

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 404 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Chuck Erickson, Members Randall L. Martin, George Wendt, Susan Schafer, Sharon Chung, Logan Smith, Hannah Beer (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, (in person attendance); Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary; Ms. Cathy Dreyer, Assistant County Administrator; Chris Spanos, First Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division; (via remote attendance)

Department Heads/

Elected Officials Present: Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Mr. Jon Sandage, Sheriff, Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender, Mr. Michael Donovan, Court Services; Ms. Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center; Mr. Don Knapp, McLean County State's Attorney, Ms. Kathleen Yoder, Coroner (all via remote attendance).

Others Present: None

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Chairman Erickson presented the minutes of the December 15, 2020 special meetings and January 5, 2021 regular meeting for approval.

Motion by Chung/Schafer to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020 special meetings and Motion by Chung/Beer to approve January 5, 2021 regular meeting.

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

Chairman Erickson confirmed with Ms. Rodriguez that there were requests to appear from members of the public. Mr. Spanos read the following into the record:

I dance gleefully in the tears of authority fetishists thanks to the passage of Police Reform Bill HB 3653. Thank the almighty Holy Buddha! This bill abolishes cash bail in two years & institutes a number of other important changes to provide some modicum of accountability for policing. Now, I have a feeling that the perpetually perfidious Sheriff Sandwich has been heavily hydrating himself in preparation for what I can only imagine will be the delusional Lamentations of the Prevaricator-and-Chief.

I truly feel bad for any board member that dares ask a question Sandwich doesn't like. Make sure you have a bunch of participation trophies for every question, otherwise the sheriff will get all triggered about how everyone is so unfair to his staff. Some of these guards are making over a \$100 grand with overtime, which is a heck of a lot more than most government employees. I feel like the best thanks you can give someone is the compensation we already give them for their labor. But, nooooooo. That's not good enough for Sheriff Sandwich. Just like that yuuuuuuuge loser Trump, any question he doesn't like is unfair & wah wah wah. Seriously, cry us a river why don't ya.

On an unrelated note: I deserve a raise. No, not me, I'm talking about the person speaking. That person doing the speaking deserves a raise for all their hardwork. And also, you should greatly increase the compensation of the staff who run the Sheriff's Records department. Without them, the county would not be able to fulfill the records requests that are essential to transparent government. So, give them a raise and hire an extra person while you're at it. Because I file A LOT of FOIAs; and, I know they are burdensome; and, we all know I'm not going to stop. So, for the love of the almighty Holy Buddha, help these hard workers out.

But, I digress. I'm sure Sheriff Sandwich will tell you some anecdotal, straw man account like cash bail abolition in New York. But what he won't tell you, is we aren't just getting rid of cash bail but we're replacing it with our methods that have been proven in places to be better than cash bail, like New Jersey & Washington D.C. But with people like Sheriff Sandwich, they choose feelings over facts; well, sorrynotsorry, but in the real world, facts don't care about your feelings.

Make no mistake, I tell you. The main reason Sheriff Sandwich is mad about getting rid of cash bail is because he's all about them benjamins yo. He likes makin that cash, that paper, that cheddar cheese. Cash Rules Everything Around Me – Cream; get the money: dolla bills ya'll. Bling-bling. He's a mean, green moldy sandwich making machine that's upset he can't continue to profit off of human misery. Don't believe the hype! Don't believe the copaganda!

Love & Liberation,
Zachary Gittrich

Ms. Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center presented for action a request to approve an Inter-Governmental Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and McLean County. She stated that they were one of 12 that received funding and it is a big grant to cover salary and fringe for most of the Casa staff.

Motion by Schafer/Smith to recommend approval of an Inter-Governmental Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and McLean County.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote - all Members present voted yes, including the Chairman.

Ms. Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center presented for action a request to approve a contract for services between DeWitt County Community Mental Health Board and the Children's Advocacy Center. Ms. Evans indicated this grant covers rent and utilities at the DeWitt County facility and some staff training and supplies.

Motion by Martin/Chung to recommend approval of a contract for services between DeWitt County Community Mental Health Board and the Children's Advocacy Center

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

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

Mr. Jon Sandage, Sheriff, presented his monthly report. Ms. Chung asked if correctional officers and inmates were receiving the vaccine. Mr. Sandage indicated Governor declared that the Illinois Department of Correction was in phase 1B but County phase 1C. He reminded members they cannot make inmates or correctional officer get vaccine but will make it available to the inmates and have given time and location information to the corrections officers. Ms. Chung stated she hoped staff would get the vaccine to help reduce chance of COVID in the jail. Mr. Smith asked if there was still back log of transfers to the Illinois Department of Corrections. Mr. Sandage indicated there are currently 52 inmates in our jail that should be transferred to the Department of Correction. He stated they get one to two days' notice, but they have not received any notices in the last couple of weeks. Ms. Chung asked for an update on population lock downs. Mr. Sandage indicated they would like to open population back-up but would wait until they could be assured through vaccination or other methods that there would not be an outbreak. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any further questions, hearing none, he thanked Mr. Sandage.

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

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

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

Chairman Erickson indicated that Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk was not able to attend the meeting, but his monthly reports are in the packet. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he moved to the next item.

Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender presented for action a request to approve a position reclassification. Ms. Schafer asked if this would set a precedent to submit a reclassification if an employee is offered a job outside the County. Ms. Rodriguez indicated this comes up occasionally and Administration would like to bring to the Board policy changes and possibly do salary studies. She stated the County wants to keep valuable County employees but

would also like to keep requests for reclassification within the budget cycle so those requests can be considered with the other budget needs of that department. Ms. Barnes stated State's Attorney's Office has several of Supervisor II positions, but with this request they would only have this one.

Motion by Martin/Beer to recommend approval of the position reclassification request.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote. Member Wendt had technical difficulties, so no vote was recorded. All other members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Barnes presented her monthly report. Member Chung congratulated her and thanked her for her service as the Public Defender. Ms. Barnes stated she has loved the work and stated she would not have been as successful without the assistance of the current and past County Board, County Administrator, Sheriff and State's Attorney. She said she looked forward to continuing to help people in her new role. Ms. Schafer thanked her for providing assistance to those in need. Mr. Erickson also congratulated her. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any other comments or questions; hearing none, he thanked her.

Ms. Rodriguez, County Administrator presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Mclean County Fiscal Year 2020 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Asset Forfeiture Fund 0152. Ms. Rodriguez stated transactions that involve the Asset Forfeiture Account are not usually documented but wanted to document this action as Asset Forfeiture funds were utilized for employee equipment during the pandemic and those funds were later reimbursed through the Cures Act.

Motion by Chung/Schafer to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Mclean County Fiscal Year 2020 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Asset Forfeiture Fund 0152

Motion Carried. Roll call vote. Member Wendt had technical difficulties, so no vote was recorded. All other members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Rodriguez, County Administrator 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 the Coroner, Children's Advocacy Center and Law Library and State's Attorney. Ms. Rodriguez stated this is for routine end of the year clean up.

Motion by Martin/Smith to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2020 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Coroner, Children's Advocacy Center and Law Library and State's Attorney.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote – Member Wendt had technical difficulties, so no vote was recorded. All other members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Rodriguez, County Administrator presented for action a request to approve a Letter of Engagement with MTG Management Consultants. Ms. Rodriguez indicated the cover memo in the packet hopefully covered the request but would be happy to answer any questions the Committee might have.

Motion by Smith/Schafer to recommend approval of a Letter of Engagement with MTG Management Consultants.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote. Member Wendt had technical difficulties, so no vote was recorded. All other members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Ms. Rodriguez presented her report on recent positions filled. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked her.

Chairman Erickson asked if there was other business or communication to come before the Committee, hearing none, he moved to payment of the bills.

Chairman Erickson presented bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor with a Prepaid and Fund Total of \$605,341.68.

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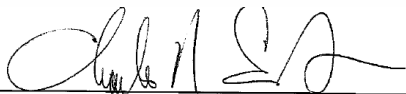
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AS OF 1/28/2021

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$250,427.49	\$250,427.49
0129	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR		\$12,196.43	\$12,196.43
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$4,153.78	\$4,153.78
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$1,929.88	\$1,929.88
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$4,458.54	\$4,458.54
0143	CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$150.00	\$150.00
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$11,305.73	\$11,305.73
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$1,054.19	\$1,054.19
0155	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$103.00	\$103.00
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$18,060.88	\$18,060.88
0171	CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM		\$831.72	\$831.72
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$191,970.59	\$191,970.59
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$101,303.03	\$101,303.03
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$7,396.42	\$7,396.42
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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Chung/Smith to approve the Justice Committee bills as transmitted by the County Auditor with a prepaid and fund total of \$605,341.68.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote. Member Wendt had technical difficulties, so no vote was recorded. All other members present voted yes including the Chairman.

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Chairman Erickson presented end of the year Transfer requests presented in the packet on pages 168-175 for the4 Circuit Clerk, Circuit Court, Public Defender, State's Attorney, Merit Board, Metcom and ETSB.

Motion by Schafer/Chung to recommend approval of the end of the year Transfer request presented in the packet on pages 168-175 for the4 Circuit Clerk, Circuit Court, Public Defender, State's Attorney, Merit Board, Metcom and ETSB.

Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. Member Wendt had technical difficulties, so no vote was recorded. All other members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Chairman Erickson asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee; hearing none he adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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Recording Secretary