

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday December 7, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: None

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. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner; Ms. Joan Naour, Director, Correctional health Services; Sheriff Mike Emery; Mr. Bill Yoder, State's Attorney; Mr. Will Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator - Eleventh Circuit Court; Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center; Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; Ms. Kim Campbell, Public Defender

Others Present: Mr. Rusty Thomas, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Jane Foster, First Assistant State's Attorney

Chairman Rackauskas called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the minutes from the Tuesday, October 19, 2010 Stand-up Committee meeting.

Motion by McIntyre/Wollrab to Approve the Minutes of the October 19, 2010 Stand-up Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Rackauskas introduced the two new Committee members, Mr. Ed McKibbin and Ms. Susan Schafer. She also announced that there will be a New Member Orientation Meeting in January.

Ms. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner, presented a request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2011 Coroner's Office Vehicle Purchase. She explained that two McLean County Coroner's Office replacement vehicles were included in the FY'2011 squad bid process performed by the McLean County Sheriff's Department and approved in the Coroner's Office FY'2011 budget. The bids were for full-sized, rear wheel drive vehicles meeting certain specifications for investigative duties performed by the Coroner's Office. Ms. Kimmerling noted that two Chevrolet Impalas will be included in trade as part of the purchase price for the two replacement vehicles.

Ms. Kimmerling asked that the Coroner's Office be allowed to purchase two Ford Crown Victoria squad cars from Geiser Ford in Roanoke, Illinois. Geiser Ford had the lowest overall pricing and trade-in value.

Ms. Kimmerling advised that funds are available in the FY'2011 County Board Fleet Budget.

Ms. Wollrab asked what the mileage is on the vehicles that were traded in. Ms. Kimmerling replied that they were nine years and six years old with greater than 80,000 miles and 75,000 miles respectively. She noted that she has spent more in repairs on these vehicles than they are worth.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of
the Fiscal Year 2011 Coroner's Office Vehicle
Purchase.

Motion carried.

Ms. Kimmerling provided an in-depth review of the Coroner's Monthly Report for the benefit of the new Committee Members. She advised that she plans to reformat the report for 2011. Ms. Kimmerling noted that the top section of the report compares year-to-date deaths for October as well as a cumulative year to date total. Ms. Kimmerling pointed out that there were 814 deaths at the end of October as compared to 765 in 2009. If this pace continues, the total deaths in 2010 may reach 1,000, which has never been done in the past.

Ms. Kimmerling replied that there is a category on the report for "Autopsies," in McLean County as well as "Out of County" autopsies. She indicated that of the 814 deaths, 78 received an autopsy. On average, there are between 10-12 McLean County autopsies per month. Ms. Kimmerling stated that the Coroner's Office also provides autopsies for Champaign, Vermillion, DeWitt, Woodford, Livingston, and LaSalle counties, with the two biggest users of the facility being Champaign and Vermillion.

Ms. Kimmerling explained that deaths are categorized as either homicide, accident, suicide, natural or undetermined. There are only two ways in which to determine these deaths, namely conduct an autopsy or make a Coroner's ruling. The trend of late is fewer inquests and more Coroner rulings.

Ms. Kimmerling indicated that State Statute dictates what fees she can collect for records. She noted that she is fiscally conservative when she makes revenue projections to avoid predicting more revenue than can be brought in.

Ms. Kimmerling reviewed the revenues for *Copy Fees*, *Morgue Fee*, *Reimbursement for Services* and *Paid to Facilities Management* categories.

Ms. Kimmerling noted that the section "Death Investigations that include Autopsy and Follow-up" are deaths that occurred in October where autopsies took place and are still being investigated. The "Open Death Investigations" on the report are the death investigations that are still open from prior months that are being investigated by the Coroner's staff.

Ms. Kimmerling invited the Committee members to call if they have any questions. Further, she offered to give the Members a tour of the Coroner's Office.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Kimmerling.

