

## Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, November 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

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:

Sheriff Dave Owens; Ms. Beth Kimmerling, County Coroner; Mr. Ed Books, McLean County Rescue Squad; Mr. Curt Hawk, Director, E.S.D.A.; Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender; Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services; Mr. Dave Goldberg, Director, Juvenile Detention Center

Others Present: Mr. Brian Hug, Assistant State's Attorney; Mr. Derick Love, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Ms. Judy Renner, Assistant State's Attorney; Ms. Betty

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

Chairman Renner presented the October 3, 2005 minutes to the Committee for approval.

Motion by O'Connor/Owens to approve the Minutes of the October 3, 2005 Committee Meeting.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Renner asked Mr. Owens to make an announcement to the Committee. Mr. Owens reported that, through NACo, a colleague in DuPage County, Mr. James Healy, has invited the Committee and members of the Justice Community to visit their Drug Court in DuPage County. Further, Mr. Healy suggested they visit the Drug Court in Kane County, which is near DuPage County. Mr. Owens indicated that a Tuesday or Thursday would be the best days of the week for a visit, perhaps, after the first of the year.

Chairman Renner presented the Statistical Reports for September 2005 as submitted by Ms. Sandy Parker, Circuit Clerk.

Sheriff Dave Owens presented ten items for action. The first two 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 and the Town of Normal for Centralized Booking Services. Sheriff Owens reported that the proposed agreement increases the fee charged by 3%.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to recommend approval of Intergovernmental Agreements between McLean County and the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal for Centralized Booking Services.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a similar request for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between McLean County and Illinois State University for Centralized Booking Services. Mr. Nuckolls reported that he would abstain from voting on this Agreement.

Motion by Owens/O'Connor to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between McLean County and Illinois State University for Centralized Booking Services.

Motion carried, Mr. Nuckolls abstained from voting.

Sheriff Owens presented the next action item, which is a request for approval of a Service Agreement with Paxton's Inc. for typewriter maintenance. Sheriff Owens explained that the Sheriff's Department continues to use typewriters for forms that cannot be completed using computers.

Motion by Rackauskas/Nuckolls to recommend approval of a Service Agreement with Paxton's, Inc. for typewriter maintenance.

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 reported that Ecolab, Inc. is the recommended supplier as they have been the supplier in the past and their chemicals and service have been acceptable.

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Motion by Rackauskas/O'Connor 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 done 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 Owens/O'Connor 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 the next item, namely 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 for the McLean County Jail Education Program. He explained that this is a successful GED program within the jail. Sheriff Owens noted that there were 31 graduates last year.

Motion by O'Connor/Rackauskas 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.

Mr. Nuckolls asked for clarification on the compensation. Sheriff Owens explained that the Jail will pay the Regional Office of Education \$15,400.00 for the year in two equal payments of \$7,700.00.

Ms. Rackauskas requested that a report be made available to the Committee with statistical information on how many inmates finish their GED. Sheriff Owens stated that there were 778 GED sessions attended by inmates. After some discussion on the GED program, Mr. Zeunik stated that he would check with the Regional Office of Education and prepare a report for the December Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens reviewed a request for approval of an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the County of McLean, the McLean County Sheriff and the Bloomington-Normal Airport Authority. He explained that on June 21, 2005, the McLean County Board approved an agreement between these entities. This agreement allowed the McLean County Sheriff's Office to hire a full-time Sheriff's Deputy, eight (8) hours per day, five (5) days per week, to provide general security at the Central Illinois Regional Airport. Paragraph 8 of the Agreement provides that additional full-time Sheriff's Deputies may be added to the security detail at the Airport by mutual agreement of the parties. Sheriff Owens requested that the agreement be amended to allow for two (2) full-time Sheriff's Deputies to provide security at the Airport. He noted that the Airport agrees to reimburse the County an amount equivalent to the salary, benefits and related personnel costs for two full-time Sheriff's Deputies from funds provided to the Airport by the Federal Transportation Security Administration. Sheriff Owens reported that this will be a three-year Agreement.

Motion by Rackauskas/Owens to Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the County of McLean, the McLean County Sheriff and the Bloomington-Normal Airport Authority.  
Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a request for approval of a Bid Award for Surveillance System for the Law and Justice Center to D. M. Mattson, McLean, Illinois, the firm that submitted the lowest qualified bid meeting specifications. He reported that he received an ILEAS Local Law Enforcement Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$47,622.00. The grant funds will be used to purchase an exterior camera surveillance system for the Law and Justice Center. Sheriff Owens stated that the bids came in higher for the Surveillance System. He reviewed his budget and was able to find the funds necessary to make up the difference of \$5,400.00. The Surveillance equipment will be used to monitor the exterior of the Law and Justice Center on the south side of the building, the west parking lot, and other areas that are not readily visible from the building.

Motion by Owens/Rackauskas to recommend Approval of a Bid Award to D. M. Mattson. Inc., McLean, Illinois for an exterior Surveillance System for the Law and Justice Center – Sheriff's Department 0029.  
Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance (for the Live Scan Identification Machine) for the Sheriff's Department 0029.

Sheriff Owens explained that Live Scan is the machine used to collect fingerprint data. The current machine is outdated, and software and maintenance will no longer be available. He indicated that a grant was received from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to purchase a new machine. Sheriff Owens reported that a 25% match was needed to receive the grant. He stated that he was able to find the funds of \$5,670.00 out of the Jail budget to meet the match.

Ms. Rackauskas asked where the funds are found from the budget. Sheriff Owens replied that he reviews the budget to find areas that can be reorganized to accommodate the funds that are needed.

Motion by Nuckolls/Rackauskas to recommend  
Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for  
McLean County Fiscal Year 2005 Combined Annual  
Appropriation and Budget Ordinance (for the Live Scan  
Identification Machine) – Sheriff's Department 0029.  
Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens reported that, effective Tuesday, November 1, the Sheriff's Department went live on the STARCOM21 Radio System. He announced that he is quite pleased with the system. Sheriff Owens stated that Mr. Mike Sweeney talked directly to the Chairman of St. Clair County on a portable radio from Hansen Student Center at Illinois Wesleyan. He indicated that the County complied with the terms of the Interoperability Grant Agreement between St. Clair County and McLean County to receive a grant of \$2.2 million to purchase the equipment. Sheriff Owens pronounced that his staff is very happy with the system.

Sheriff Owens stated that next month, Mr. Lindberg will bring an Agreement between Motorola and the County to the Committee for consideration. Once the Agreement is approved by the Board, the current E. F. Johnson Radio System will be eliminated.

Chairman Renner thanked Sheriff Owens, the Administrator's Office and the Ad-Hoc Committee, chaired by Board member Matt Sorensen, for all of the efforts taken to obtain the STARCOM21 Radio System.

Sheriff Owens reported that the local match provided by E.T.S.B. of approximately \$700,000.00 will provide the new consoles that will go into MetCom and Bloomington Police Department. Once those are in place, the Town of Normal will move to the STARCOM21 System. He stated that the rural departments are now on STARCOM21 and the feedback from them is excellent.

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

Ms. Beth Kimmerling, County Coroner, presented her Monthly Report for September 2005. She noted that the report is similar to the report for the last few months. Ms. Kimmerling indicated that, during the slow time, she is conducting tours of the office, performing public service and speaking at functions.

Ms. Kimmerling reported that she is working on a project to obtain pictures of all the former McLean County Coroners, dating back to 1836, and display them in their Conference Room. She stated that she has obtained photographs of Coroners from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century from the McLean County Museum of History. Ms. Kimmerling asked that if anyone had contacts or knows of any photographs, please let her know.

