

## Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, March 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, Mr. Brian McEldowny, Interim Public Defender, Mr. Michael Donovan, Court Services; Ms. Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center; Mr. Don Knapp, McLean County State's Attorney, Mr. Bradley Rigdon, First Assistant State's Attorney, (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 January 14, 2021 special meeting and February 2, 2021 regular meeting for approval.

Motion by Wendt/Chung to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2021 special meeting and February 2, 2021 regular meeting.

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

Chairman Erickson confirmed public comments. Mr. Robert Garcia; Linda Foster, NAACP; and Ms. Carla Campbell – Jackson also of the NAACP appeared in public to provide their comments. Ms. Morlock then read additional comments received. All comments are attached as "Attachment A" to these minutes.

Mr. Jon Sandage, Sheriff, presented for approval 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. Sandage indicated this was same agreement as last year.

Motion by Martin/Wendt 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. Roll call vote – all members present voted yes including the Chairman.

Mr. Sandage presented for approval a request to approve Emergency Management Agency to enter into Memorandums of Understanding to establish additional vaccination sites (Emergency Management Agency).

Motion by Schafer/Chung to recommend approval of Emergency Management Agency to enter into Memorandums of Understanding to establish additional vaccination sites (Emergency Management Agency).

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

Mr. Sandage presented for approval a request to approve a Resolution of the McLean County Board approving the Adoption of the National Incident Management System. Mr. Erickson questioned the word disaster and there was a discussion about leaving as is because it was a form resolution.

Motion by Smith/Chung to recommend approval of a Resolution of the McLean County Board approving the Adoption of the National Incident Management System

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

Mr. Sandage presented his monthly report. Ms. Chung asked about the jail percentages read in one of the public comments. Sheriff Sandage stated they provide the numbers and not the break down but do look at those numbers with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Mr. Erickson asked if it would be difficult to provide those numbers. Mr. Sandage indicated numbers are out there for the public, but he could provide them with the report if they wanted them included. Ms. Schafer asked about validity of numbers as they are a point in time whereas numbers in the reports are averages. Mr. Sandage agreed numbers given would be a snapshot, so he would want to know if they want them as of the first of the month. Mr. Erickson asked if he could provide numbers to Ms. Chung and then if she felt the information should be provided to others on a regular basis they could discuss again next month. Ms. Chung asked about vaccinations among staff. Mr. Sandage reminded the committee that they cannot make staff go so he did not have numbers on staff vaccinated. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any further questions, hearing none, he thanked Mr. Sandage.

Mr. Erickson indicated that Ms. Yoder was not available tonight, but her report was in the packet. Chairman Erickson asked if the Committee had any questions hearing none, he thanked her.

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Mr. Don Knapp, State's Attorney presented for approval a request to approve an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, and the County of McLean (#219446). Mr. Knapp indicated this is an annual renewal.

Motion by Martin/Chung to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, and the County of McLean (#219446)

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

Mr. Knapp 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 for approval a request to approve an Agreement with Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. for Public Performance Licensing. Mr. Donovan indicated this is an annual contract to show films at the Juvenile Detention Center.

Motion by Smith/Wendt to recommend approval of an Agreement with Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. for Public Performance Licensing.

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

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

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk presented his reports and an FTE amendment request to the Committee for their review. Mr. Everhart indicated the FTE amendment was due to increase in expungements. Ms. Rodriguez pointed out that work is required due to change in the laws regarding marijuana. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he moved to the next item.

Mr. Brian McEldowny, Interim Public Defender, presented the public defender's monthly report. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any comments or questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Ms. Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center, presented her monthly reports to the Committee. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked her.

Ms. Rodriguez, County Administrator, presented for action a request to approve and Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Mclean County Fiscal Year 2020 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance.

Motion by Wendt/Beer to recommend approval of Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the Mclean County Fiscal Year 2020 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote. All 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 presented under other business a request to approve a Resolution – He stated that it was a resolution that he had proposed and due to the number of questions he had received with regard to the resolution he wanted to withdraw the resolution and reconsider it next month. He stated that he supports qualified immunity but felt questions should be answered before moving forward.

Mr. Erickson asked Mr. Chris Spanos, first Civil Assistant to provide a status on the Criminal Justice Reform Bill. Mr. Spanos indicated the Bill is over 700 pages. He showed the section on Qualified Immunity. Mr. Spanos indicated the Bill created a commission that has 60 days to convene at least 3 times to consider changes to qualified immunity as well as other reforms. He then provided the definition of qualified immunity and went over case law regarding qualified immunity. Ms. Chung stated she felt Mr. Spanos was providing opinion and did not think that was appropriate. Mr. Erickson stated he had asked Mr. Spanos to provide information based on the questions that Mr. Erickson had received. Mr. Spanos indicated he was providing information as to what the law said, not opinions, but would stop and only answer questions as they were presented. Mr. Erickson asked Mr. Spanos to make available to the Committee the cases he referred to regarding qualified immunity and the definition.

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 \$213,318.90.

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**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND**


**Justice Committee**

<b>FUND</b>	<b>FUND TITLE</b>	<b>PENDING TOTAL</b>	<b>PREPAID TOTAL</b>	<b>FUND TOTAL</b>
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$142,550.69	\$142,550.69
0129	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR		\$10,627.93	\$10,627.93
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$1,191.28	\$1,191.28
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$13,453.55	\$13,453.55
0143	CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$951.95	\$951.95
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$7,390.65	\$7,390.65
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$1,294.40	\$1,294.40
0154	SHERIFFS DONATION FUND		\$991.00	\$991.00
0155	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$2,691.43	\$2,691.43
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$17,744.33	\$17,744.33
0460	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$6,895.87	\$6,895.87
0462	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$7,529.65	\$7,529.65
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$6.17	\$6.17
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			\$213,318.90	\$213,318.90

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Martin/Smith to approve the Justice Committee bills as transmitted by the County Auditor with a prepaid and fund total of \$213,318.90.

Motion Carried. Roll call vote. All 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 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie A. Morlock*

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Recording Secretary