

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman George Gordon Members George Wendt, Susan Schafer, Carlo Robustelli, Randall Martin, Jim Soeldner, and Lyndsay Bloomfield

Members Absent: None

Other County Board
Members Present

Staff Present: Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator, Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Cassy Taylor, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Jessica Woods, First Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division and Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/

Elected Officials Present: Mr. Don Knapp, State's Attorney, Mr. Michael Donovan, Director Court Services; Mr. Jason Tabb, Juvenile Detention Center, Ms. Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center, Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender, Ms. Kathy Yoder, Coroner; Mr. Jamey Kessinger, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk

Others Present:

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. Chairman Gordon presented the minutes of the November 5, 2019 regular meeting for approval.

Motion by Robustelli/Wendt to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2019 regular meeting.
Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Don Knapp, State's Attorney, presented his reports. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any other questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Mike Donovan, Director of Court Services presented his monthly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if the Committee had any questions for Mr. Donovan; hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk present his monthly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions, hearing none he thanked Mr. Everhart.

Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender presented for approval contracts between John J. Bussan, William Mahrt, Kelly R. Harms, Jennifer, Patton, Michael Doubet, Stephanie Wisner, Special Public Defenders and the Public Defender's Office. Mr. Soeldner asked about difference between special and regular public defenders. Ms. Barnes indicated special public defenders handle the conflict cases such as multiple co-defendants.

Motion by Schafer/Martin to recommend approval of contracts between John J. Bussan, William Mahrt, Kelly R. Harms, Jennifer, Patton, Michael Doubet, Stephanie Wisner, Special Public Defenders and the Public Defender's Office.

Motion Carried. Chair voted

Ms. Barnes presented her caseload report. She stated things have worked well in the last year and thanked the Committee and Administration. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked her.

Ms. Molly Evans, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, presented for action a request to approve a Lease Agreement between Dorothy Warner Business Center, LLC and McLean County for space at 100 South Center Street, Suite 202, Clinton, Illinois. Ms. Evans indicated this is renewal of satellite office lease with only chance a \$50 increase in rent which has not been increased in several years. She stated lease has been in effect at least 15 years.

Motion by Soeldner/Bloomfield to recommend approval of a Lease Agreement between Dorothy Warner Business Center, LLC and McLean County for space at 100 South Center Street, Suite 202, Clinton, Illinois.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented for action a request to approve a Business Associate Agreement between McLean County and Network Ninja, Inc. Ms. Evans indicated this is for a new statewide data base for the Children's Advocacy Center that will be funded by the state chapter.

Motion by Schafer/Soeldner to recommend approval of a Business Associate Agreement between McLean County and Network Ninja, Inc.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented her monthly statistical reports to the Committee. She said it been a good year, seen a lot of change and they were hosting first holiday party. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked her.

Mr. Jamey Kessinger, McLean County Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's office presented for action a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington and the County of McLean Regulating the Use by the County of McLean of the Police Shooting Range Facility of the City of Bloomington. Mr. Kessinger indicated same price as last year and same number of shooting dates throughout the year.

Motion by Bloomfield/Robustelli to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington and the County of McLean Regulating the Use by the County of McLean of the Police Shooting Range Facility of the City of Bloomington.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Kessinger presented the Sheriff's monthly reports. Ms. Schafer commented on the jail population total as she felt it was increasing and questioned reasons behind that increase. Mr. Kessinger indicated he felt bail relief action would have reduced numbers, but that has not been the case and probably would not know reasons until several months from now. He stated he felt there had been more serious crimes occur and those individuals remain in jail awaiting hearings longer. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any further questions on the reports; hearing none, he thanked him.

Ms. Kathy Yoder, McLean County Coroner presented her monthly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if the Committee had any questions, hearing none, he thanked her.

Mr. Will Scanlon, Circuit Court presented for action a request to approve an amendment to the Contract with ISU Stevenson Center for Data/Research Services – Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Mr. Scanlon indicated this is a renewal contract for data analysis that would cover information Ms. Schafer just asked about such as jail population trends in the criminal justice system. He said they are also gathering information regarding individuals in the juvenile justice system. Ms. Rodriguez agreed this is key to assist us as we plan for services. Mr. Scanlon indicated this information will also be beneficial to the Triage Center.

