

## Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, January 9, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: None

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. Cindy Brand, Jury Coordinator; Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender; Mr. Bill Yoder, State's Attorney; Ms. Billie Larkin, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services; Sheriff Dave Owens; Chief Deputy Derick Love, Sheriff's Department and Ms. Beth Kimmerling, County Coroner

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

Chairman Renner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Renner presented the December 5, 2005 minutes to the Committee for approval.

Motion by O'Conner/Owens to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2005 Committee Meeting.  
Motion carried.

Ms. Carol Reitan, representative of the Alternatives to Jail Committee, presented concerns regarding the space allocation in the Law and Justice Center. She reminded the Committee that members from the McLean County area, and consultants from other Central Illinois Counties and as far away as Oregon, have been involved with the Alternates to Jail Committee over the last five years. Ms. Reitan noted that the Committee has hosted several public forums with highly recognized individuals.

Ms. Reitan expressed their concern with the renovation of space on the first floor of the Law and Justice Center that is designated as Work Release space, as follows:

- Is the enlarged Work Release space, which will require four new jail personnel, the best expenditure for Justice Dollars?
- There is no concise plan for the Drug Court, including space for Electronic Monitoring installation, mental health assessment, education case management and day reporting.

Ms. Reitan asked the Justice Committee to schedule a joint meeting of the Justice, Property and Finance Committees to see if the current plans have the best interest for the McLean County Justice community.

Mr. Owens asked if Ms. Reitan had presented this to the Property Committee. Ms. Reitan replied that she had not. She indicated that she wanted to first receive the support of the Justice Committee on the reallocation of space for the Drug Court programs as she mentioned above.

Mr. Owens stated that he believes this should be a Property Committee issue and not a Justice Committee issue. Mr. Zeunik agreed that allocation of space is under the purview of the Property Committee.

Ms. Rackauskas indicated that it is her understanding that the Alternatives to Jail Committee is requesting the approval of the Justice Committee before they present their concerns to the Property and Finance Committees. Ms. Reitan concurred that it is her intention to follow through with the other Committees after garnering support from the Justice Committee. She noted that she feels there is some urgency as the renovation contracts will be awarded very soon.

Chairman Renner asked Mr. Zeunik to respond. Mr. Zeunik reported that the architects hope to have the final drawings and bid specifications completed in February and the contract awards will be made sometime in March. He advised that it is still possible to revisit the drawings, noting that it would not be difficult to set aside some space for the programs Ms. Reitan mentioned. Mr. Zeunik stated that Court Services is also involved with Drug Court and their area on the seventh floor has space that could accommodate the programs associated with Drug Court and is also more proximate to the State's Attorneys Office, the Public Defender's Office and the Court.

Mr. Zeunik stated that there are other areas of the building where some of the needs of the Drug Court can be addressed and where, in fact, other offices and departments have allocated space and planned for some of those needs. He noted that there is also some flexibility in the Work Release area.

Chairman Renner advised that the current renovation plans are not so rigid that they cannot be altered to make accommodations for some of the programs associated with Drug Court. Mr. Zeunik reported that the Work Release space is quite large and can be modified to assist with some of the Drug Court programs. He suggested that Ms. Castleman also be given an opportunity to explain what the plans are for Drug Court on the seventh floor. Mr. Zeunik noted that all of the Justice Offices and departments have had programmatic input into what is going into the final drawings with which the architect is working.

Ms. Reitan indicated that part of the problem is that there are no clear proposals on exactly how the Drug Court is going to operate, including the electronic monitoring aspect and whether it will be the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department or the Probation Office.

Ms. Reitan explained that she has spoken with Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman of the Property Committee, to alert her to the facility concerns of the Alternatives to Jail Committee. She reiterated that she felt it was important to begin with the support of the Justice Committee.

Committee members discussed the additional staff positions for the Work Release program. Mr. Zeunik replied that this would be based on the staffing need for the proposed Work Release facility which is driven by the standards established by the Illinois Department of Corrections. He pointed out that the design for the Work Release area, as presented, would require one correctional officer, 24-hour per day and seven days a week, which would require four and a half to five officers.

Ms. Rackauskas asked if it is reasonable to assume the architects can have their plans completed by February, to include the space needs for the Drug Court program. Chairman Renner replied that the space is flexible and can allow for the necessary changes.

Chairman Renner thanked Ms. Reitan for her presentation and concerns.

Chairman Renner presented the November, 2005 Status Reports as submitted by Mr. Bill Gamblin, Director, 911 Administration. He asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Chairman Renner presented the November, 2005 Statistical Reports as submitted by Ms. Sandy Parker, Circuit Clerk. He asked if there were any questions, observations or comments by the Committee. There were none.

Ms. Cindy Brand, Jury Coordinator, presented the Jury Commission Yearly Report. She pointed out that, although there were fewer jurors in 2005, the dollar amounts appear to be higher. Ms. Brand explained that this is because the annual report includes all of 2005, while the 2004 annual report did not include December.

Ms. Brand advised that they will be hosting the murder trial from Clinton in February. She stated that McLean County will provide the use of a courtroom, the jurors and some Jury Commission time. Ms. Brand indicated that Clinton will bring in their own judge, clerk, court reporter and jury bailiff, and will reimburse the County for any expenses incurred.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Brand for her report.

Chairman Renner presented the November, 2005 Monthly Caseload Report as submitted by Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender. He asked if there were any comments, questions or observations by the Committee. There were none.

