

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman William Caisley, Members Carlo Robustelli, George Wendt, Susan Schafer and Scott Murphy

Members Absent: Members Erik Rankin and Randall Martin

Other County Board
Members Present None

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

Department Heads/

Elected Officials Present: Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services; Mr. Jason Chambers, State's Attorney; Ms. Kathy Davis, Coroner; Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender; Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk, Mr. Jon Sandage, Sheriff,

Others Present: Ms. Cassy Taylor, Court Services

Chairman Caisley called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Chairman Caisley presented the Minutes of the June 21, 2016 special meeting of the Justice Committee for approval.

Motion by Robustelli/Schafer to approve the June 21, 2016 special meeting minutes of the Justice Committee.

Motion carried.

Chairman Caisley presented the Minutes of the August 2, 2016 regular meeting of the Justice Committee for approval.

Motion by Robustelli/Murphy to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2016 meeting of the Justice Committee.

Motion carried.

Mr. Don Everhart, McLean County Circuit Clerk presented his monthly reports. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Everhart.

Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender presented her monthly report. Mr. Robustelli asked if these numbers represent cases or charges. Ms. Barnes confirmed they are cases. Mr. Robustelli indicated that three of our public defenders have caseloads exceeding 400 and asked Ms. Barnes how those numbers compare with the national standards. Ms. Barnes stated these are misdemeanors or traffic cases and resolve fairly quickly so although number is large they are not all pending. Ms. Barnes indicated that the national standard is 400 cases per year for misdemeanor and 150 cases for felony and 200 for juvenile attorneys. Mr. Robustelli asked her to confirm that we had an attorney who had exceeded the standard in the first seven months of the year. Ms. Barnes confirmed. Mr. Robustelli asked her to provide in the future additional information should we reach those limits so that Committee knows how we are doing as far as providing services. Ms. Barnes indicated we are serving our citizens well because they receive very good legal representation and they use other resources in the PD office including an investigator, social worker and contract attorneys to help with these cases to make sure they do receive best service possible. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any further questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked Ms. Barnes.

Mr. Jon Sandage presented for action a request to approve the Morphotrust USA fingerprint machine maintenance agreement for January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Mr. Caisley asked if the amount had increased from last year. Mr. Sandage said the amount decreased. Mr. Caisley asked if they were happy with the service. Mr. Sandage indicated they were.

Motion by Wendt/Schafer to recommend approval of the Morphotrust USA fingerprint machine maintenance agreement for January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Sandage presented for action a request to approve a Special Services Agreement between McLean County Sheriff's Department and Illinois State University for extra patrols at ISU during ISU football games. Mr. Sandage indicated the Sheriff's department had helped ISU for the last several years with traffic and tailgates. Mr. Caisley asked if the amount was the same as last year. Mr. Sandage indicated it is the same. Ms. Schafer asked if the price covered benefits and cost per hour for the officer and if it would change. Mr. Sandage indicated that after the first of the year they would look to raise the rate, but deputies rates are currently the same as last year so there was no change in rates for this contract.

Motion by Wendt/Murphy to recommend approval of a Special Services Agreement between McLean County Sheriff's Department and Illinois State University for extra patrols at ISU during ISU football games.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Robustelli abstained from the vote.

Mr. Sandage presented his monthly report for the Committee. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions from the Committee; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Sandage.

Ms. McCormick presented her monthly reports. She indicated they are now receiving monies from redeploy for fiscal year 2016. Mr. Caisley asked if the population at the juvenile detention center is steady and if their school was back in session. Ms. Cassy Taylor indicated McLean County numbers are little higher than out of County numbers. She also indicated they had a summer school and are in session now for Fall.

Ms. Schafer thanked Ms. McCormick for her service to McLean County and the Justice Committee. Ms. McCormick thanked the Committee. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions for Ms. McCormick; hearing none, he thanked Ms. McCormick.

Jason Chambers presented for action a request to approve the renewal of a contract with the State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Mr. Caisley asked him to confirm that they provide compensation for appeals. Mr. Chambers confirmed. Mr. Caisley asked if the contract was the same as it had been in the past. Mr. Chambers indicated that it was essentially the same as in the past.

Motion by Wendt/Robustelli to recommend approval of the renewal of a contract with the State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Motion Carried.

Jason Chambers, State's Attorney presented the State's Attorney monthly Caseload Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report for the Committee. Mr. Chambers indicated that after a recent article in the Pantagraph on body cameras, he had a conversation with Mr. Nelson in IT to discuss cost of storage. Mr. Caisley asked if the municipalities would store their own. Mr. Chambers indicated they would but we would have to have access to gather evidence in cases. He stated that a misdemeanor case could have an average of one hour of video and with our usual 200 plus cases a year would could have over 200 hours of video a year we will need to store and watch. Ms. Schafer asked for clarification on Bloomington/Normal repository and storage versus access. Mr. Chambers provided the example of the current Bloomington database that keeps squad car videos. He stated that a member of his staff has access to that database so they can go in and burn a copy of the video to our system for a case. Mr. Chambers indicated it would be the same for body cameras. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Chambers.

Ms. Davis presented her monthly report and let the Committee know that September is suicide prevention month. Mr. Caisley asked her to confirm that we are still handling services for Adams County. Ms. Davis confirmed they were still assisting them. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any further 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 Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2016 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Fund 0129 – Children's Advocacy Center.

Motion by Robustelli/Schafer to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2016 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Fund 0129 – Children's Advocacy Center.
Motion Carried.

Ms. Brucker presented for action a request to approval a Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Department of Children and Family Services and McLean County Children's Advocacy Center.

Motion by Robustelli/Murphy to recommend approval of a Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Department of Children and Family Services and McLean County Children's Advocacy Center.
Motion Carried.

Ms. Brucker present her monthly reports. Mr. Caisley asked about Joch, the service dog. Ms. Brucker indicated that he has been a great addition. Mr. Wendt asked what kind of dog he is. Ms. Brucker indicated he is a two-year old Labrador. Mr. Caisley asked who the dog stays with. Ms. Brucker explained that the service dog is required to have two handlers to be nationally certified o there is one with Joch at night and one during the day. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions for Ms. Brucker; hearing none, he thanked her.

Mr. Wasson presented the monthly employment report. Chairman Caisley asked if there were any questions for Mr. Wasson; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Wasson.

Chairman Caisley presented the Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor with a Prepaid Total of \$563,822.99 and a Fund Total that is the same as of September 1, 2016.

Motion by Murphy/Robustelli to approve the Justice Committee Bills as transmitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

AS OF 9/1/2016

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$234,579.58	\$234,579.58
0129	CHILDRENS ADVOCACY CNTR		\$14,384.56	\$14,384.56
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$2,657.39	\$2,657.39
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$9,385.48	\$9,385.48
0141	COURT SECURITY		\$7,040.23	\$7,040.23
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$1,448.76	\$1,448.76
0143	CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$1,568.93	\$1,568.93
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$7,816.43	\$7,816.43
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$7,971.23	\$7,971.23
0155	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$12,595.43	\$12,595.43
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$20,052.77	\$20,052.77
0171	CHILDRENS WAITING ROOM		\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$191,402.17	\$191,402.17
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$45,536.73	\$45,536.73
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$4,633.30	\$4,633.30
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			\$563,822.99	\$563,822.99


COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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

Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Brooke
Recording Secretary