

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Rackauskas; Members McIntyre, Wollrab, Schafer, Rankin and McKibbin

Members Absent: None

Other County Board
Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; and Ms. Judith LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Sheriff Mike Emery; Ms. Beth Kimmerling, County Coroner; Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services; Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; Mr. Will Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator-11th Circuit Court; and Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Technologies

Others Present: Ms. Jane Foster, First Assistant State's Attorney; Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center; Mr. Rusty Thomas, Chief Deputy Sheriff; and Mr. Ron Lewis, Assistant Public Defender

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

Chairman Rackauskas presented the Minutes from the Tuesday, August 2, 2011 meeting.

Motion by McIntyre/Wollrab to Approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2011 Meeting.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Emery presented a request for approval of the Task Force 6 Drug Unit Interagency Agreement 409020 with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for a grant of \$64,106.00 to be used to expand Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Units. He explained that this is a renewal of an annual pass-through grant. Sheriff Emery advised that the County has no financial obligation.

Sheriff Emery added that this is the 15th year for this pass-through grant for Task Force 6, which is organized by the Illinois State Police covering McLean and DeWitt Counties.

Ms. Wollrab asked about the \$21,369 match for this grant. Sheriff Emery reassured the Committee that the County has absolutely no financial obligation for this match or any part of the grant. It is simply a pass through grant to the Task Force 6, which is responsible for the match and the overmatch. The County is the hosting agent with no financial obligations now or in the future.

Motion by Rankin/McKibbin to Recommend Approval of the Task Force 6 Drug Unit Interagency Agreement 409020 with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for a grant of \$64,106.00.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery submitted requests for approval of annual Intergovernmental Agreements between the County of McLean and the City of Bloomington for Centralized Booking; between the County of McLean and the Town of Normal for Centralized Booking and between the County of McLean and the Illinois State University for Centralized Booking. He noted that these can be considered together. Sheriff Emery explained that any arrests made by these entities go directly to the County Jail where the booking is done.

Sheriff Emery stated that there is a 3% increase on each of the Agreements. He indicated that these Agreements are renewed beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Sheriff Emery added that Bloomington and Normal reimburse the County on a monthly basis and Illinois State University provides one annual payment at the beginning of the Agreement.

Motion by McIntyre/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McLean and the City of Bloomington for Centralized Booking; between the County of McLean and the Town of Normal for Centralized Booking; and between the County of McLean and the Illinois State University for Centralized Booking.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery reviewed the Monthly Population Report for August 2011. He noted that the population is holding well and, currently, has no over-population issues. Sheriff Emery indicated that only \$1,100 has been expended thus far for out-of-County prisoner housing. Sheriff Emery reminded the Committee that, last month, it was necessary to house nine inmates out-of-County due to a scheduled "Pub Crawl" event in Bloomington. He noted that five of the nine inmates made bond and the other four were returned to McLean County Jail on Monday morning.

Sheriff Emery presented the McLean County Detention Facility Inspection Report as conducted by the Illinois Department of Corrections. He explained that the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* authorizes the Department of Corrections to inspect county jails and to make the results available for public review. Sheriff Emery stated that he was very proud of this year's report.

Sheriff Emery reported that there were no noncompliance issues in this year's report.

Sheriff Emery credited the creation of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for the Detention Facility being in compliance with the Illinois Department of Corrections' standards. He stated that the availability and coordination of the Council in cooperation with the Sheriff's Department, the State's Attorney's Office, Public Defender, Judiciary Court Services, local universities, and the appropriate social service agencies provides direction and identifies deficiencies within the system to promote changes in sentencing options when overcrowding situations occur. Sheriff Emery indicated that this line of open communication has had a positive influence in reducing the population of the Jail.

Sheriff Emery pointed out that all of the purchased items included in the report, such as portable restraint chair, multi-cartridge taser security device, radios, television monitor, educational programs etc. were not an expense to the County; rather, they were purchased through funding from the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) that was received with no match.

