

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, August 4, 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. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary; 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; Mr. Don Knapp, State's Attorney (all remote attendance);

Others Present:

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order and declared a quorum. Chairman Gordon presented the minutes of the June 16, 2020 special meeting and July 7, 2020 regular meeting for approval.

Motion by Wendt/Schafer to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2020 special meeting and July 7, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman. Member Bloomfield had not joined the meeting at this time.

Chairman Gordon asked Ms. Rodriguez about members of the public. Ms. Rodriguez indicated that Administration had received several requests and Ms. Morlock would read them verbatim into the record until the 30 minutes allowed by the County Board Rules was up. She also indicated that all statements would be included in the minutes of the meeting. (Please see Attachment A for a copy of those statements that have been cut and pasted from the emails received).

Mr. Donald Knapp, State's Attorney presented for action a request to approve the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the Office of the Attorney General and the McLean State Attorney's Office. Mr. Knapp stated this is the continuation of a grant that offsets some of the costs of a victim witness coordinator.

Motion by Wendt/Martin to recommend approval of the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the Office of the Attorney General and the McLean State Attorney's Office.

Motion Carried. Roll Call vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman. Member Bloomfield was now present, remotely, at the meeting.

Mr. Knapp presented his monthly reports and went over the numbers including an increase in domestic cases. He also indicated they would probably see an increase in abuse and neglect cases as students return to schools with mandatory reporters. Mr. Knapp went over the asset forfeiture funds report and expenses paid out of that fund. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Michael Donovan, Director of Court Services presented a request to approve an Agreement between McLean County Court Services and Kevin Crutcher to provide counseling services. Mr. Donovan indicated this is a continuation of services with a small change because they were able to get additional funding from Adult Redeploy. Ms. Schafer asked if Mr. Crutcher would spend more time providing services since we were able to get more funding. Mr. Donovan confirmed he would be able to provide more services and provided history on funding indicating this use to be \$16,000, was cut last year to \$8,000 but they were able to get it up to \$13,000 this year.

Motion by Schafer/Wendt to recommend approval of an Agreement between McLean County Court Services and Kevin Crutcher to provide counseling services.

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman.

Mr. Donovan presented for action a request to approve an Agreement between McLean County Court Services and the Center for Youth and Family Solutions to provide evidence-based treatment and coordination services. Mr. Donovan indicated this was for Adult Redeploy. He stated this agreement was in place in the past, but it was not in place last year.

Motion by Soeldner/Bloomfield to recommend approval of an Agreement between McLean County Court Services and the Center for Youth and Family Solutions to provide evidence-based treatment and coordination services.

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman.

Mr. Donovan presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2020 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001, Court Services Department 0022. He stated a grant amount changed this adjusted their budget accordingly.

Motion by Martin/Robustelli to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2020

Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance General Fund 0001,
Court Services Department 0022.

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all present voted yes including the
Chairman.

Mr. Donovan presented for action a request to approve an Amended Agreement between McLean County Court Services and the McLean County Center for Human Services. Mr. Donovan indicated they contract with them each year utilizing grant funding received from the Health Department. He stated the Center for Human Services received funding in relation to COVID to cover some manpower, so they asked to reallocate some of the grant funding for training. Mr. Robustelli asked him to confirm this contract is for services they provide to individuals who come out of the behavioral health court. Mr. Donovan confirmed. Mr. Robustelli asked why we are amending it this way as he thought they would have budgeted for training from other funding and he was concerned other grantees would want to switch things like this in other grants. Mr. Donovan indicated they had not previously registered for the Illinois Problem Solving Court Conference this year because they did not have funding. He said that conference offers specific training for drug courts, etc. He stated he had contacted Health Department about this change. Mr. Robustelli asked him to confirm they would not have been able to afford this training before. Mr. Donovan confirmed.

Ms. Schafer said the Board of Health was not aware of this and the grant usually is to provide services and not training. She was not sure why this came to the County Board and not the Board of Health. Mr. Donovan stated the previous contract came through the County Board. Mr. Robustelli asked Ms. Schafer if in the past these would come to the Board of Health first and then come to the County. Ms. Schafer confirmed and stated the Board of Health may be concerned this is not to cover services. Ms. Taylor stated the grant agreement is between the Board of Health and the Court Services department and this is a sub-agreement between Court Services and an outside entity and those sub-contract agreements with our departments come through the County Board. She stated the dollar amounts have not changed in the agreement with the Board of Health but was not sure about their feeling on scope. Ms. Taylor provided an example of receiving grant funds from the federal government and not going back to the federal government every time they had a sub-contract. Ms. Schafer stated she understood but felt that others on Board of Health might not. Mr. Gordon asked if this could be delayed to stand up. Mr. Wendt stated he felt they vote on it as this agreement was voted on by the Board in the past and he did not want to set a precedent of going to other entities before voting on matters. Mr. Gordon stated that if they voted on this and an issue came up, they could put this on a stand-up agenda. Mr. Gordon asked Ms. Schafer to communicate with the Board of Health on this matter.

Motion by Schafer/Soeldner to recommend approval of an Amended
Agreement between McLean County Court Services and McLean County
Center for Human Services

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all present voted yes including the
Chairman.

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Mr. Donovan presented for action a request to approve a Change Order to Modify the Contract with the National Center for State Courts. Mr. Donovan and Ms. Taylor went over proposed changes.

Motion by Bloomfield/Wendt to recommend approval of a Change Order to Modify the Contract with the National Center for State Courts
Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote – all present voted yes including; Chairman did not vote.

Mr. Donovan presented his monthly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk presented his monthly and quarterly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender present her monthly report. 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 a Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement by and between the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General and McLean County CAC. Ms. Evans indicated this is a continuation grant that covers a small portion of their senior forensic interviewer's salary and fringe.

Motion by Wendt/Robustelli to recommend approval of a Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement by and between the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General and McLean County CAC
Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman

Ms. Evans presented for action a request to approve a Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement by and between the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General and McLean County CASA. Ms. Evans indicated this is a continuation grant that covers a portion of a CASA case manager's salary and fringe.

Motion by Wendt/Martin to recommend approval of Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement by and between the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General and McLean County CASA.
Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented her monthly reports to the Committee. Ms. Evans agreed with Mr. Knapp that they anticipate seeing additional cases once kids are back in school and have access to mandated reporters. 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 a Resolution Amending the Funded Full-Time Equivalent Positions Resolution for 2020 Fund 0001 Department 0029 Sheriff. He indicated they were asking for a reclass of records and

support specialists to help with retention of employees. Mr. Robustelli asked if in the future the HR Manager as well as the department head would be bringing these items to make sure requests are centralized. Ms. Rodriguez indicated the HR Manager had been involved in this situation, but was busy, so Administration Staff stepped in to assist.

Motion by Wendt/Schafer to recommend approval of a Resolution Amending the Funded Full-Time Equivalent Positions Resolution for 2020 Fund 0001 Department 0029 Sheriff.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman.

Mr. Sandage presented his report. Mr. Soeldner asked for an update on transfers to the Illinois Department of Corrections. Mr. Sandage indicated a judge ruled that the Governor did not have the authority to stop inmates from being transferred to the State facility; however, when they took 36 inmates to Statesville, they only accepted 3. He stated that the County is currently housing 43 inmates that should be at the Illinois Department of Corrections. He stated this is causing space issues as they try to quarantine and isolate for COVID. He stated that Governor Pritzker and the Department of Corrections have asked for a Motion to Stay. Mr. Knapp stated the Motion to Stay was filed today and could be heard as early as tomorrow and a decision could be issued right away or not for several weeks. Mr. Soeldner asked what the State's argument is for not accepting the inmates. Mr. Knapp stated they believe it is in their discretion to refuse inmates and we believe it is a mandatory duty under State statute for them to accept inmates. Mr. Soeldner asked why they took the three inmates. Mr. Sandage stated they were told they only had 184 single bunks available that day and stopped at that number. Ms. Schafer asked about how they determined the 184 taken. Mr. Sandage indicated it was first come first serve. Mr. Wendt thanked the Sheriff for his hard work on this and stated he felt it was disgraceful to put this burden on the Counties.

Mr. Robustelli stated that at the Health Committee meeting they spent time talking about precautionary measures the jail is taking and asked the Sheriff if he wanted to comment on that here as well. Mr. Sandage stated that there had been five positive cases and said correctional and medical staff have done an excellent job to mitigate. He stated that an outside company is coming in to sanitize the area and they are limiting movement. Mr. Robustelli asked him to confirm they are testing regularly. Mr. Sandage confirmed testing every five days until all staff and inmates are negative. Mr. Robustelli asked for an update on the visitor center. Mr. Sandage stated video in-person visitation is open and has been since June 1st. Mr. Robustelli asked him to consider if they did have to shut down the visitor center again, allowing inmates to communicate with friends and family through available technology. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any further questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

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.

Ms. Rodriguez indicated the first item under her portion of the agenda, a critical hire request, had been inadvertently put under information and would be brought to stand up for action.

Ms. Rodriguez presented her report on recent positions filled.

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 \$579,932.70.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$188,327.21	\$188,327.21
0129	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR		\$5,353.50	\$5,353.50
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$1,385.39	\$1,385.39
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$5,261.36	\$5,261.36
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$18,179.15	\$18,179.15
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$11,813.62	\$11,813.62
0150	FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE SHERIFF		\$1,995.00	\$1,995.00
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$2,931.50	\$2,931.50
0155	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$17,404.41	\$17,404.41
0170	NEUTRAL SITE CUSTODY EXCH		\$2,833.33	\$2,833.33
0171	CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM		\$2,208.33	\$2,208.33
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$301,507.73	\$301,507.73
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$16,059.79	\$16,059.79
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$1,572.38	\$1,572.38
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Wendt/Martin to approve the Justice Committee bills as transmitted by the County Auditor with a prepaid and fund total of \$579,932.70.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – all present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Gordon asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee; hearing none, he adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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Recording Secretary