

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean Board met on Tuesday, August 4, 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, Cavallini, Metsker, and Schafer.

Members Absent: None

Other County Board

Member Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Mr. Don Knapp, First Civil Assistant State's Attorney; Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/Elected

Officials Present: Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender; Dr. Kathy Davis, Coroner; Mr. Dennis McGuire, Deputy Director, Court Services; Jon Sandage, Sheriff; Jason Chambers, State's Attorney; Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center

Others Present: None

Chairman Caisley called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Chairman Caisley presented the Minutes of the July 7, 2015 Justice Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by McIntyre/Cavallini to approve the minutes of the Justice Committee meeting on July 7, 2015.

Motion carried.

Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender presented her monthly report. She reviewed again the new process of counting each charge instead of all being added to the first count to help explain the increase in juvenile numbers. Chairman Caisley asked if any further questions, hearing none, he thanked Ms. Barnes.

Mr. Jon Sandage, Sheriff, presented for action the request for approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Bloomington and McLean County for 2015 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award. He stated that the funds are distributed based on crime statistics and neither McLean County nor the Town of Normal are getting funding, but it still required the McLean County Board's approval.

Motion by Schafer/Metsker to recommend approval of the request for approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Bloomington and McLean County for 2015 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

Motion carried.

Mr. Sandage presented the Task force 6 Grant for its yearly renewal.

Motion by Wendt/Rankin to recommend approval of the Task Force 6 Grant: Expanding Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Units.

Motion carried.

Mr. Sandage presented the Sheriff's monthly report and stated that the population report shows that the population is starting to increase slightly.

Mr. Wendt asked where the individuals determined to be mentally ill are placed. Mr. Sandage responded that they do not have a special location for them so they are placed in booking because they are able to monitor them regularly in that location. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any additional questions, hearing none, he thanked Mr. Sandage.

Mr. Dennis McGuire, Deputy Director of Court Services presented for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Ordinance, Fund 0001, General Fund, Court Services Department 0022-0093.

Motion by Metsker/Cavallini to recommend approval an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Ordinance, Fund 0001, General Fund, Court Services Department 0022-0093.

Motion carried.

Ms. Metsker asked if Mr. McGuire could provide an explanation as to what this covered and where it usually came from. Mr. McGuire stated that the grant that covers drug court and recovery court is set to expire on September 30th and so they are requesting permission to move excess funds from the 500 line to the 700 line to pay for additional client services in drug court and recovery court.

Mr. Wendt asked whether we already had the money since it was coming from a grant. Mr. McGuire stated that the money is already there. Mr. Wasson added that these are federal grant funds that we can draw down on periodically. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any additional questions for Court Services, hearing none, he thanked Mr. McGuire.

Jason Chambers, State's Attorney presented his monthly report. He stated that there was only one month that was irregular all other months indicate that we will end the year with approximately 1400 cases. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions for Mr. Chambers, hearing none, he thanked Mr. Chambers.

Ms. Davis, McLean County Coroner presented her report. She stated that as of July 17th the ongoing death investigations were 5, but that the number has increased in the last week and a half. Chairman Caisley asked if anyone had any questions for the Coroner. Ms. Schafer stated that the out-of-county autopsies numbers seemed higher than last month. Ms. Davis responded that we did have more from other counties. Ms. Davis indicated that usually when we are not busy then other counties are, but we have gotten busy in the last week and a half. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Davis.

Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children’s Advocacy Center presented her monthly report. She stated that the numbers are up in June and so far July numbers that will be presented next month are even higher. She stated that the CASA statistics are about the same as usual. She also discussed a chart that shows DCFS McLean County statistics. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any further questions or comments, hearing none, he thanked Ms. Brucker.

Chairman Caisley stated that Mr. Everhart was not present to present the Circuit Clerk’s report they had in their packet, and asked if anyone on the Committee had any comments on the report, hearing none, he asked Mr. Wasson if he had anything for the Committee.

Mr. Wasson presented his report on vacancies and hiring during the month of July and stated that four refill positions fell under the Justice Committee from the Circuit Clerk, County Sheriff, Public Defender and Metcom Dispatch Center. Ms. Metsker asked for confirmation that these were refills of positions and not new positions. Mr. Wasson confirmed they were refill positions. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any further questions of Mr. Wasson, hearing none he thanked Mr. Wasson.

Chairman Caisley presented bills as of July 30, 2015 with a Prepaid Total of \$1,137,396.76.

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AS OF 7/30/2015
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

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FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$706,708.14	\$706,708.14
0129	CHILDRENS ADVOCACY CNTR		\$23,367.78	\$23,367.78
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$1,301.68	\$1,301.68
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$6,490.63	\$6,490.63
0143	CHILD-SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$3,853.31	\$3,853.31
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$385.09	\$385.09
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$1,610.16	\$1,610.16
0156	IEPA M-D PROJECT		\$27,882.70	\$27,882.70
0160	MULTIDISCIPLINARY DV GRNT		\$1,659.23	\$1,659.23
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		\$256,369.30	\$256,369.30
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$98,894.28	\$98,894.28
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$1,987.47	\$1,987.47
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William T. Caisley
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Wendt/Cavallini to approve the presented bills.
Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley asked if there was any other business before the Committee.

Mr. Rankin stated that the Committee had a 15 minute meeting and a document that had nearly 40 pages of paper. He stated that it was a waste of time, money and effort to continue using paper for meetings. He stated that he was aware that Administration had tried strategies in the past to move away from paper, but added that he wanted to implore the Committee to try to figure out ways to get away from paper copies and start to use digital media. He stated that it is hard to make last minute changes with paper copies. He stated that if members wanted a paper copy then it should be up to the Committee member to print it at home. Ms. Metsker stated that she does print off documents at home because she has trouble getting on line in the Board Room.

Mr. Rankin agreed there have been connection issues in the room but stated that the connection has gotten better. He stated that many other entities are moving forward and we need to do so as well. He stated that individuals could download a copy before coming to the meeting so that you already have it on your device and do not need the internet connection. Mr. Rankin stated that he understood there are a lot of different viewpoints on this but at the end of the day it saves us money and time and energy and should be considered. Mr. Wasson responded that staff would be happy to review with Information Technologies how we can improve service to the County Board Room and let the Committee know the outcome of those discussions.

Mr. Wendt asked whether we had to print up documents for the public. Mr. Wasson responded that the information had to be posted and we post it on the County website. He stated that the challenge is that people like to take notes on paper and members are still requesting paper copies be provided to them. He stated that we want to ensure that those that do use electronic devices to access the materials are able to do so and we will talk to IT about it.

Ms. Schafer stated that it would be helpful to have outlets somewhat close because battery life on some laptops is not long and if the meeting was going to be a three hour meeting individuals would need to have access to outlets to re-charge their laptop.

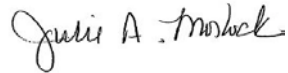
Mr. Wasson stated that the general conversation has been that to justify all of the financial aspects of moving the Board to all digital including updates to technology in the Board room, electrical outlets, laptop access, etc., you would need to agree that all Board members would go digital.

Mr. Cavallini asked what it costs to provide paper copies. Mr. Rankin responded that the last time he brought this up he did some figuring. He stated that it is hard to come up with a specific number because you are taking into consideration many things including paper, printing, man power, binding and postage and, in some cases, hand delivery to people at their homes. He reminded the Committee members that printing was not just agendas and packets, but included such things as budget books, CAFER and PAFER documents as well. He stated that he estimated it was roughly \$1,000 per Board member per year. Mr.

Rankin stated that he understood that in his profession outside of the Board he only deals with digital and that there are those Board members who just feel more comfortable with paper copies. He stated that notes could be taken on digital copies as well and that over all this would save time and money and should be considered.

Chairman Caisley adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Morlock".

Julie A. Morlock
Recording Secretary