Mr. Bill Yoder, State's Attorney, presented a request for approval of a Transfer Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance. He explained that this he is transferring money from his Asset Forfeiture Account into the General Fund to help pay down a pre-existing debt.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to Recommend  
Approval of a Transfer Ordinance Amending the  
McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual  
Appropriation and Budget Ordinance.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Yoder presented a request for approval to accept a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to fund a Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program, Grant #602170. He stated that this is the Domestic Violence Grant renewal for the second fiscal year of a three year grant.

Mr. Yoder advised that one prosecutor and a project coordinator are funded through this grant.

Motion by Nuckolls/Owens to Recommend Approval to Accept a Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to fund a Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program, Grant #602170.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Yoder presented his Monthly Caseload Report, noting that the Felony numbers were up 45 cases, Misdemeanors were up 50 cases, Asset Forfeiture cases went up a little bit and DUI's dropped by 80 cases.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions for Mr. Yoder. Hearing none, he thanked him.

Ms. Billie Larkin, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, presented a request for approval of Interagency Agreement #205207 between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and the Children's Advocacy Center for the Implementation of the Child Advocacy Center Services Program. She reported that this is the fourth year of this grant.

Motion by Rackauskas/Nuckolls to Recommend Approval of Interagency Agreement #205206 between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and the Children's Advocacy Center for the Implementation of the Child Advocacy Center Services Program.  
Motion carried.

Ms. Larkin presented a request for approval of an Interagency Agreement #205049 between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and the Children's Advocacy Center for the Implementation of the Child Advocacy Center Services Program. She noted that this grant is in its tenth year and pays for CASA personnel staff.

Motion by Nuckolls/Owens to Recommend Approval of an Interagency Agreement #205049 between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and the Children's Advocacy Center for the Implementation of the Child Advocacy Center Services Program.  
Motion carried.

Ms. Larkin presented the 2005 Year End Report for the Children's Advocacy Center and the CASA Reports. She indicated that they had a good year for the Center and she is pleased with what they accomplished.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Larkin for her report.

Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services, presented a request for approval to accept a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to fund a Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program, Grant #602174. She stated that this is the second year of a three year grant.

Motion by Rackauskas/Nuckolls to Recommend Approval to Accept a Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to fund a Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program, Grant #602174.

Motion carried.

Ms. Castleman presented the Court Services Monthly Caseload Report for November, 2005. She indicated that she will present a year end report for 2005 at next month's meeting.

Ms. Rackauskas asked Ms. Castleman to comment on facilities designated for the Drug Court Program on the seventh floor. Ms. Castleman responded that offices were made available for the Drug Court coordinator and staff. Chairman Renner stated that Ms. Reitan was concerned with available space to accommodate the Drug Court programs and services offered to offenders. Ms. Castleman replied that most of the programs involved with Drug Court will take place with the treatment agencies. She indicated that there will be a two-person treatment team who will have office space for groups and group activities at other facilities such as Chestnut Health System or the Health Department.

Chairman Renner explained that the concern is that, in the renovation process, adequate space is planned for an expanded GED program, job sourcing, electronic monitoring and other programs of the Drug Court. Ms. Castleman replied that most of those services will be provided by community agencies.

Ms. Reitan stated that one of her concerns is that the programs available for the Drug Court clients should also be available for inmates in the jail and should be localized in the Law and Justice Center. Ms. Castleman pointed out that electronic monitoring would need very little space to administer. She also noted that conference rooms and a training room on the seventh floor of the remodeled Law and Justice Center can accommodate group meetings when necessary.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any additional comments or questions. Hearing none, he asked Sheriff Owens to present his report.

Sheriff Dave Owens presented three items for action. The first item is a request for approval of the Clothing Bid with Ray O'Herron Co. for Police Uniforms. He explained that the Sheriff's Office has worked very successfully with Ray O'Herron for many years, and their bid was the only complete bid received.

Motion by Nuckolls/Owens to recommend approval  
to award a Police Uniform Bid to Ray O'Herron Company,  
Danville, IL.  
Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a request for approval of the 2006 Vehicle Bids for the Sheriff's Department and the Juvenile Detention Center. He explained that bids went out to a number of vendors. Sheriff Owens reported that the budget allowed them to purchase seven vehicles for the fleet this year, including marked and unmarked cars for the patrol fleet, a van for investigators and a van for the Juvenile Detention Center in Court Services.

Motion by Rackauskas/O'Connor to recommend  
approval and award of the 2006 Vehicle Bids for the  
Sheriff's Department and the Juvenile Detention  
Center.  
Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a final request for approval to accept a Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to fund a Domestic Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program, Grant #602171. He noted that this is the second year in a three year grant from the Authority, which provides a full-time Deputy to investigate incidents of domestic violence.

Ms. Rackauskas asked if the Deputy has special training. Sheriff Owens responded that the Deputy has special training in Domestic Violence incidents.

Motion by Nuckolls/Rackauskas to Recommend  
Approval to Accept a Grant from the Illinois Criminal  
Justice Information Authority to Fund a Domestic  
Violence Multi-Disciplinary Team Program, Grant  
#602170.  
Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens reviewed the Detention Facility Population Report for December, 2005. He stated that the jail is currently over capacity with 224 in-house inmates. Sheriff Owens indicated that the population was down to 167 in December, which is part of a trend where it is lower in December and higher in January. He reported that he expects the population to even out again.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any further questions for Sheriff Owens. Hearing none, he thanked him.

Ms. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner, presented her Monthly Report for November 2005. She noted that November was busier than it has been. Ms. Kimmerling reported that the numbers have been slightly behind in comparison with 2004.

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

Chairman Renner presented the December 31, 2005 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a pending total and a prepaid total of \$2,073,367.39.



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Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to recommend approval of the Justice Committee bills as of December 31, 2005 as presented to the Committee 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 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse  
Recording Secretary