

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman George Gordon, Members Carlo Robustelli, Randall Martin, Scott Murphy, Dave Selzer, Susan Schafer and George Wendt (via remote attendance)

Members Absent: None

Other County Board
Members Present

Staff Present: Mr. William Wasson, County Administrator; Mr. Don Knapp, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Jessica Woods, First Civil Assistant State's Attorney; Mr. Eric Schmitt, Administrative Services Director; and Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary;

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender Office; Kathy Davis, Coroner; Cassy Taylor, Court Services; Will Scanlan, Circuit Court; Jason Chambers, State's Attorney

Others Present: Jason Tabb, Juvenile Detention Center

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., declared six of the seven members present, and indicated that Mr. Wendt has requested to attend remotely and asked if anyone had an objection to him attending remotely. Hearing no objection, he declared him present and a quorum for the Committee meeting.

Chairman Gordon presented the minutes of the January 2, 2018 regular meeting and December 19, 2017 special meeting for approval.

Motion by Schafer/Murphy to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2018 regular meeting and December 19, 2017 special meeting minutes.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Gordon confirmed there were no appearances by members of the public.

Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender presented her monthly report. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions for Ms. Barnes; hearing none, he thanked her.

Chairman Gordon indicated that Mr. Sandage was unable to be present but his monthly reports are in the packet. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any; hearing none, he moved on to Mr. Chambers.

Mr. Jason Chambers, McLean County State's Attorney presented his monthly reports. He stated that MADD noted they receive fewer phone calls from family members and victims in McLean County and felt it was because of the victim witness unit. Mr. Chambers thanked the Committee for allowing them to have funding for that unit. Mr. Robustelli asked how they were dealing without a receptionist. Mr. Chambers indicated that they did not go that route because it was determined the position was needed as that individual helps with efficiency by directing calls to the correct individual. He stated they have been utilizing interns at this point. Ms. Schafer asked him about large different in projected numbers for 2018 in the traffic area. Mr. Chambers said is projected based on numbers for this month, but not a definite as it they can vary greatly. Chairman Gordon asked the Committee if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Chambers.

Ms. Davis presented her monthly reports and an update on numbers from Children's Research Institute – Illinois Violent Death Reporting System. She mentioned she was asked by Dr. Benyamin to provide McLean County numbers for him to present to the Ways and Means Committee in Washington DC. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions for Ms. Davis; hearing none, he thanked her.

Chairman Gordon presented for action on behalf of Ms. Cassy Taylor, Director of Court Services a request to approve an application for Veterans Treatment Court Grant. Ms. Taylor stated that beginning in 2018 the legislature changed the statute for Veterans Treatment Courts from "may have a Veterans Treatment Court" to "shall have a Veterans Treatment Court". She stated this is an unfunded mandate so want to apply for this grant to help with funding. She stated because of the legislative change, the increase in the grant from 3 years to 5 years and increased grant amount, there will probably be a lot of competition for the grant.

Motion by Selzer/Martin to recommend approval of an application for Veterans Treatment Court Grant.
Motion Carried. (Chair Voted)

Ms. Taylor introduced Mr. Jason Tabb as the new Director of Juvenile Detention Center. She presented her monthly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if the Committee had any questions for Ms. Taylor; hearing none, he thanked her.

Mr. Don Everhart; McLean County Circuit Clerk presented for action a request to approve a contract with HOV Services for microfilming services. He indicated this is a renewal of current contract. Ms. Schafer asked for confirmation of change to how vendor will figure cost and if calculations in the new contract would be cheaper. Mr. Everhart explained the procedure, indicated this should be cheaper but dependent on the amount of documents sent each year. He also indicated the amount would be nominal.

Motion by Martin/Selzer to recommend approval of a request to approve a contract with HOV Services for microfilming services.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Everhart presented for approval a request to approve an Ordinance by the McLean County Board Amending Chapter 205 Fees, Article XV, Circuit Clerk Fees, Section 43, Section 46, Section 48 and Section 50. He indicated this was a change in language that would bring our Ordinance into compliance with Public Act 100-0173. Mr. Gordon asked him to confirm language changed throughout was from “forcible entry and detainer” to “eviction”. Mr. Everhart confirmed.

Motion by Selzer/Schafer to recommend approval of Request approval of an Ordinance by the McLean County Board Amending Chapter 205 Fees, Article XV, Circuit Clerk Fees, Section 43, Section 46, Section 48 and Section 50.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Everhart presented his monthly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if the Committee had any questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Everhart.

Mr. Will Scanlan, Circuit Court Administrator presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Court Automation Fee Fund 0140, Circuit Clerk 0015. Mr. Scanlan stated this fund’s revenue is solely based on fees collected and is utilized for purchase of computer equipment. He indicated they had hoped to utilize current computers for another year but because of the new regulations for e-filing updated computers are needed to handle the required e-filing hardware. He stated that they are also expanding Law Library services in the Jail and would utilize the new computers there. Mr. Gordon asked about the life span of the new computers. Mr. Scanlan indicated that he had talked with Mr. Nelson and it should be between 5 and 7 years.

Motion by Robustelli/Murphy to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2018 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Court Automation Fee Fund 0140, Circuit Clerk 0015

Motion Carried.

Chairman Gordon asked if he had anything further for the Committee. Mr. Scanlan indicated he had nothing further for the Committee.

Mr. Wasson presented his monthly report on recent employment activities. Chairman Gordon asked if there were questions for Mr. Wasson. Mr. Selzer asked about procedure for posting positions since departments are required to gain Committee approval. Mr. Wasson stated that if it is a position Staff will be recommending Committee authorize re-filling, then they will go ahead and post. He noted that Department Heads are made aware they cannot make an offer for that position until it is approved by the Finance Committee. Mr. Wasson also indicated Department Heads could fill a position internally and then the final open position can be requested through the Finance Committee.

Chairman Gordon asked if there was any other business; hearing none, he moved to payment of the bills.

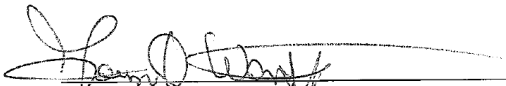
Chairman Gordon presented the Justice Committee with bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor.

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AS OF 1/26/2018
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

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| FUND | FUND TITLE | PENDING TOTAL | PREPAID TOTAL | FUND TOTAL |
|------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 0001 | GENERAL FUND | | \$273,729.76 | \$273,729.76 |
| 0129 | CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR | | \$6,595.33 | \$6,595.33 |
| 0138 | CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN | | \$1,544.37 | \$1,544.37 |
| 0142 | COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE | | \$261.62 | \$261.62 |
| 0143 | CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION | | \$65.00 | \$65.00 |
| 0146 | ADULT PROBATION SERVICES | | \$6,588.15 | \$6,588.15 |
| 0152 | ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO | | \$2,688.62 | \$2,688.62 |
| 0153 | DARE PROGRAM FUND | | \$776.21 | \$776.21 |
| 0156 | IDPA IV-D PROJECT | | \$17,900.43 | \$17,900.43 |
| 0170 | NEUTRAL SITE CUSTODY EXCH | | \$2,609.00 | \$2,609.00 |
| 0171 | CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM | | \$2,208.33 | \$2,208.33 |
| 0450 | ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911 | | \$148,850.31 | \$148,850.31 |
| 0452 | METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR | | \$70,586.52 | \$70,586.52 |
| 0506 | LAW LIBRARY | | \$1,869.09 | \$1,869.09 |
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| | | | \$536,272.74 | \$536,272.74 |



Motion by Murphy/Schafer to approve the Justice Committee bills as transmitted by the County Auditor with a prepaid total of \$536,272.74
Motion Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Morlock
Recording Secretary