Sheriff Emery indicated that this positive report also assists the County with insurance costs and prohibits potential lawsuits in the operation of the Jail.

Mr. Rankin expressed his compliments to the Sheriff and his staff for the good job they are doing, which is reflected in this report. Other Committee members concurred.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Sheriff Emery.

Ms. Jane Foster, First Assistant State's Attorney, reviewed the Monthly Caseload Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report. She pointed out that Felonies went up this month. Ms. Foster added that, in July and August, some very serious cases were dealt with, including drive-by shootings and gang-related activities.

Ms. Schafer asked what is done with the Asset Forfeiture Fund monies for the State's Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Foster responded that the funds in the State's Attorney's Office, by State statute, can be used for the prosecution of criminal offenses, such as training, purchase of audio-visual equipment to use at trial, laptop computers, etc. She indicated that the funds cannot be used for salaries.

Mr. McIntyre asked if the funds have ever been used for the DARE Program. Mr. Wasson replied that he does not believe the funds have been used for DARE. He stated that these funds are generally used for capital purchases or equipment purchases. Mr. Wasson indicated that the Sheriff's Department has used the funds in the past for the purchase of vehicles. He noted that some funds may have been used to purchase specific items for the DARE program, but not to fund the program. Mr. Wasson advised that these funds are not budgeted revenues because there is no way to know when, if and how much money might be received. Therefore, these funds are not used for day to day operational expenditures; rather, they are used to benefit and recoup costs associated with both the prosecution and the enforcement of drug forfeiture cases.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Foster.

Ms. Beth Kimmerling, County Coroner, presented the Coroner's Report. She stated that out-of-County autopsies remain very active, with approximately 30 autopsies per month. Ms. Kimmerling added that a high number of deaths are reported to the office and every effort is made to determine only those cases that require autopsies.

Ms. Kimmerling provided an update on the out-of-County cases and the status of forensic pathology services in the area. She stated that Dr. Denton has trained a new pathologist to work in McLean County, namely Dr. Amanda Baldwin. Ms. Kimmerling noted that Dr. Baldwin is in her third month of service to the County. She indicated that Dr. Baldwin received her training at Loyola and did follow-up work in Milwaukee. Ms. Kimmerling stated that Dr. Denton and Dr. Baldwin work on a month-long schedule and share a rotational-style schedule.

Ms. Kimmerling advised that Dr. Denton is a Board certified forensic pathologist and Dr. Baldwin is Board eligible, which means she is able to sit for the exam and intends to do so next year.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if Dr. Baldwin lives in McLean County. Ms. Kimmerling replied that Dr. Baldwin lives in Minooka, Illinois, but she travels to McLean County to work.

Ms. Kimmerling advised that McLean County will likely see a decrease in out-of-County autopsies for the following reasons:

- Champaign County Morgue is scheduled to open in October;
- Vermillion County may use the Champaign County Morgue;
- Peoria County Coroner wants to expand their Morgue facilities and expand services in that area. Peoria County has received permission to conduct studies for expansion.

Ms. Kimmerling stated that Champaign and Vermillion Counties provide the largest number of autopsy cases here in McLean County and their loss will be significant.

Ms. Kimmerling pointed out that a pathologist in Peoria ran a small morgue in the basement of a funeral home in Peoria to service several small counties around Peoria, such as Tazewell, Marshall, Fulton, etc. This facility is no longer functioning. Ms. Kimmerling noted that this is one of the reasons that Peoria County wishes to expand their facilities.

Ms. Kimmerling advised that she has contacted all of these smaller counties to promote McLean County's Morgue facilities, which are less expensive than Peoria County's Morgue. She added that the Tazewell County Coroner is retiring and she expects that McLean County may have the opportunity to provide services for Tazewell County.