Motion by Robustelli/Bloomfield to recommend approval of an amendment to the Contract with ISU Stevenson Center for Data/Research Services – Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Will Scanlon, Circuit Court presented for action a request to approve an Amendment to the Neutral Site Custody Exchange and Supervised Visitation Center Agreement between the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court and the Children's Home & Aid. He stated program provides site for parents to have supervised visitation or exchange custody. He said they are expanding this service to all 5 counties in our circuit. He said the County does not retain any funds and agreement goes back to 2013. He said in the past people might have been directed by the Judge to exchange in front of the police station and so this is beneficial. Mr. Wendt asked if there is a charge. Mr. Scanlon indicated there is a fee for this that is included in the filing fees for all divorce cases. Mr. Wendt stated he did not agree with system where those that don't use service are subsidizing for others. Mr. Scanlon confirmed that has been and still is the case.

Motion by Robustelli/Martin to recommend approval of an Amendment to the Neutral Site Custody Exchange and Supervised Visitation Center Agreement between the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court and the Children's Home & Aid

Motion Carried. Ms. Bloomfield abstained

Mr. Will Scanlon, Circuit Court presented for action a request to approve an Amendment to the Children's Waiting Room Agreement between the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court, McLean County and the Children's Home & Aid. Mr. Robustelli asked for clarification that the Committee was passing one-page Amendment. Mr. Scanlon confirmed in packet is one-page amendment and then original agreement. Mr. Scanlon indicated there is a room in Law & Justice that is in operation everyday they are open for children to wait.

Motion by Schafer/Martin to recommend approval of an Amendment to the Children's Waiting Room Agreement between the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court, McLean County and the Children's Home & Aid
Motion Carried. Ms. Bloomfield abstained.

Mr. Will Scanlon, Circuit Court presented information on an Illinois Supreme Court Commission Access to Justice Grant. He stated this was offered to County's with Law libraries. He stated we have partnered with Justice Core program and they offer volunteer staffing and a coordinator as long as we house them in the building. Mr. Scanlon stated the volunteers are usually from Illinois State University so when the university is on break, they have limited volunteers. He said this grant will allow them to pay for staff to cover hours with limited or no volunteers as well as additional work stations, computer equipment and attendance at the Access to Justice Conference in Nashville. He said the electronic filing will expand in 2020/2021 for all cases which will add burden on those cases where individuals represent themselves. Mr. Gordon asked to confirm one-year grant. Mr. Scanlon confirmed. Mr. Martin asked if we would be financially responsible for maintaining after the year. Mr. Scanlon stated County would have to approve the expenses because of timing of our budget and the grant we would discuss cost during next budget cycle. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any additional questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Scanlon.

Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator provided her report on recent positions filled. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked her.

Chairman Gordon presented for action approval of transfers for the Children's Advocacy Center.

Motion by Robustelli/Martin to approve the transfers from the Children's Advocacy Center.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Gordon presented bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor with a Prepaid and Fund Total of \$277,528.47.

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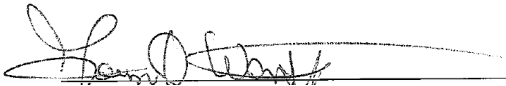
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$119,521.10	\$119,521.10
0129	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR		\$6,355.45	\$6,355.45
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$961.55	\$961.55
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$3,654.68	\$3,654.68
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$196.16	\$196.16
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$6,166.50	\$6,166.50
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$3,318.81	\$3,318.81
0156	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$100.00	\$100.00
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$8,915.16	\$8,915.16
0170	NEUTRAL SITE CUSTODY EXCH		\$2,833.33	\$2,833.33
0171	CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM		\$2,041.66	\$2,041.66
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$102,468.67	\$102,468.67
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$20,058.15	\$20,058.15
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$946.37	\$946.37
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Motion by Martin/Soeldner to approve the Justice Committee bills as transmitted by the County Auditor with a prepaid and fund total of \$277,528.47.
 Motion Carried.

Chairman Gordon asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee; hearing none, he adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie A. Morlock
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 Recording Secretary