Ms. Joan Naour, Director, Correctional Health Services presented a request for approval of a contract with Real Change Clinical Services (RCCS) for the provision of mental health services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility for contract year 2011.

Ms. Naour indicated that Chris Cashen, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, and Mark Benson, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, provide up to 18 hours per week of counseling services for the inmate population, as well as crisis intervention for staff. She stated that Raju Paturi, MD, a licensed psychiatrist, has provided psychiatric services during two hour weekly sessions.

Ms. Naour reported that as of October 2010, the counselors have seen a total of 1,004 inmate encounters. The psychiatrist has had 372 encounters and consultations with inmates. Ms. Naour noted that the numbers are down a little bit from 2009, but this is a new service. She indicated that the psychiatrist predicted that if he can spend more time with some of the inmates, he can reduce the amount of medications they need, which is working well.

Ms. Naour advised that the total amount of this contract is \$75,920, with no increase for 2011.

Mr. McIntyre asked if the psychiatrist actually meets with 1,004 inmates. Ms. Naour explained that these are 1,004 encounters, which means there could be several visits with one inmate. Mr. Lindberg added that there are roughly 9,000 inmates in and out of the Jail in the course of a Jail year. The psychiatrist sees about 11%-12% of the Jail population. Ms. Naour noted that the average number of inmates treated by the psychiatrist is 281 inmates.

Motion by Wollrab/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of
a Contract with Real Change Clinical Services (RCCS)
for the Provision of Mental Health Services at the
McLean County Adult Detention Facility.
Motion carried.

Ms. Naour presented a request for approval of the renewal of an Agreement with Merle Pharmacy No. 1, Inc. for the provision of Pharmaceutical Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility. She indicated that this Agreement has been in effect since 2002. This Agreement covers the cost of prescription and over-the-counter medications. Ms. Naour stated that she has been able to reduce pharmaceutical expenses by about 23% in 2009 and is on track to reduce it again in 2010 by another 7.2%. She added that the psychiatrist is ordering more generic medications rather than brand names.

Ms. Naour advised that William Martin, RPh, under the auspices of Merle Pharmacy No. 1, Inc., has provided pharmaceutical services for the McLean County Adult Detention Facility since January of 2002. The current agreement for the provision of pharmaceutical services expires December 31, 2010. Ms. Naour recommends the renewal of the Agreement with Merle Pharmacy No. 1, Inc. for an additional two year period of time.

Ms. Naour indicated that, effective in January of 2011, Mr. Martin has agreed to increase the discount for generic medications from Average Wholesale Price. This additional increase in the discounts for medications should result in additional savings in 2011. Ms. Naour stated that in 2009, they were able to reduce the cost for pharmaceuticals by 23%. In addition, based on annualized figures for 2010, pharmaceutical costs will be reduced even further by an additional 19%.

Ms. Naour announced that 4,508 prescriptions were filled by Merle Pharmacy through October 2010.

Ms. Naour stated that during the past eight years, she has been favorably impressed with the ability of Mr. Martin and the staff at Merle Pharmacy No. 1, Inc. to provide for the pharmaceutical needs of the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.

Mr. Rankin asked if this Agreement is bid out. Ms. Naour replied that the last time it was bid out was when Merle Pharmacy was selected in 2002. Mr. Lindberg stated that other options have been considered, but Merle Pharmacy can respond to the County's needs 24/7 and also has the drugs set up for institutional dosing. Ms. Naour added that when it was bid out in 2002, very few bids were received. She noted that a mail order pharmacy was considered, but did not offer the same value as Merle Pharmacy. Ms. Naour pointed out that medications can be returned for credit to Merle Pharmacy, if necessary, which could not be done with a mail order pharmacy.

Motion by Rankin/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of
the Renewal of an Agreement with Merle Pharmacy
No. 1, Inc. for the Provision of Pharmaceutical Services
at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.
Motion carried.