Ms. Kimmerling recently met with Dr. Denton who asked her to assure the Committee that McLean County is his home and he intends to stay here. She noted that Dr. Denton would like to see he and Dr. Baldwin split duties between McLean County and Champaign County.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if Dr. Denton and Dr. Baldwin are self-employed and can they pick and chose which counties they service. Ms. Kimmerling responded that they are self-employed and are paid on a case by case basis. They are "vendors" that provide a service for the County.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if it would ever get to a point where, economically, it would become necessary for McLean County to send its autopsies to either Peoria or Champaign. Ms. Kimmerling replied that it would be inconvenient and expensive to send County autopsies to other counties, considering the staff time, transportation costs, etc.

Mr. Wasson advised that he and Ms. Kimmerling reviewed the budget and looked at the "worst case" scenario, including the lost revenue from Champaign and Vermillion counties. He noted that no revenue has been built in from the potential small counties that may come to the County for their autopsy services. Mr. Wasson stated that he and Ms. Kimmerling are well aware of the situation and have worked on the budget based upon these types of scenarios. He indicated that McLean County is fortunate to have two qualified pathologists here in Central Illinois to provide services to McLean County and other communities. Mr. Wasson pointed out that it is also important to consider the inconvenience of delays should the County be forced to go outside for autopsies.

Ms. Kimmerling stated that the forensic pathology services are in a constant state of flux. She indicated that she cannot direct what other coroners do in their communities. Ms. Kimmerling noted that it is necessary to "keep the ship up and running" otherwise it will be necessary to go to other counties for autopsies. She reiterated that she is doing what she can to provide information to other counties outlining the services and cost of services that McLean County offers.

Mr. Rankin asked what is the worst case scenario. Ms. Kimmerling responded that the worst case scenario is that McLean County Morgue still exists, and Dr. Denton and Dr. Baldwin still perform autopsies here, but autopsies are performed only for McLean, DeWitt, Livingston, Woodford counties and occasionally smaller surrounding counties.

Ms. Kimmerling advised that Dr. Denton's reputation is incredible. She pointed out that the County does not have a contract with Dr. Denton or Dr. Baldwin. Ms. Kimmerling expressed concern that even though Dr. Denton assures her that he intends to continue to provide services for McLean County, there are no guarantees. She indicated that Dr. Denton would be amenable to discussing the possibility of signing a contract, and she would be more comfortable if a contract were in place. Chairman Rackauskas asked if staff would investigate the potential of a contract for Dr. Denton. Mr. Wasson responded that he will investigate possibilities for a contract.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Kimmerling.

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk, presented a request for approval of E*Justice Systems (EJS) Case Management Enhancements. He explained that E*Justice Systems (EJS) is an integrated Case Management System (CMS) utilized by the McLean County Circuit Court, Circuit Clerk, State's Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Jail, and other law enforcement agencies within McLean County. He noted that he tried to condense down a very complicated process into a brief summary.

Mr. McIntyre expressed his appreciation of the summary, which he felt explained the enhancements and the need for them. The Committee members concurred with Mr. McIntyre.

The Summary is as follows:

11MCL001, Support Order Training, \$8,740

This work order is for training on the new EJS child support enforcement module. Training is necessary to ensure proper understanding and utilization of the module.

11MCL007, Cash Account Agency Information, \$9,315.00

The EJS case management system was originally developed to link the arresting agency to one account code. In 1999 to 2000 when the Circuit Clerk went live with EJS a one-to-one link was acceptable and was used to link the fine account code to the agency code of the arresting agency.

Over the past 10 years (more so during 2010 and 2011), multiple fines and fees have been established by legislation that provides monies to the arresting agency or municipality. With each of these new laws multiple account codes are required to cover the municipalities/agencies. Because the Circuit Clerk's office is presently unable within the CMS to link the new account codes to agencies, staff must manually assess the appropriate account code when processing or change the account code in the fee distribution pattern. Today there are approximately 35 fee distribution patterns for Traffic alone. Due to the large volume of traffic cases and the increase in legislation the present process is inefficient and prone to assessment errors. The enhancement would reduce processing time and the risk of assessment errors.

11MCL006, Consolidated Cases, \$8,970.00

For uniform citations (traffic and conservation) the CMS was originally developed to assign one case number to multiple citations issued to the same accused for more than one offense arising out of the same occurrence. Beginning January 1, 2011, per Supreme Court Rule 552, each citation is assigned a separate case number, chronologically, including multiple citations issued to the same accused for more than one offense arising out of the same occurrence. Information Services (IS), within its authority/ability, was able to make some adjustments within the CMS to consolidate cases for the same accused/same occurrence. Each offense receives a separate case number; consolidating creates the relationship of same accused/ same occurrence, i.e., consolidating creates a "parent" case (the major offense) and the "child" case or cases (the lesser offenses).

Further changes (enhancements) outside the authority of IS are required to reduce processing time and the risk of errors.

Presently, when staff enters the CMS to view/modify a case the case is highlighted to indicate it is consolidated. To determine and access the other related case or cases staff must maneuver through multiple screens. Even more problematic, staff must maneuver through even more screens to determine and access related case(s) if the case is a "child" case. The enhancement would allow staff to determine and access from the first screen the consolidated cases, whether viewing from a "parent" or "child" case. This is especially beneficial for customer support staff working busy counters.

Presently, when an individual has more than one name listed in the CMS (primary and alias or aliases) during case creation the CMS always default to the primary name even if the alias is selected. If the citation was issued in the alias, once the case is created staff must reenter the case to change to the alias name. If the individual has consolidated cases, staff must reenter each case separately to change names. The enhancement would allow staff to select the alias upon case creation or to select it on the parent case and have the CMS update the child cases accordingly.

Mr. Everhart advised that both Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb and he approve the use of the Court Automation fund (0140) to pay for these improvements to the CMS.

Mr. Rankin expressed concern with the training cost of \$8,740. The Committee concurred and asked for an explanation. Mr. Everhart stated that he understands their concerns and agrees that the price is excessive. He noted that Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Technologies, negotiated a reduction of 30% off the original cost. The \$8,740 is the reduced cost.

Mr. Everhart and Mr. Nelson provided the following justifications for the cost:

- Six employees will be trained;
- One program developers who wrote the code will be flown here from Denver;
- An option was offered to provide “virtual” training; but the reduction in price was not significant and it would be more beneficial to have on-site training by the code specialist;
- This training is the very last piece of the primary development of the program.

Mr. Rankin asked if it would be less expensive to send two Information Technologies’ employees to Denver to learn the process and bring it back to train the Circuit Clerk employees. Mr. Nelson replied that the only way to do it would be to send the six Circuit Clerk employees to Denver because the IT people do not know the procedures of processing civil and child support cases. He stressed that the programmer who will be here to provide the training is a code specialist.

Ms. Wollrab asked if the Committee voted no to this request, would it be possible to renegotiate the cost with the company. Mr. Nelson responded that, potentially, it could reduce the cost by a very small amount, but would then put the project back at least two more months. He anticipates that the project could “go live” by Columbus Day, and if it is not approved this month, the project would likely be postponed until late in October or November. Mr. Nelson advised that they have been trying to get this part of the project completed since 2004 or 2005. He added they would like to get the system up and running over the Columbus Day holiday.

Chairman Rackauskas asked how many counties use this system that would require this specialist to provide the training. Mr. Nelson replied that McLean County is the only customer that has the Circuit Clerk package. He stated that E*Justice System is the only vendor and McLean County is its only customer.

Chairman Rackauskas asked what type of warranty does the County have since there are only two code programmers and we are the only customer. Mr. Nelson responded that we need to finish the process to cross the line in this new system. Once that line is crossed, the County needs to immediately begin scouting what it

is going to take to take to move the Circuit Clerk's Office into one of the standardized packages that is used by other offices across the state. Mr. Nelson added that this project is basically an attempt to keep the Circuit Clerk's Office functional and alive so that we have time to research other programs. Mr. Wasson advised that he and Mr. Nelson have researched different packages. He noted that there have been a couple purchases in Illinois and several others across the country for Court Packages at a general cost of \$2 million. For an integrated justice system like the E*Justice System that works across all justice departments, Winnebago County recently purchased a new system at a cost of over \$7 million, which they passed a bond issue to fund.

Mr. Wasson acknowledged that the dollars for the work orders are significant, but they pale in comparison to the cost that we are looking at down the road as we look for solutions. He advised that these systems that we are putting in place will give the County the ability to continue to do business within current statutes as we begin the process of identifying future solutions. Mr. Wasson noted that staff are fully aware that there are challenges in the Circuit Clerk module of E*Justice moving forward because as the only client we are going to pay a premium for adjustments and modifications to the system. He acknowledged that we are clearly looking at future options, but the options are not ones we can realistically expect to see within the next 24 months.

Mr. Rankin asked how these expenses will impact the Court Automation Fund. Mr. Wasson replied that there is sufficient balance in the Court Automation Fund, which is restricted for these types of projects.

Ms. Schafer asked if these enhancements are the ones that were referred to at the meeting in July. Mr. Wasson replied that these are the enhancements that Mr. Everhart had referred to in July.

After additional discussion, the Committee agreed that this project should move forward.

Motion by Rankin/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of
E*Justice Systems (EJS) Case Management
Enhancements – Circuit Clerk's Office.
Motion carried.

Mr. Everhart presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance to fund this project.

Motion by Schafer/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amendment the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance.
Motion carried.

Mr. Everhart reviewed his Monthly Reports. He stated that there was nothing unusual to point out in the reports.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Everhart.

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, presented a request for approval to accept an Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in the amount of \$138,123.00 for an 18 month period. She advised that this grant will enable McLean County to hire a Probation Officer to work with probationers who are serving a sentence of felony probation for a non-violent offense. The caseload for this officer will be those individuals who have demonstrated the need to have a higher degree of monitoring and supervision to reduce their chances of being committed to the Department of Corrections. Ms. McCormick stated that along with the services of a Probation Officer, the program will fund services to this population in the form of both incentives and sanctions. She noted that advocacy, electronic monitoring, drug testing, and cognitive behavioral groups will be offered to assist the offenders in reducing technical violations of their probation.

Motion by Rankin/McKibbin to Recommend Approval to Accept an Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in the amount of \$138,123.00.
Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick presented a request for approval of an Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) four-month Community Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2012. She advised that this is for a four-month extension for the Juvenile Redeploy Grant. Ms. McCormick explained that this was a case where the Illinois Department of Human Services required a quick return on the contract outside of the normal County Board schedule; therefore, Mr. Sorensen signed the Contract on July 29, 2011 and IDHS signed on July 1, 2011.

Motion by Rankin/McKibbin to Recommend Approval of an Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) four-month Community Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2012.

Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick presented a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation Ordinance, Fund 0001 General Fund, Court Services Department 0022 for the amount of money for the four months. Ms. McCormick stated that she was informed by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) that McLean County will be receiving an additional \$42,108 (\$10,289 received prior to July 1, 2011 was not spent before June 30, 2011 for a total of \$52,397) for Juvenile Redeploy. Ms. McCormick added that these funds begin with the State's Fiscal Year of July 1, and it is anticipated that there may be additional monies received prior to the end of the County's Fiscal Year, but at the present time, this figure is the additional amount expected.

Ms. McCormick advised that, as with last year's extension, there is no match for these funds, and no personnel costs. She indicated that private agencies will continue to subcontract with the County to provide services to target redeploy youth, as well as grant monies being budgeted to assist the Court Services Department in the day to day operation of the Redeploy Program.

Motion by Wollrab/Schafer to Recommend Approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2011 Combined Annual Appropriation Ordinance, Fund 0001 General Fund, Court Services Department 0022.

Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick reviewed her monthly reports. She noted that Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center recently had visitors from the Department of Corrections.

Ms. Waltz reported that the Department of Corrections visit once a year to inspect the Juvenile Detention Center. She advised that the Juvenile Detention Center was found with no noncompliance issues. Ms. Waltz quoted that their recommendations are "to continue to serve McLean County in the same outstanding capacity as demonstrated the last five years."

The Committee congratulated Ms. Waltz on the report.

Ms. Schafer stated that the tour she took of the Juvenile Detention Center was very informative. Chairman Rackauskas urged other Committee members to take a tour of the County facilities.

Ms. McCormick informed the Committee that Drug Court graduation is Thursday, September 8th at 4:30 p.m. in the fifth floor Jury Assembly room. She noted that there are eight graduates.

Ms. McCormick indicated that the CJCC meeting is October 6th at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. McCormick and Ms. Waltz.

Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, presented the CAC and CASA Monthly Reports. She pointed out that the CAC statistics on the report are through July. Ms. Brucker advised that those numbers have since increased to 155.

Ms. Brucker stated that the number of CASA volunteer hours that have been provided in the first seven months of this year total 4,067 hours, which is more than two full-time employees. She pointed out that CAC works hard to keep the community volunteer active and interested in advocating for the kids living in foster care in McLean County.

Chairman Rackauskas asked how long CASA has been in existence in McLean County. Ms. Brucker replied that the first class was sworn in at the beginning of 1996, but training began in 1995. She noted that CASA is the one program that does not receive any funding from the County.

Ms. Brucker distributed two flyers. One is a "Charm the Blue Kids" invitation to a fundraising event hosted by Jack Lewis Jewelers on October 13th at Jack Lewis Jewelers from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She stated that Jack Lewis has offered a portion of the proceeds from the purchase of any Chamilia charm bracelet or charms on October 13 to CASA and the Children's Advocacy Center.

Ms. Brucker noted that the other flyer distributed is about the 5th Annual Conference sponsored by McLean County Child Protection Network, Children's Advocacy Center and CASA, which will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Heartland Community College. Ms. Brucker reminded the Committee that Mr. Bob Farley, a nationally known speaker on child abuse investigation, is the guest speaker at the all-day seminar at Heartland College. She added that Mr. Farley recently spoke at the Vatican.

Chairman Rackauskas announced that the TIP a VIP event is February 17th and will be a different function than in past years. She indicated that the event will be a very sophisticated auction with a sit down dinner at the Marriott Hotel.

Chairman Rackauskas encouraged the Committee and other Board members to get involved in efforts to raise money for CASA. She noted that attending this fundraiser on October 13th would be one way to support CASA.

Ms. Brucker advised that Jack Lewis, as his contribution to the live auction at TIP a VIP, has offered to host a private dinner party for ten people in his store, giving each guest a significant gift certificate.

Chairman Rackauskas pointed out that Ms. Brucker received a precious stone collection from her mother and, each year, she donates stones, which Jack Lewis sets into a piece of jewelry and the piece is raffled off at the TIP a VIP event.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Brucker.

Mr. Ron Lewis, Public Defender, presented the July 2011 Public Defender's Monthly Caseload Report. He indicated that there is nothing specific to point out on the report.

Ms. Schafer asked if the Public Defender's cases are down, does it mean that more people are hiring their own attorneys. Mr. Lewis responded that there are often dips in statistics that are usually only temporary. He noted that other reasons could include people hiring their own attorneys and also the Public Defender's screening process, which determines eligibility to have a Public Defender.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, advised that it is necessary to set a time to review the budget. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the budget will be reviewed at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 4th, but the meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. If necessary, another date will be scheduled at that time to complete the budget review. Mr. Wasson advised that he will try to keep the regular agenda at a minimum.

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Chairman Rackauskas asked that the Administrator's Office make arrangements to provide sandwiches for the Committee members at the meeting.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the August 31, 2011 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$371,064.67 and a Fund Total that is the same.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of
the Justice Committee Bills as of August 31, 2011.
Motion carried.

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Chairman Rackauskas asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Schafer/Wollrab to Recommend that the
Justice Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:16 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary