

Special Meeting of the Justice Committee Meeting

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. to tour the Law and Justice Center

Members Present: Chairman Caisley; Members McIntyre, Rankin, Schafer, and Wollrab

Members Absent: Member Soeldner

Other County Board
Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Mr. Jack Moody, Director, Facilities Management; Sheriff Mike Emery; Mr. Jason Dazey, Coordinator, Jury Commission, Mr. Curtis Hawk, Director, EMA

Others Present: Mr. Rusty Thomas, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Mr. Greg Allen, Jail Superintendent, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Jamey Kessinger, Assistant Jail Superintendent, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Diane Hughes, Operations Officer, Sheriff's Department, and Mr. Brent Wick, Support Services Commander; Ms. Becky Gaither, Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk, Circuit Clerk's office

Chairman Caisley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Law and Justice Center. The Committee then moved to Sheriff's Training Room where Sheriff Mike Emery introduced members of the staff, including Mr. Rusty Thomas, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Mr. Greg Allen, Jail Superintendent, Sheriff's Department; Mr. Jamey Kessinger, Assistant Jail Superintendent, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Diane Hughes, Operations Officer, Sheriff's Department and Mr. Brent Wick, Support Services Commander, Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Emery reviewed his current budget and anticipated future expenditures. He then discussed the findings of the NIC site visit. The committee toured the jail facility following the Sheriff's presentation. They saw the booking area, a pod and the outdoor recreation area being considered for renovation for housing inmates with mental health problems.

The committee toured the Circuit Clerk's office. Ms. Becky Gaither, Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk, Circuit Clerk's office, pointed out the various divisions and showed the committee members a typical court file.

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The committee then proceeded to the Jury Commission. Mr. Jason Dazey, Coordinator, Jury Commission, explained the process of jury selection and responded to questions from the committee about the number of jurors, juror pay, excusing jurors and automating the process.

The committee visited the EMA offices as the final stop on the tour. Mr. Curtis Hawk, Director, EMA, explained EMA functions and described their facilities and the equipment available for responding to emergencies. Mr. Hawk shared with the Committee some of the challenges of working from an emergency/storm shelter location.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Eisner
Assistant County Administrator