Ms. Naour presented a request for approval of the annual compensation to OSF HealthCare System, Kenneth Inoue, M.D., and Blair Valentine, M.D. for physician services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility. She indicated that the current contract for Physician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility is in effect through December 31, 2010. Ms. Naour recommended that this contract be renewed for an additional two year period of time with the rate of compensation to be negotiated on an annual basis.

Ms. Naour indicated that the proposed compensation rate for the 2011 contract year is the same rate as the 2009 and 2010 levels of \$54,184. This rate was negotiated with representatives from OSF HealthCare System, and is within the parameter of the approved Fiscal Year 2011 budget for the McLean County Adult Detention Facility Physician.

Ms. Naour indicated that Dr. Inoue and Dr. Valentine continue to provide on-site medical services to the inmate population three days each week on alternating weeks, and OSF HealthCare System provides on-call coverage through Dr. Inoue, Dr. Valentine and other physicians in the OSF Medical Group.

Motion by McIntyre/Schafer to Recommend Approval of the Annual Compensation to OSF HealthCare System, Kenneth Inoue, M.D., and Blair Valentine, M.D. for Physician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.
Motion carried.

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

Sheriff Mike Emery submitted requests for approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McLean and the Town of Normal for Centralized Booking; between the County of McLean and the City of Bloomington for Centralized Booking and between the County of McLean and the Illinois State University for Centralized Booking. He noted that these can be considered together. Sheriff Emery explained that any arrests made by these entities go directly to the County Jail where the booking is done.

Sheriff Emery stated that there is a 3% increase on each of the Agreements. He added that Illinois State University's Agreement is less than Bloomington and Normal due to the smaller volume of arrests.

Motion by McKibbin/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McLean and the Town of Normal for Centralized Booking; between the County of McLean and the City of Bloomington for Centralized Booking; and between the County of McLean and the Illinois State University for Centralized Booking.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery submitted a request for approval of a contract between the McLean County Board, the McLean County Sheriff and Heartland Community College to provide GED Preparation Courses at the McLean County Detention Facility. He explained that, in 2009, the Sheriff's Department switched from the Regional Office of Education at a cost \$16,000 a year to Heartland College at a cost of \$9,000 a year. Sheriff Emery added that another benefit to changing to Heartland College is that it affords inmates the opportunity to continue their education at Heartland College.

Ms. Schafer asked if there is ever a waiting list for inmates to take the GED program. Sheriff Emery replied that there is not a waiting list.

Sheriff Emery asked that the Committee recommend approval of this Contract.

Motion by Rankin/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of a Contract between the McLean County Board, the McLean County Sheriff and Heartland Community College to Provide GED Preparation Courses at the McLean County Detention Facility.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery presented a request for approval of a Contract between the McLean County Sheriff, the County of McLean, and Stuart Shaver, Life Skill Instructor. He advised that this is a new contract for 2011. Sheriff Emery noted that the program started in 2007, but did not meet the requirements or the demands and was discontinued at the end of the 2008 contract.

Sheriff Emery indicated that the program was restructured with Mr. Shaver who is providing the classes. He noted that Mr. Shaver is a retired District 10 Captain for the Illinois State Police and has a degree in Social Services. The class will provide the following skills:

- Keyboarding;
- How to write checks and balance an account;
- How to fill out an application for employment;
- How to do an interview;
- How to write a resume.

Sheriff Emery stated that the inmates have had a positive reaction to the class. He noted that one of the requirements to getting into the class is the completion of the GED program.

Sheriff Emery advised that this program is not a General Fund expenditure. The cost is paid out of the Inmate Commissary Funds, which are funds that are received from items purchased by the inmates in the Jail Commissary. The fee for Mr. Shaver for the two-hour session is \$30.00 per hour, which is the same amount as the Contract fee in 2008. Sheriff Emery added that it is a six-week program.

Ms. Wollrab asked who sets the curriculum for this program. Sheriff Emery replied that Mr. Shaver worked on the curriculum along with the Program Manager in the Jail. It is based on information from the previous program, which was an established program. Sheriff Emery noted that the program offers more information and more opportunities than the previous program. Ms. Wollrab asked if the program is set by State Statutes. Sheriff Emery replied that it is not set by the State.

Mr. Rankin asked if there are statistics that show how many people are utilizing the program. Sheriff Emery responded that the first six-week class is now in session and there are eight inmates that qualified for the program.

Mr. McIntyre asked if there are statistics that show what the average stay is for an inmate in the County Jail. Sheriff Emery replied that the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is working on compiling data for lots of Jail statistics. Mr. Lindberg responded that there are about 9,000 people in and out of Jail in a year at 76,000 to 78,000 bed days, so you could estimate that the average stay is approximately eight day. He added that some people bond out immediately and some stay for as long as 500 days. Mr. Lindberg noted that it is difficult to determine an average stay.

Mr. McIntyre stated that he was trying to figure out how many inmates can take advantage of a six-week class. Sheriff Emery responded that they try to select inmates that are sentenced to at least six weeks so that they can finish the program.

Sheriff Emery advised that the last spreadsheet he saw indicated that the average length of stay in the Jail was 11.5 days, but it varies. He noted that one individual was in custody for three years on a homicide trial.

Mr. McKibbin expressed his appreciation of these types of programs that give inmates opportunities to lead a productive life.

Motion by Rankin/Schafer to Recommend Approval of
a Contract between the McLean County Sheriff, the
County of McLean, and Mr. Stuart Shaver, Life Skill
Instructor.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery presented a request approval of the 2011 Maintenance Agreement between the County of McLean and L-1 Identity Solutions for the McLean County Detention Facility Live-Scan Fingerprint Technology. He indicated that this agreement is to provide maintenance on the Identix machine in the Jail which does the electronic finger-printing and digitally transmits the fingerprints to the State Police. Sheriff Emery stated that this Maintenance Agreement has been in place since 1994 and was originally purchased through grant funds from the State of Illinois. He noted that the expense in 2011 is the same as in 2010.

Mr. Rankin asked how the technology is holding up over the years. Sheriff Emery replied that the equipment gets updated. He added that the technology is still very viable.

Motion by Schafer/Rankin to Recommend Approval of the 2011 Maintenance Agreement with Identix for the Live-Scan Fingerprinting System in the McLean County Detention Facility.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery presented a request for approval of a contract with Mr. Anthony Watson for inmate Chaplain Services. He indicated that Rev. Watson has been on contract with the Jail since 2007. Sheriff Emery stated that there is no change in his contract for 2011, which remains \$12,049.

Sheriff Emery advised that Rev. Watson's service benefits not only the Jail inmates, but the staff. He noted that Rev. Watson has volunteered his time and services to provide counseling to Officers or Deputies involved in critical incidents. Sheriff Emery added that Rev. Watson also supervises 73 volunteers within the Jail for different religious program and manages all Chaplain Services.

Motion by Rankin/McKibbin to Recommend Approval of a Contract with Mr. Anthony Watson for Inmate Chaplain Services.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery presented a request for approval of the 2011 ATM Machine Agreement by and between the County of McLean and Bloomington Municipal Credit Union. He reminded the Committee that this was approved in July 2009 and was the first ATM machine installed in the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Emery indicated that the ATM machine is a benefit for individuals who need to be bonded out of Jail.

Mr. Lindberg advised that there are three ATM machines in the County, namely one in the Jail booking area, one in the Circuit Clerk's area and one on the first floor lobby area of the Government Center Building.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of an ATM Machine Agreement by and between the County of McLean and the Bloomington Municipal Credit Union.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2010 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance. He stated that he brought information to the Committee in July 2010 to accept a Jag Grant (Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant) through the Department of Justice. Sheriff Emery indicated that the Bloomington Police Department and the County of McLean were eligible to receive over \$57,000 to split equally. The County's portion of the grant was \$28,654. Sheriff Emery reported that the County plans to expend those funds on equipment and programs for the Jail and equipment for the Patrol Division.

Sheriff Emery stated that the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bloomington and McLean County is included in the packet and meets the mandatory requirements for the Department of Justice. The City of Bloomington has agreed to be the Grant Manager of this grant. Sheriff Emery asked for approval of this Emergency Appropriation so that the money can be deposited into a revenue account, which will then disperse those funds into expenditure accounts to purchase the equipment.

Ms. Schafer asked if this grant can be applied for again. Sheriff Emery responded that there is no application for this grant. Rather, the Department of Justice notifies the Sheriff's Department that the County has been designated as a disparate county. He explained that a lot of what the Bloomington Police do in their arrests adversely affects the Sheriff's Department operation, so this grant like a reimbursement from the Department of Justice to McLean County for handling another entity's work load.

Motion by Wollrab/McKibbin to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2010 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery reviewed the McLean County Detention Facility Population Report for October 2010. He reported that currently there are no inmates being housed out-of-County. Sheriff Emery explained to the new Committee Members that in June 2009, the McLean County Board approved the formation of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) which brought the leadership of each of the Justice departments together to work on issues associated with the over-population in the Jail and the entire justice system as a whole.

Sheriff Emery offered to meet with the new members to go over the goals and accomplishments of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. He indicated that it has been very effective in reducing the population in the Jail. Sheriff Emery stated that in 2008, \$724,000 was spent on out-of-County prisoner housing. In 2009, \$63,000 was spent on out-of-County prisoner housing, and so far in 2010, \$45,000 has been spent on out-of-County housing. Sheriff Emery noted that we are now seeing the benefits of everyone in the Criminal Justice system working towards improving the system. He added that this is a continuing process that is reviewed monthly with the Executive CJCC. Sheriff Emery reported that there were 194 inmates in the Jail today out of a total bed capacity of 224.

Chairman Rackauskas commented that this improvement in jail population is an effort on the part of all of the departments within the Justice system working together.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Sheriff Emery.

Mr. Bill Yoder, State's Attorney, welcomed Ms. Schafer and Mr. McKibbin to the Justice Committee. He invited the new members of the Committee as well as the other members of the Committee to tour the State's Attorney's Office and to meet with him and his staff.

Mr. Yoder indicated that Ms. Jane Foster, First Assistant State's Attorney, just left to meet with an attorney on a murder trial. He noted that he will introduce Ms. Foster at a later date.

Mr. Yoder presented his Monthly Caseload Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report. He indicated that he pays most attention to the cases on the top table, namely the Felony, DUI and Traffic cases. Mr. Yoder stated that he expects there will be 1,260 felony files this year. Of those, approximately 400+ will be felony drug cases, which have increased over the last eight years.

Mr. Yoder reported that the Asset Forfeiture Fund is a fund that grows over the years as assets are seized from drug dealers.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Yoder.

Mr. Will Scanlon, Court Administrator, Circuit Court, presented a request for approval of the Contract for Consulting Services for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. He explained that he is here on behalf of Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb who is in Washington, D.C. attending a conference at the Department of Justice regarding some of the Specialty Courts the County operates. Mr. Scanlon indicated that he also represents the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council which involves the State's Attorney, Public Defender, the McLean County Jail, the Sheriff's Department, the Juvenile Detention Center, Circuit Clerk and a variety of police agencies and social service agencies that are dedicated to the efficient operation of the Justice system.

Mr. Scanlon noted that Sheriff Emery provided a good overview of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. He invited Committee members to attend the next meeting of the CJCC which is Thursday, January 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the County Board Room 400. The CJCC meets quarterly on the first Thursday of the month of each quarter.

Mr. Scanlon noted that he will be available during the New Member Orientation meeting on January 18th to provide more information about CJCC. He also invited the new Board members to visit a courtroom in action or behind the scenes.

Mr. Scanlon that this request for approval of the Contract for Consulting Services for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is with Stevenson Center at Illinois State University that provides the statistical analysis for the CJCC. He advised that the statistical analysis will include the following information:

- How does a defendant's previous criminal history affect their bond amounts?
- Are we consistent in setting bond among categories and levels between judges?

Mr. Scanlon stated that the Circuit Court is working simultaneously with the State's Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office in trying to reduce the processing time for those people in custody.

Mr. Lindberg advised that when the CJCC was instituted, there was an agreement to try to work without seeking funding. He noted that there was a small amount of Federal funds in the Sheriff's budget which have been used to fund this contract with the Stevenson Center at \$2,250 per month. Mr. Lindberg cautioned that we may or may not get a renewal of those funds to carry this project through calendar year 2011. He explained that the request is being brought to the Committee today with available funds. He added that when this source of money is no longer available, this Contract request will be returned to the Committee and to the County Board to find a way to continue its funding. Mr. Lindberg asserted that the program is working and will, ultimately, save the County tens of thousands of dollars.

Chairman Rackauskas referred to the Sheriff's report that in 2008, the County spent \$724,000 in 2008 for out-of-County prisoner housing, as compared to \$45,000 in 2010. She pointed out that the cost of the CJCC program does not compare to the cost of housing inmates out-of-County.

Mr. McIntyre commented that the program has not only been effective, but the cooperative effort of the Justice Department Heads to make this program work has been very positive. Mr. Rankin added that the benefits are becoming tangible to the County because more information is available to make a more effective system. He noted that this is one of the best things that the County has done since he has been on the Board.

Motion by Wollrab/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of
the Contract for Consulting Services for the Criminal
Justice Coordinating Council.
Motion carried with Mr. Rankin abstaining.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Scanlon.

Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Facility presented a request for approval of a Contract with Cathy Vogel for counseling services with the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. Ms. Waltz advised that Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services is in Washington, D.C. with Judge Robb.

Ms. Waltz advised that this contract is identical to last year's contract for services. The total services provided will not exceed \$28,902. Ms. Waltz indicated that Ms. Vogel has provided counseling services at the JDC for ten years, and she has agreed not to raise her rates for 2011.

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Mr. Lindberg commented that it is not that the County wants to stay with the same vendor forever, but the services have been excellent with the current counselors and physicians. In addition, when these positions are put out for bid, there are very few vendors interested.

Ms. Waltz stated that Ms. Vogel provided excellent services the past year in the form of crisis intervention and clinical consultation.

Motion by Rankin/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of
a Contract with Cathy Vogel for Counseling Services
with the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center.
Motion carried.

Ms. Waltz presented a request for approval of an Amendment to the Contract for McLean County Juvenile Detention Center Physician for FY'2011. She pointed out that there is an error on the second page of the contract which can be found on page 71 of the packet. The amount per year should be amended to say \$13,809 and not \$14,085.

Ms. Waltz indicated that this contract is a three (3) year contract, with 2011 being the second year of the contract. The 2011 contract amendment reflects the same rate as the 2010 contract (\$13,809). Ms. Waltz stated that the decision to keep the same rate was an agreement with OSF that they would not increase our contract or the contract with the Adult Detention Center. Both facilities utilize the same physician.

Ms. Waltz noted that OSF Healthcare Systems provided excellent services the past year in the form of medical services.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of
an Amendment to the Contract for McLean County
Juvenile Detention Center Physician for FY'2011 as
amended.
Motion carried.

Mr. Lindberg informed the new members that Ms. Waltz supervises the only Juvenile Detention Center in the country that is recognized by both national accreditation agencies.

Ms. Waltz invited Committee members to take a tour of the Juvenile Detention Center. Chairman Rackauskas encouraged the new Justice Committee members to visit the various Justice Departments.

Ms. Waltz reviewed the Court Services Adult/Juvenile Division Statistics for October 2010, as well as the Juvenile Detention Center statistics. She stated that if there are any questions on the Adult Division statistics, Ms. McCormick can be contacted by phone or e-mail. Ms. Waltz reviewed the Juvenile Division Statistics, noting that the JDC houses juveniles in McLean County as well as out-of-County juveniles from Livingston, Logan, Ford and Woodford counties.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Waltz.

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk, reviewed his October 2010 Statistical Reports. He noted that there was nothing significant in the reports.

Mr. Lindberg advised that the reports from Mr. Everhart are in a form that is dictated by the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts. This makes it possible to compare McLean County with other counties.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Everhart.

Ms. Kim Campbell, Public Defender, presented six requests for approval of contract renewals with Special Public Defenders, which can be acted upon together. She indicated that the contracts are with Mr. John W. Wright, Jr., Mr. Jeff Brown, Mr. David Rumley, Mr. Alan Novick, Mr. Keith Davis and Mr. John J. Bussan.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of a Contract between John Wright, Jr., Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; to Recommend Approval of a Contract between Jeff Brown, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; to Recommend Approval of a Contract between David Rumley, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; to Recommend Approval of a Contract between Alan Novick Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; to Recommend Approval of a Contract between Keith Davis Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; and to Recommend Approval of a Contract between John J. Bussan, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office.

Motion carried.

Ms. Campbell advised that there was nothing unusual to point out on the Monthly Caseload Report.

Mr. Lindberg pointed out that the Public Defender's Monthly Caseload report shows that DUI and Traffic Cases are trending down and Juvenile Cases are up significantly. The overall caseload is down slightly.

Ms. Campbell mentioned that she also carries a full caseload, which she will include in future reports.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Campbell.

Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, informed the new Justice Committee members that the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is where children are brought when there have been allegations of sexual abuse or serious physical abuse. She indicated that those cases go directly to the CAC from DCFS or law enforcement. Ms. Brucker advised that the CAC has a very small staff that serves a lot of children. She noted that at the end of last year, 196 forensic interviews were conducted. As of the end of November 2010, 215 forensic interviews have been conducted.

Ms. Brucker indicated that the CAC has a Family Child Advocate who works with the non-offending family members and the child victim to provide services that they may need. The Advocate follows the case through the court system and is the liaison between the Prosecutor who is housed at the Center who is handling the case and the multi-disciplinary team that is working on the case through investigation and prosecution.

Ms. Brucker advised that there is a Contract Therapist who works with these child victims and non-offending caregivers. The Therapist works half time at CAC at an extremely reduced rate because she believes in what is being done at the Center.

Ms. Brucker invited the Committee to visit the Center. She noted that the McLean County CAC is nationally accredited and unique in that the majority of its multi-disciplinary team members are housed at the Center. When an interview comes in the Forensic Interviewer who conducts the interview is there as well as the Family Child Advocate, the Prosecutor, the Therapist, Law Enforcement, and DCFS observing the interview. Ms. Brucker added that this group then meets on a weekly basis to discuss all cases until case closure, which may take years.

Ms. Brucker stated that the Children's Advocacy Center does not draw from the General Fund. A quarter of the funding for CAC comes from a tax referendum that was passed in 1994 in this jurisdiction. Ms. Brucker noted that the majority of funding comes from grants, court fees that are assessed and fundraising efforts allowed by an unfunded mandate in 1989 when the existence of Children Advocacy Centers were recognized.

Ms. Brucker announced that the CAC is housed in the fifth floor of the Health Department. It is a locked facility due to the nature of the work done at the CAC.

Ms. Brucker reviewed the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Program. She stated that there are two CASA Case Managers and one Program Director. The CASA Case Managers coordinate all of the community volunteers who have gone through a 40-hour training program and who maintain a monthly educational in-service program before they can be appointed by the court to advocate for children. These children may or may not have been seen through the CAC side, but are children in foster care due to abuse they suffered by their parents or caregivers. Ms. Brucker advised that the CASA community volunteers are appointed by the court to represent specific children in foster care. She noted that the program began in 1995 and, since that time, over 450 community volunteers have been trained to be CASA's. There are currently 94 CASA volunteers that are considered active.

Ms. Brucker indicated that the CASA Report shows that, as of the end of October, 109 children in foster care were receiving CASA services by 55 active CASA volunteers. She added that those 55 CASA volunteers advocated for 650 hours during the month of October for those children. Ms. Brucker calculated that 134 different children receiving over 4,600 hours of advocacy by the CASA's, which is comparable to more than two full-time employees.

Ms. Brucker advised that CASA is in compliance with the National CASA Standards. The CASA Program does not receive any specific funding from the county in terms of the tax referendum, which is CAC money. Ms. Brucker noted that CASA Program is run on money received from grants and fundraising.

Chairman Rackauskas announced that the big CAC fundraiser is on March 5th. Ms. Brucker indicated that this is the 14th year for the Tip a VIP fundraiser. Chairman Rackauskas indicated that this year the event will be held at the new Marriott Hotel in uptown Normal. She noted that she will be one of the waiters. Chairman Rackauskas encouraged Committee members to purchase tickets for this event.

Chairman Rackauskas also encouraged Committee members to attend the CASA volunteer graduation ceremony, as well as Drug Court graduation. She noted that members will receive invitations to these events.

Ms. Brucker stated that they just had the opportunity to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Child Protection Network, which is CASA's not-for-profit Board. She indicated that it was very interesting to see people who had been part of the original founding group come together with people who have been long-time CASA's. Ms. Brucker advised that the people in this community are committed to doing the right thing for children who have been abused or neglected.

Ms. Brucker announced that April is Child Abuse Awareness month. She indicated that there will be "blue kid" signs around town which is the year round visual representation of children who have been abused and neglected.

Ms. Brucker also announced that the "Champions for Children" walk will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011 where volunteers will walk five miles. She noted that all the Children's Advocacy Centers will do across the state on the same day in order to raise awareness for abuse victims. This year, there will be six states holding a "Champions for Children" walk across the country on the same day.

Chairman Rackauskas asked that Ms. Brucker bring signs to be distributed to County Board members.

Mr. McKibbin expressed his appreciation of the work done by CAC and CASA. He acknowledged the importance of the fundraising efforts.

Ms. Brucker advised that currently CASA is only able to advocate for about one-quarter of the children in foster care based on the funding issues.

Ms. Brucker invited members to tour the facility. She also volunteered to host a Justice Committee meeting at the CAC.

Ms. Brucker stated that the CAC operates two satellite centers in Livingston and DeWitt counties. Funding is received from those counties to offset their expenses. She indicated that Sheriff Emery recently provided CASA with a confiscated vehicle for their travel needs.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Brucker.

Chairman Rackauskas reminded the Committee of the following dates:

- January 6, 2010, 1:00 p.m. is the CJCC Meeting;
- January 18, 2011 is the New Member Orientation Meeting;
- March 5, 2011 is the CAC Fundraiser;

Chairman Rackauskas noted that she will be gone the month of January on an extended vacation.

Mr. Lindberg informed the Committee that the December agenda is an atypical agenda, due to a lot of year-end contracts and action items. Chairman Rackauskas added that Department Heads also provided more information for the new members.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the November 30, 2010 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$1,620,257.43 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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Motion by Wollrab/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of
the Justice Committee Bills as of November 30, 2010,
as transmitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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Chairman Rackauskas asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend that the
Justice Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:15 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary