms. Davis. Chairman Renner asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

Ms. Kimberly Wells, Executive Director, Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence presented a request for approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Proclaiming Tuesday, September 25, 2007 "*It's Time to Talk Day*" and the Month of October 2007 as "*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*" in McLean County.

Ms. Wells reported that October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and local community agencies, employers, community law enforcement agencies and many others will be hosting events promoting awareness that domestic violence is an issue in McLean County. She stated that Thursday, September 25th has been declared "It's Time to Talk Day" throughout the United States. People are urged to talk about this issue in schools, workplaces and homes.

Ms. Wells indicated that this is the fourth year McLean County will participate in "It's Time to Talk Day." She requested that the Board approve this Resolution.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to Recommend Approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board Proclaiming Thursday, September 25, 2007 as "*It's Time to Talk Day*" and the month of October, 2007, as "*Domestic Violence Awareness Month*" in McLean County.

Motion carried.

Chairman Renner presented the report on the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act Program grant and the Monthly Report for the State's Attorneys Office. He asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Mr. Zeunik advised that Ms. Laura Beavers, Case Manager, Children's Advocacy Center, was unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman Renner presented the Monthly Statistical Report for the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) and the CASA Report as submitted by Ms. Beavers.

Sheriff Mike Emery reviewed the McLean County Adult Detention Facility Report for June, 2007. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Sheriff Emery distributed an Activity Report on the designated Eastside Patrol Sub-station Officer in Saybrook. He stated that the Activity Report substantiates the importance of opening this Sub-station and dedicating a full-time Officer to that section of the County. Sheriff Emery stated that this is a large section of the County and citizens in those towns do not have law enforcement agencies of their own. He stated that the response time for County Deputies to get to this area can be extremely long.

Sheriff Emery pointed out that on Tuesday, June 26th, which was the first day the Officer was in place, the Officer responded to a domestic violence incident within six minutes. He stated that, had the Officer not been on duty, the response time would have been 25 minutes. Sheriff Emery highlighted several additional calls, all with response times of zero to nine minutes.

Sheriff Emery advised that the towns benefiting from this Sub-station Officer are Bellflower, Saybrook, Arrowsmith, Ellsworth, Cooksville, Anchor and Cropsey. He noted that Colfax and LeRoy have their own Police Departments.

Mr. Butler asked how many Officers are manning the Sub-station. Sheriff Emery replied that one Officer mans the area on a flexible schedule to meet the needs of the area. He indicated that the Officer generally works 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., but when there are special events, the Officer changes his schedule to accommodate the events. Ms. Rackauskas asked what are the Officer's days off. Sheriff Emery replied that the Officer has Sunday and Monday off, but these can also be flexible.

Mr. Selzer asked if there is still a north and south patrol Deputy that can act as a back-up. Sheriff Emery replied that there are additional patrols covering the County roads.

Ms. Rackauskas commented that the Deputy would also get to know the community members and foster a good rapport with the community. Sheriff Emery stated that this could be considered a response to the County's rural community policing. He indicated that he introduced the Deputy to each one of the Village Boards.

Sheriff Emery advised that Saybrook is hosting the Sub-station. He noted that the County has an Intergovernmental Agreement, with Saybrook providing the office space, a dedicated phone line and the computer technology, and the County provides the Deputy. Sheriff Emery also noted that routine shift deputies can stop at the Sub-station to prepare reports.

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Ms. Rackauskas commented that she enjoys the WJBC radio program that has been featuring Sheriff Emery. The program airs on the last Monday of each month from 12:00-12:30 p.m.

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

Ms. Barb Nafziger, Chief Deputy Coroner, Coroner's Office, distributed the 2006 Coroner's Office Annual Report and presented the June Monthly Report.

Chairman Renner indicated the Committee members can peruse the annual report and if they have questions, the questions can be addressed at the meeting next month. He thanked Ms. Nafziger.

Chairman Renner presented the June 2007 Circuit Clerk's Monthly Report and the 2nd Quarter Statistical Report as submitted by Ms. Sandy Parker, Circuit Clerk. He asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

Chairman Renner presented the July 31, 2007 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a prepaid total of \$2,229,560.02 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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Motion by Owens/Selzer to Recommend Approval of the Justice Committee bills as of July 31, 2007, as transmitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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Mr. Selzer expressed some concern regarding a fee of \$150.00 imposed by McLean County EMS on a number of businesses in town, including the County, for an annual inspection fee of their AED (Automated External Defibrillator). He indicated that, when the AED's were originally placed around the County, there was no charge to the businesses. However, the State requires that the local EMS be responsible for annually inspecting the AED's; therefore, they have imposed this fee.

Mr. Selzer stated that he has received calls from several people regarding the fee. He indicated that he does not believe the statute allows for a fee. Mr. Selzer noted that he has brought it to the attention of the EMS Director, who will investigate the policy in regards to imposing an annual fee and what services are included in the fee.

Chairman Renner asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary