

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean Board met on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 4:30 PM in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Member Present: Chairman Caisley; Vice Chairman Rankin; Members McIntyre, Wendt, and Schafer.

Members Absent: Members Cavallini and Metsker

Other County Board

Member Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Amy Brooke, Human Resource Assistant; Mr. Don Knapp, First Civil Assistant State's Attorney

Department Heads/

Elected Officials

Present: Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services; Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender; Mr. Will Scanlon, Court Administrator, Circuit Court

Others Present: Mr. Greg Allen, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent of the Juvenile Detention Center

Chairman Caisley called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

Chairman Caisley presented the Minutes of the March 3, 2015 Justice Committee Meeting and the February 17, 2015 Stand-up Meeting for approval.

Motion by Schafer/Wendt to Approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2015 Justice Committee Meeting and the February 17, 2015 Stand-up Meeting.

Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley noted that Mr. Chambers' report was included in the packet. He noted that there is approximately \$175,000 in the State's Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Fund. He asked if there were questions that needed to be addressed. No questions were heard.

Chairman Caisley noted that Ms. Davis, Coroner, was otherwise occupied with the events of the morning. He referred members to Ms. Davis' report in their packet. He asked if there were questions that needed to be addressed. No questions were heard.

Ms. Brucker presented the reports for the Children's Advocacy Center. She noted that there have been 68 interviews through March 31, 2015. This number is consistent with previous years. She reported that the numbers for CASA are similar to last year as well and that there is a spring CASA training class in process.

Ms. Schafer shared that she appreciates the stories in the newsletter and the amount of time the CASAs spend with the children in the cases.

Mr. Wasson shared that the application for the accreditation of the CAC was recently completed and Ms. Brucker shared that a site visit would be required in approximately six months.

Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Brucker.

Mr. Everhart presented his monthly statistical report. There were no question for Mr. Everhart.

Ms. Barnes presented her monthly case load report thru February 28, 2015.

Chairman Caisley asked about the case load and contracts for Mr. Alan Novick and Mr. Luckman.

Ms. Barnes stated that both have yearly contracts rather than a per month case load.

Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Barnes.

Mr. Greg Allen presented the Sheriff's reports on behalf of Sheriff Sandage. Mr. Allen presented a request for Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation.

Motion by McIntyre/Wendt for Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Law Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation.

Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions.

Discussion centered on the logistics of the Mutual Aid Agreement. Mr. Knapp shared that each organization would bear the cost of their employees. Detailed accounts of the actual cost must be maintained. This accounting would allow reimbursement of the agencies lending aid if Federal or State monies become available. Additionally, lending aid is at the sole discretion of each agency. If an agency could not spare the man power, they would not need to lend aid. The setup is similar to Task Force 6.

Chairman Caisley noted that there are currently only two counties in the area– Iroquois and Macon – that have signed the agreement.

Mr. Wasson stated that it is an ongoing process and more counties will be coming aboard.

Mr. Wasson noted that one of the scenarios where this type of agreement might have come into play was the tornado in Washington.

Mr. Allen cited Peoria's aid to McLean County in evacuating inmates when there was the explosion in the Law and Justice Center.

Mr. Allen presented a request for Approval of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.

Motion by Wendt/McIntyre for Approval of a Law Enforcement
Mutual Aid Agreement.
Motion carried.

Mr. Allen presented the jail statistics. He stated that the daily total for the jail was 240 and that seems to be the new norm.

Mr. McIntyre asked about the need to house inmates out of the jail.

Mr. Allen reported that they had only had to do that one time and it was only for a little over a week.

Chairman Caisley stated that in May and June of 2014 there were daily totals of 250 but at that time there hadn't been a need to house inmates out of the jail.

Mr. Allen stated the need to house inmates outside of the County depended on the makeup of the census and where inmates are housed. If the sentencing numbers are up, it increases the census and then there is no place to put pretrial detainees. Pretrial detainees are the driving force behind the need to house outside of the County.

Chairman Caisley asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Allen.

Ms. McCormick shared that Court Services has received additional State funds for Adult Redeploy for training and psychiatric. This would require an emergency appropriation for \$10,600 into the Adult Redeploy fund.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin for Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Fund 0001 General Fund, Court Services Department of Justice (DOJ).

Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick presented requests to apply for and accept two grants: Request Approval to Apply for and Accept a two-year Grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ); Request Approval to Apply for and Accept a two-year Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The DOJ Grant would supply additional monies for training in the Mental Health Court and the Drug Court for team members, police, the judiciary, and possibly the County Board if they would like to be included.

Mr. Wendt asked how Ms. McCormick becomes aware of the grants.

Ms. McCormick stated that the county has many people watching for grants and Ms. McCormick also receives emails because of the grants that they already have.

Mr. Wasson stated that any area that deals with mental health has a high priority relative to the mental health advisory groups. We have worked to identify opportunities to expand funding for those programs and to bring federal dollars back to the community.

Ms. Schafer asked if the SAMHSA grant was a three year continuation of the one we previously had.

Ms. McCormick stated that the SAMHSA grant Ms. Schafer was referring to ends September 2015 and this is a new grant fund.

Ms. Schafer asked if this could supplement Board of Health monies.

Ms. McCormick stated that the Board of Health is communicating with her on what they do and how Court Services and the Board of Health can collaborate.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Approve the request to Apply for and Accept a two-year Grant from the Department of Justice (DOJ); and Request Approval to Apply for and Accept a two-year Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Motion carried.

Mr. McIntyre asked if the grant would be a 20% match.

Ms. McCormick stated that the match would be in kind. It would be her work or someone else's work to be gather data and do all of the reporting.

Chairman Caisley noted that the expense chart showed the number of employees as one.

Ms. McCormick state that the employee would be for the SAMHSA grant. Experience has shown the need to have someone oversee that large of an undertaking.

Chairman Caisley asked if there were questions regarding the statistics Ms. McCormick had provided in the packet.

Mr. McIntyre asked Ms. Waltz how long it had been since they changed the 17/18 year old law and how it has impacted the Juvenile Detention Center.

Ms. Waltz stated that it has been a year. At different times they see an impact. The population today was a majority of 17-year-olds.

Ms. McCormick stated that they are seeing the numbers of 17-year-olds in Juvenile Detention rise across the state.

Chairman Caisley asked if there were additional questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. McCormick and Ms. Waltz.

Mr. Wasson stated that there are several critical hiring requests: 1 Juvenile Detention Officer, 1 Records Division Office Support Specialist I in the Sheriff's Department, 3 Patrol Deputy Positions, and 1 ASA III position.

Motion by McIntyre/Schafer to Approve Critical Personnel Hiring Requests.

Motion carried.

Mr. Allen was called again to the discussion.

Mr. McIntyre asked how the County is doing in getting the Patrol Officer positions filled, particularly in light of the training that goes along with those positions.

Mr. Allen stated that the County currently has four officers in the Academy. He stated that we are coming up in staff, but two retirements and a resignation hit all at once.

Mr. McIntyre asked if the County is allowed to have someone waiting to go to the Academy.

Mr. Wasson stated that Mr. McIntyre is correct that the County cannot request a spot from one of the training academies if the County does not have a vacancy to fill.

Mr. McIntyre asked the overall time it takes to fill the position and get someone trained.

Mr. Allen stated that the time at the academy is 13 weeks plus several weeks for FTO training.

Chairman Caisley presented March 31, 2015 with a Prepaid Total of \$1,261,847.23 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$672,709.46	\$672,709.46
0129	CHILDRENS ADVOCACY CNTR		\$21,002.04	\$21,002.04
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$2,795.41	\$2,795.41
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$5,647.94	\$5,647.94
0143	CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$2,835.91	\$2,835.91
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$972.36	\$972.36
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$3,011.43	\$3,011.43
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$28,820.76	\$28,820.76
0160	MULTIDISCIPLINARY DV GRNT		\$32,356.72	\$32,356.72
0170	NEUTRAL SITE CUSTODY EXCH		\$4,167.00	\$4,167.00
0171	CHILDRENS WAITING ROOM		\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$117,120.94	\$117,120.94
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$366,403.59	\$366,403.59
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$1,253.67	\$1,253.67
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Rankin/McIntyre to approve the presented bills.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy L. Brooke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Amy L. Brooke, MA
Recording Secretary