

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 404 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman George Gordon, Members George Wendt, Carlo Robustelli, Susan Schafer, Randall Martin, Jim Soeldner and Lyndsay Bloomfield (All by remote attendance)

Members Absent: None

Other County Board
Members Present None

Staff Present: Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator, Ms. Cassy Taylor, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Cathy Dreyer, Assistant County Administrator and Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary; Mr. Donald Knapp, State's Attorney, Samantha Vazquez Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk, Mr. Jon Sandage, Sheriff, Ms. Kathy Yoder, Coroner; Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender, Mr. Michael Donovan, Court Services; Ms. Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center (remote attendance); Mr. Donald Knapp and Mr. Will Scanlan in person

Others Present:

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. Chairman Gordon presented the minutes of the May 19, 2020 special meeting and June 2, 2020 regular meeting for approval.

Motion by Martin/Bloomfield to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2020 special meeting and May 5, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion Carried.

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

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

Mr. Donald Knapp, State's Attorney presented his reports. He noted there is a critical hire request that would come up later in the meeting for the First Civil Assistant. He also went over asset forfeiture funds expenditures. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Michael Donovan, Director of Court Services presented his reports. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk presented for action a request to approve a Statement of Work and Quotation/Order Form with Caliber Public Safety for Enhancements to the EJS System. Mr. Everhart indicated moving to e-filing for criminal and juvenile cases and current system is limited so we have to make some changes. Mr. Gordon asked him to confirm that EJS and EFM are not integrated. Mr. Everhart confirmed. Mr. Gordon asked if there had been some narrowing of the two systems. Mr. Everhart stated that the two systems do not talk to each other and never have.

Motion by Soeldner/Bloomfield to recommend approval of a Statement of Work and Quotation/Order Form with Caliber Public Safety for Enhancements to the EJS System.

Motion Carried. Chair voted

Mr. Everhart presented his monthly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender present her monthly report. Ms. Barnes talked about continuing to limit additions to the McLean County with the hope of continuing to keep COVID from the jail. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked her.

Ms. Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center presented for action a request to approve an Agreement between Sharon Klingman and Children's Advocacy Center. Ms. Evans indicated that Ms. Klingman has been working with the County for about 17 years and her position is covered fully through a fund with the Department of Children and Family Services.

Motion by Schafer/Bloomfield to recommend approval of an Agreement between Sharon Klingman and Children's Advocacy Center.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2020 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for CAC.

Motion by Robustelli/Wendt to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2020 Combined annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for CAC.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented her monthly reports to the Committee. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked her.

Mr. Jon Sandage, McLean County Sheriff presented for action a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the County of McLean, the McLean County Sheriff and the Bloomington Normal Airport Authority. Mr. Sandage indicated this is a continuation of a contract that has been in place since about 2005 which funds two deputies

to work at the airport security checkpoint. Mr. Gordon asked if there were any changes from past agreements. Mr. Sandage indicated there is not.

Motion by Wendt/Robustelli to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the County of McLean, the McLean County Sheriff and the Bloomington Normal Airport Authority.
Motion Carried. Chair voted.

Mr. Sandage presented his report and indicated that about 100 days ago the State of Illinois Department of Corrections stopped taking our inmates that have been sentenced to that facility. He stated the Illinois Sheriff's association has tried to negotiate with Illinois Department of Correction to get a fair rate for housing their inmates with no success. He stated that to date if we charge a minimum of \$50 per day, the State of Illinois would owe us about \$57,000 for housing their inmates. He stated we have 33 inmates housed in our jail that should be in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Ms. Schafer asked if there was date the State was going to start taking the inmates. Mr. Sandage indicated they have not indicated a date and have not provided any guidance as to how to speed up the process. Mr. Soeldner asked for confirmation of discussion with legislators. Mr. Sandage indicated the Sheriff's association has talked with legislators.

Ms. Bloomfield thanked him and his staff for their work. She asked how his department is handling rhetoric. Mr. Sandage indicated it has been busy and disheartening to see local officers vilified for something that happened in Minneapolis. He said he was proud of his staff. He stated they support the protests but did not support the looting. He stated that on June 19th and June 20th between Black Lives Matter and the Chicago Community Bond fund they bonded out 13 individuals from the jail. He stated that of those 13, 10 were looters. He then went over the charges that the 13 individuals were in jail on including:

- one for selling crack cocaine,
- one for several counts of theft, obstructing justice, aggravated fleeing the police (that person has also failed to appear 7 times before in court)
- one for 7 counts of possession of controlled substance, 2 counts resisting peace officer, one count of obstructing justice and had prior robbery conviction and have failed to appear in court 12 times previously.
- one looter who attempted to hit a Bloomington police officer on foot and was also on bond for criminal trespass to a residence in which he threatened to kill the victim
- one looter was out for three days and called in a fake hostage incident to the Bloomington police department so was re-arrested for false alarm to 911 which is a class 4 felony.

He stated it is disheartening as good work went into arresting these people who were intent on damaging businesses in our community. Sheriff Sandage stated the two groups posted 87,705 in cash to bond people at time when that money could have gone to social service agencies. He stated they will continue to do what they do every day and have found there is large support group in the community they are thankful for. Ms. Bloomfield thanked him for the information. Mr. Gordon stated that the information was hard to listen to. Mr. Gordon asked if there were any further questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

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Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator presented for action a request to approve critical hire requests. Ms. Rodriguez went over the requests from the State's Attorney Department and the Court Services Department.

Motion by Wendt/Bloomfield to recommend approval of the critical hire requests.

Motion Carried. Chair voted.

Ms. Rodriguez presented her report on recent positions filled. Ms. Rodriguez also provided an update on the work done evaluating the EJS system including MTG's review and recommendations for next steps to either build, purchase or do a mix of both. She stated that conclusion was the cost of any of those options would not be realistic and needed to look at viable options. She stated they want to put out an RFI through MTG consulting and the cost would come out of the court automation fund. She stated they considered doing the RFI inhouse but realized they needed more expertise. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions, hearing none he thanked her. Mr. Gordon asked about a timeline for this RFI. Ms. Rodriguez indicated they wanted to get it out as soon as possible and it would take about 90 days.

Mr. Gordon asked if there was other business or communication to come before the Committee. Hearing nothing, he moved to payment of the bills.

Chairman Gordon confirmed there were no transfers and presented bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor with a Prepaid and Fund Total of \$397,834.41.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$189,073.10	\$189,073.10
0129	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR		\$17,256.18	\$17,256.18
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$1,793.93	\$1,793.93
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$341.41	\$341.41
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$17.64	\$17.64
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$5,239.04	\$5,239.04
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$4,092.92	\$4,092.92
0155	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$100.00	\$100.00
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$17,333.21	\$17,333.21
0170	NEUTRAL SITE CUSTODY EXCH		\$5,666.66	\$5,666.66
0171	CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM		\$4,416.66	\$4,416.66
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$102,234.26	\$102,234.26
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$50,056.64	\$50,056.64
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$212.76	\$212.76
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			\$397,834.41	\$397,834.41



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

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Motion by Robustelli/Martin to approve the Justice Committee bills as transmitted by the County Auditor with a prepaid and fund total of \$397,834.41.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Gordon asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee; hearing none, he adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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Recording Secretary