

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Caisley, Members Rankin, McIntyre, Cavallini, Schafer, Wendt and Metsker

Members Absent: None

Other County Board
Members Present: None

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

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Kathy Davis, Coroner; Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; Public Defender, Carla Barnes; Mr. Jason Chambers, State's Attorney; Greg Allen Chief Deputy Sheriff;

Others Present:

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

Chairman Caisley presented the Minutes of the October 6, 2015 Justice Committee Meeting for approval.

Motion by Rankin/Schafer to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting.
Motion carried.

Mr. Jason Chambers, States Attorney presented for action a request to approve renewal of an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Grant for a Law Enforcement and Prosecution-Based Victim Assistance Program in the State's Attorney Office. This grant funds a victim advocate position in the State Attorney's victim witness unit.

Motion by McIntyre/Cavallini to recommend approval of renewal of an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Grant for a Law Enforcement and Prosecution – Based Victim Assistance Program in the State's Attorney Office.
Motion Carried.

Ms. Metsker asked about the objectives breakdown and asked if the continuation of this grant will help them meet some of the objectives not met before. Mr. Chambers stated that sometimes not meeting an objective is out of our control as we cannot determine how many individuals will ask for help each year.

Mr. Jason Chambers, State's Attorney for McLean County presented his monthly Caseload Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report for the Committee. Mr. Chambers indicated they had sent out 212 letters for the Deferred Prosecution Program and while they had not heard from all of them; 137 have completed the program, 20 have declined and one was removed from the program. He stated that the program has brought \$74,550 into the County that was previously going to a third party. Mr. Chambers clarified cases that fall into this program, include first offense misdemeanors. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Chambers.

Ms. Kathy Davis, McLean County Coroner presented her monthly report to the Committee. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions for the Coroner, hearing none, he thanked Ms. Davis.

Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 205-74 of the McLean County Code to increase the CAC fee from \$15.00 to \$16.50. Mr. Wasson stated this was recommended last year in the budget process, but was not implemented, so at the October 6 Justice meeting the Committee directed Administration to bring an Ordinance to implement the increase.

Motion Schafer/McIntyre to recommend approval of an Ordinance amending Chapter 205-74 of the McLean County Code to increase the CAC fee from \$15.00 to \$16.50.

Motion by Metsker/Rankin to amend the motion to increase the CAC fee from amount in the original motion of \$16.50 to \$30.00.

Roll Call Vote requested

Rankin – Yes

McIntyre – no

Cavallini – no

Wendt - no

Schafer - no

Metsker – yes

Motion did not carry.

Ms. Metsker asked why we are only considering charging \$16.50 when there are other counties charging more and asked if they could amend the motion to increase the amount of the fee. Mr. Wasson indicated that the Committee could increase the fee if they wanted up to the statutory amount of \$30.00, but cautioned them that the higher the fee the less likely they would collect all of it.

Ms. Metsker and Mr. Rankin indicated they did not agree with raising fees or taxes in general, but this fee stayed within the County and benefited children in the County. Ms. Metsker stated that the information regarding crimes against children is appalling and we should do what we can to help. Mr. Rankin felt that often departments come and ask for what they think they can get and not what they need to operate their departments or programs. Ms. Metsker and Mr. Rankin felt the fee should be higher so CAC could serve the children in the community and not depend on donations and grants that could go away at any time. Ms. Brucker indicated that they receive about 30% from donations and if they increased the fee to the full rate, it would generate another 80,000 that they could use for programs or to hire a counselor or advocate. Mr. Wendt asked if the fee was only being paid by those who committed an offense against children. Ms. Brucker indicated that the fee was paid in other matters where the individual was found guilty of a crime not just in cases involving children. Mr. Caisley indicated that the ordinance read that it was imposed against all people who are found guilty. Mr. Caisley and Mr. Wendt stated that they felt this was a good program but they felt the fee should not be raised, and that other avenues for revenue for the program. Mr. Caisley and Mr. Wendt felt that individuals who elected to use the court system should not be punished for doing so.

Mr. McIntyre asked if they had difficulty collecting the fee and if they could get more information on the types of offenses committed where the fee was assigned to the fine. Ms. Brucker indicated that the amount included in the budget was the amount collected previously and that she did not have numbers showing amounts fined versus amounts collected.

Mr. Rankin pointed out that we did not have this debate during the budget discussion and that during the next budget session we should analyze other ways to fund both CASA and CAC. Mr. Wasson clarified that we are not currently charging a fee for CASA. Mr. Rankin asked if other Counties charging CAC fee are also charging CASA fee. Ms. Brucker indicated that the CASA legislation is newer legislation and that not all counties have a CASA program; as many are housed outside of the County structure.

Mr. Wendt and Mr. Cavallini indicated that the Committee should go back to the original \$16.50 previously agreed on by the Committee and look for other ways to get additional funding for the program.

Mr. Cavallini called for the question. Committee voted on the amended motion and original motion.

Motion Carried.
Chair voted no.

Ms. Brucker presented for action requests to approve renewal of VOCA grants for CASA and Children's Advocacy Center

Motion Schafer/McIntyre to take the two together and recommend approval of VOCA grants for CASA and Children's Advocacy Center.
Motion Carried.

Ms. Brucker presented her monthly reports. She indicated that we are running at a 15-20% increase from where they were last year. She stated that there are currently 46 active CASAs providing services for 89 children and in September those CASAs donated 778 hours of their time to provide advocacy for McLean County children in foster care. Mr. Wendt asked how many counselors there are. Ms. Brucker stated that in the Children's Advocacy program and there are two trained forensic interviewers, two trained advocates, and a part-time counselor who is contract position through a DCFS grant. She stated that for the CASA program we have three case managers who provide supervision for those 46 CASAs who are donating their time to advocate for children who are living in foster care. Mr. Wendt stated that the \$78,000 does not cover cost for all of that. Ms. Brucker stated that the \$78,000 only goes to CAC program and not to CASA at all and that funding they get for CASA is through the grant the Committee just approved, a separate grant and the rest, which is about \$80,000, comes from CPN. Mr. Wendt asked Ms. Brucker how she would have used the money from the raise fee if they had passed the \$30.00. Ms. Brucker stated she would need to evaluate programs to determine the best use for the money. Mr. Wendt asked her to provide evaluation of programs and where they could use increased funding and the amount that she would need and how it would improve the program. Mr. Caisley stated that CASA is a valued program because they have a common sense approach to problems with children.

Mr. Wasson stated that we do not look at how much money we can levy and then how can we spend it instead we look at what our needs are and then try to identify ways to fund within the Budget Policy. Mr. Wasson asked the Committee to confirm that what they wanted from Ms. Brucker was more information on what services might be able to be provided if there were additional revenues available. Mr. Wendt agreed.

Chairman Caisley asked if there were any question. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Brucker

Mr. Everhart presented his monthly and third quarter statistical reports. Ms. Schafer asked if Mr. Everhart could give a presentation on fees and how they are disbursed. Mr. Everhart stated that there are many fees and it makes it difficult for both the Court and the Clerk's office but he could do a presentation. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any additional questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Everhart

Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender, presented the Public Defender's Monthly Report. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked Ms. Barnes.

Mr. Greg Allen, Chief Deputy Sheriff, presented for action a request to approve an Ordinance of the McLean County Board to Increase the Bond Fee charged by the McLean County Sheriff. Mr. Wasson indicated this is based on a fee study to increase bond fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00.

Motion by Wendt/Schafer to recommend approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board to increase the Bond Fee charged by the McLean County Sheriff.
Motion Carried.

Mr. McIntyre asked Mr. Wasson to confirm that Maximus stated in study that to recover costs it would be \$35.73. Mr. Wasson confirmed.

Mr. Allen presented for action a request to approve a System Maintenance Agreement between Morpho Trust USA, LLC and McLean County. Mr. Allen stated that this is a maintenance agreement for the finger print machine and they provide 24-hour service. Mr. Rankin asked how old system is and how long system is expected to last. Mr. Allen stated it is two years old; we are out of warranty now and these machines last several years. Mr. Caisley asked if our IT people could work on the system. Mr. Allen agreed that they help but they cannot do the maintenance.

Motion by Metsker/Cavallini to recommend approval of a System Maintenance Agreement between Morpho Trust USA, LLC and McLean County.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Allen presented for action a request to approve the 2016 contract between Heartland Community College and McLean County Sheriff's office for GED courses at McLean County Detention Facility.

Motion by Wendt/Cavallini to recommend approval of the 2016 contract between Heartland Community College and McLean County Sheriff's office for GED courses at McLean County Detention Facility.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Allen presented for action a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McLean and Illinois State University for centralized booking.

Motion by Wendt/Schafer to recommend approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McLean and Illinois State University for centralized booking.
Motion Carried.
Member Rankin Abstained.

Ms. Metsker stated the amount was low and asked if number was low as well. Mr. Allen confirmed that we do not get many from ISU.

Mr. Caisley stated that if there was no objection by the Committee he would entertain a motion to take the Intergovernmental Agreement with Bloomington and Intergovernmental Agreement with Normal for centralized booking in one motion.

Motion by Wendt/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Intergovernmental Agreements with the County of McLean and the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal for Centralized booking.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Allen presented for action a request to approve a contract with Ms. Ruth Chin for Inmate Chaplain Services.

Motion by Schafer/McIntyre to recommend approval of a contract with Ms. Ruth Chin for Inmate Chaplain Services.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Caisley asked how often she is at the detention facility. Mr. Allen indicated that she is there almost daily.

Mr. Allen presented for action a request to approve a contract with OSF Healthcare System for Physician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.

Motion by Wendt/Metsker to recommend approval of a contract with OSF Healthcare System for Physician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Schafer asked why this contract went up 4% when most have been only going up 2-3%. Mr. Wasson indicated that his contract did not increase last year.

Mr. Allen presented for action a request to approval renewal of agreement with Eric Abreu to provide dental services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.

Motion by Schafer/Cavallini to recommend approval of renewal of agreement with Eric Abreu to provide dental services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Greg Allen presented the Detention Facility Population Report. Chairman Caisley asked about those counted as not in-house. Mr. Allen indicated that at 6:00 they do their count and those that are in the hospital or not physically in the building for some reason are not counted as in house. Mr. Caisley asked if those that are convicted in more than one county and are residing in someone else's jail are still counted. Mr. Allen stated that they are, unless they are remanded to the other County then they are no longer counted with our numbers.

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services presented for action approval of SAMHSA Funding Agreements for continued services with Chestnut Health Systems, The Center for Youth and Family Services, Mark Benson, and National Center for State Courts. Chairman Caisley stated that unless there was an objection by the Committee they would take the SAMHSA Agreements, Items G1a-d together in one motion.

Motion by Wendt/Cavallini to recommend approval of SAMHSA Funding Agreements for continued services with Chestnut Health Systems, The Center for Youth and Family Services, Mark Benson, and National Center for State Courts.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Caisley asked Ms. McCormick to summarize services that would be provided under each of these contracts. Ms. McCormick indicated that individual at Chestnut systems will be providing peer recovery services. She stated that they have "lived experience" and are hired by Chestnut to work with those in drug and recovery court and help those individuals with day-to-day experiences. Ms. McCormick stated that the Center for Youth and Family Services will be case managers and/or care coordinators and will make sure individuals meet conditions in their probation. Ms. McCormick stated Mr. Mark Benson directs our clinical services for drug and recovery court and helps us assess individuals to make sure they are getting to the correct court and the best way to assist them. She stated that we had to name an evaluator for the SAMSHA grant and we named the National Center for State Courts as our evaluator.

Mr. McIntyre asked if there is a certification process for the peer recovery services. Ms. McCormick stated that SAMSHA does not request a certification process and sometimes hard for individuals convicted of felonies and/or lived experience to go through licensure.

Mr. McIntyre asked about reimbursement from SAMSHA for services provided by the SAMSHA grant for the peer recovery specialist and if Medicaid was involved. Ms. McCormick indicated that she not have to provide that to SAMSHA.

Ms. McCormick presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 budget for Court Services in the General Fund -0024-0022. Ms. McCormick indicated this is moving funding from full-time to seasonal occasional.

Motion Cavallini/Metsker to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 budget for Court Services in the General Fund -0024-0022.
Motion Carried.

Ms. McCormick presented her monthly Juvenile Detention Center statistics to the Committee. Ms. Schafer asked if the numbers for drug court and recovery court would increase with the grant. Ms. McCormick we are looking at 50-55 in drug court on yearly basis and recovery court would increase to up to 30 on a yearly basis. Mr. Caisley asked how many were in drug court currently. Ms. McCormick indicated that as of date of meeting there were 39 in Drug Court and 23 in Recovery Court. Mr. Wendt asked if we have a tracking system to track those assigned to the Drug Court and if they repeat offenses. Ms. McCormick stated that the National System for State Courts keeps track of repeat offenses for the first two years after completion of the program. Ms. McCormick indicated that 87% of our people do not have convictions in the two years after completing the program. Mr. Wendt stated there is a study out that says drug courts are not working nationally. Ms. McCormick stated Drug Courts are high risk/high need so you are going to have more unsuccessful than successful. Mr. Caisley said that even if there were only a 50% success rate then you would still save the County money. Ms. McCormick indicated our Drug Court successes have saved the State over 1.1 million. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. McCormick.

Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, presented for action approval of the Amended FY 2016 Recommended Court Services Budget. This is to amend the budget the Committees approved at the last meeting before we received the SAMSHA grant funds and now adds those funds into the budget.

Motion by McIntyre/Schafer to recommend approval of the Amended Court Services Budget.
Motion carried.

Mr. Wasson presented for approval the Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget for the Sheriff's Department Court Security Fund 0141-0029. Mr. Wasson indicated they were told by two firms they have been inundated with request for cost studies on court security since the legislation was recently passed allowing Counties to recover the costs and that it could be 30 to 60. Mr. Wasson stated that there is no increase in manpower or services, but the increase is because in past we have had to shift uncovered costs to the general fund. He stated that the recommendation is to adopt budget as it stands and ultimately if we are unable to or you determine that you are not going to raise court security fees then we will shift to general fund again.

Motion by Wendt/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget for the Sheriff's Department Court Security Fund 0141-0029.
Motion carried.

Mr. Wasson presented the employment changes for the month.

Chairman Caisley presented the November 1, 2015 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$986,004.37 and a Fund Total that is the same.

Motion by Cavallini/Metsker to Recommend Approval of the Justice Committee Bills and transfers as of November 1, 2015 as transmitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

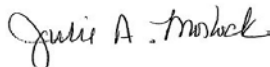
FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$685,124.27	\$685,124.27
0129	CHILDRENS ADVOCACY CNTR		\$26,827.09	\$26,827.09
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$588.15	\$588.15
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$12,952.95	\$12,952.95
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$5,858.80	\$5,858.80
0143	CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$3,259.78	\$3,259.78
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$768.01	\$768.01
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$3,746.97	\$3,746.97
0155	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$2,132.00	\$2,132.00
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$25,947.66	\$25,947.66
0160	MULTIDISCIPLINARY DV GRNT		\$997.25	\$997.25
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		\$121,902.69	\$121,902.69
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$87,745.09	\$87,745.09
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$1,236.66	\$1,236.66
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			\$986,004.37	\$986,004.37


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Caisley asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting.

Adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie A. Morlock
Recording Secretary