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

Mr. Ed Books, Acting Chief, McLean County Rescue Squad reviewed the Rescue Squad calls, noting that the Rescue Squad assisted with the major fire in Gridley last Wednesday and again on Thursday to assist with lighting during the fire investigation.

Mr. Books announced that, since the Rescue Squad was formed in 1968, it has made over 1,000 runs, helped scores of people and saved many lives. He thanked the Committee and the Board for their support. Mr. Books acknowledged that he will do whatever he can to make the transition of merging the Rescue Squad into ESDA a success.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Books.

Mr. Curt Hawk, Director, E.S.D.A., reported on the damage resulting from the storm on Saturday night. He noted that about 20 power poles were down across the County, ranging from Stanford to Colfax. Mr. Hawk stated that Olympia High School suffered damage to the roof of the gymnasium and pool area. He indicated that the damage to the school is minimal in the area where the students have classes. Mr. Hawk announced that three homes were damaged by trees and wind, and eight private businesses were damaged. He estimated damages in the County to be approximately \$250,000.00.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Hawk for his report and asked Ms. Davis for her report.

Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender reported that Ms. Kelly Stacey's traded in her contract in order to be hired on staff full-time. She explained that another staff member moved to another state and resigned. Ms. Stacey will replace that staff member. Ms. Davis stated that they are currently looking for replacements for the position Ms. Stacey vacated. She indicated that the contract position will be divided into two positions and there are several people interested.

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

Mr. Brian Hug, Assistant State's Attorney, presented a request for approval of a Resolution approving McLean County's continued participation with the State of Illinois Appellate Prosecutor's Office. He stated that this is an Agreement that has been in place for many years and is the same amount of money as in the past. Mr. Hug explained that the Appellate Prosecutor's Office handles the criminal appeals for McLean County.

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

Mr. Hug reported that the State's Attorneys Office is authorized by a new statute to contract for and charge to defendants the cost of collections for Court fines and fees. He noted that MAXIMUS, Inc. has been selected as the collection agency for the new Collection Program. The cost of the collection program will be charged directly to the defendants along with their court costs.

Mr. Hug reviewed the Juvenile Division Narrative and Statistics about the Juvenile Division. He stated that the Juvenile Division of the State's Attorney's Office is responsible for both the civil prosecution of parents who have abused and/or neglected their children, and also the criminal prosecution of juveniles who commit delinquent acts. Mr. Hug introduced Ms. Judy Renner who will answer any questions.

Chairman Renner noted that this report was one Ms. Rackauskas had requested last month.

Ms. Renner noted that the case filings in both the Abuse/Neglect Court and Delinquency Court are down a bit at this time. She stated the numbers should be very similar as last year.

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

Chairman Renner presented the Children's Advocacy Center Monthly Statistical Report as submitted by Ms. Billie Larkin, Director.

Mr. Dave Goldberg, Director, Juvenile Detention Center presented three items for action, which can be acted upon together. They are requests for approval of a Contract with Livingston County, Woodford County and Logan County for Lease of Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. He stated that these are renewals of existing contracts. Mr. Goldberg advised that the wording on the contracts has been changed a little bit to avoid the necessity to come before the Committee every month. He announced that last year \$68,000.00 was received from these counties and this year to-date \$104,000.00 has been received, with two more months to go.

Motion by Nuckolls/Owens to recommend Approval of  
a Contract with Livingston County, Woodford County  
and Logan County for Lease of Space in the McLean  
County Juvenile Detention Center.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Goldberg reviewed the Court Services Adult/Juvenile Division Statistics for September 2005. He pointed out the high number of out of County youth.

Chairman Renner reminded the Committee that, following the meeting, there is a Community Forum on Plans for Drug Court sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the Alternatives to Jail Committee and the Circuit Court of McLean County.



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Chairman Renner presented the October 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 \$2,677,528.86. .

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Motion by O'Connor/Owens to recommend approval of the Justice Committee bills as of October 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 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse  
Recording Secretary