

Minutes of the Justice Committee Meeting

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Chuck Erickson, Members Randall L. Martin, Susan Schafer, George Wendt, Sharon Chung Hannah Beer and Benjamin Webb

Members Absent: None

Other County Board
Members Present None

Staff Present: Cassy Taylor, Interim County Administrator, Cathy Dreyer, Assistant County Administrator; Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary; Samantha Vazquez, Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Jon Sandage, Sheriff, Ron Lewis, Public Defender, Michael Donovan, Court Services Director; Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center Director; Bradley Rigdon, McLean County First Assistant State's Attorney – criminal

Others Present:

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

Chairman Erickson presented the minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Chung/Beer to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2021 regular Committee meeting.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson confirmed there were no members of the public or employees to appear.

Ron Lewis, Public Defender presented for action a request to approve a Software License Agreement with JusticeText, Inc. He explained the software provides a transcript of videos they receive. He stated they receive multiple videos, and this software saves his staff time as they do not have to sit and watch all videos. Mr. Lewis stated he had consulted with the State's Attorney Civil Division and Information Technologies on this contract. Mr. Erickson asked if this software provides indexing. Mr. Lewis confirmed it did, which allows them to go to a specific spot in the video.

Motion by Martin/Wendt to recommend approval of a Software License Agreement with JusticeText, Inc.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Lewis presented his monthly report to the Committee. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked them.

Jon Sandage, McLean County Sheriff presented his reports to the Committee. He stated they currently have only two inmates that have been sentenced to the Department of Correction. He further indicated the jail population was down to 171. Chairman Erickson asked if there were questions, hearing none, he thanked him.

Chairman Erickson indicated that Kathy Yoder, McLean County Coroner was not present but her monthly report to the Committee was in the packet. He asked members to contact the Coroner if they had any questions.

Mr. Brad Rigdon First Assistant State's Attorney – Criminal Division presented for action a request to approve a Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General for the McLean County State's Attorney's Office.

Motion by Wendt/Chung to recommend approval of a Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General for the McLean County State's Attorney's Office.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Rigdon presented the State's Attorney's monthly report to the Committee. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions regarding the report; hearing none, he thanked him.

Member Susan Schafer joined the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Michael Donovan, Director Court Services presented for action a request to approve an Inter-government Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and McLean County on behalf of McLean County Court Services (Agreement No. 192212). He stated it is a yearly grant that provides funding for two officers and contract services for high-risk offenders to try to divert them from the Justice system. Mr. Erickson asked him to elaborate on what designated an individual as a high-risk probation client. Mr. Donovan indicated they are identified through a tool. He also provided some of the criteria such as age, homelessness, anti-social behaviors, and continued substance abuse. Mr. Erickson asked how helpful the program had been to reduce incarceration. Mr. Donovan indicated the program has worked well and has helped keep individuals out of jail but also helped with other court costs as individuals do not go before the judge.

Motion by Wendt/Martin to recommend approval of an Inter-government Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and McLean County on behalf of McLean County Court Services (Agreement No. 192212).

Motion Carried.

Mr. Donovan presented his monthly report to the Committee. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Chairman Erickson indicated Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk was not able to attend the meeting but his monthly and quarterly reports to the Committee were provided in the packet. Mr. Erickson asked members to please contact Administration or the Clerk's office if they had any questions.

Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center, presented for action a request to approve a Grant Agreement between Illinois Association of Court Appointed Special Advocates (DBA Illinois CASA) and the County of McLean. She stated this is the third year they have received this grant. She stated the grant pays for a portion of a trainer/case manager salary and provides small portion of the CASA director's salary. Mr. Erickson asked her to explain the role of the CAC department. Ms. Evans summarized the work done by the CAC and CASA for children involved in the court system and foster care.

Motion by Chung/Beer to recommend approval of a Grant Agreement between Illinois Association of Court Appointed Special Advocates (DBA Illinois CASA) and the County of McLean.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans, Children's Advocacy Center, presented for action a request to approve a Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General for the Children's Advocacy Center. Ms. Evans indicated the grant pays a portion of a senior forensic interviewer's salary. She went over the work done by the senior forensic interviewer and noted that they conduct interviews in Livingston and Dewitt as well as McLean.

Motion by Schafer/Chung to recommend approval of a Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General for the Children's Advocacy Center.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans, Children's Advocacy Center, presented for action a request to approve a Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General for CASA. Ms. Evans stated this is a long-standing grant that pays a portion of a case manager's salary and fringe. She noted for the committee that the case manager oversees the workload of up to 30 CASA volunteers.

Motion by Chung/Schafer to recommend approval of a Violent Crime Victims Assistance Program Grant Agreement with the State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General for CASA.

Motion Carried.

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Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center, presented for action a request to approve an agreement between Sharon Klingman and the Children's Advocacy Center for counseling services. Ms. Evans indicated that this would be Ms. Klingman's seventeenth year providing services. She noted that Ms. Klingman now provides services to non-offending care givers, which is something that is not offered by many counties in the State.

Motion by Beer/Schafer to recommend approval of an agreement between Sharon Klingman and the Children's Advocacy Center for counseling services.

Motion Carried.

Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center, presented for action a request to approve a Change Order/Modification of Contract for Grant Agreement #218003 with the Children's Advocacy Center of Illinois. She stated that due to the availability of additional funds, they were able to write for and have been granted additional funds for equipment and supplies. She stated that with these funds they will be able to pay for new flooring and monitors. She further indicated this grant will furnish the new location Livingston County located for them to utilize that is County owned.

Motion by Martin/Chung to recommend approval of a Change Order/Modification of Contract for Grant Agreement #218003 with the Children's Advocacy Center of Illinois.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented her monthly reports to the Committee. Ms. Chung thanked her for all the work they do to get grants and provide services to the community. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any further questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked her.

Cassy Taylor, Interim County Administrator indicated she had no action items for the Committee. Ms. Taylor then provided an update on the flood disaster. She stated five board members were able to attend the MARC and assist about 100 families. She stated because of all our efforts we were able to determine that the level of need from the disaster met the levels needed by State to proclaim McLean County as an area of need. Ms. Taylor indicated a DLOC-Disaster Loan Outreach Center would continue into next week to assist individuals as they apply for long term repayment loans. She thanked Cathy Beck for organizing events. Chairman Erickson asked if anyone had any questions for Ms. Taylor; 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 \$914,220.79.

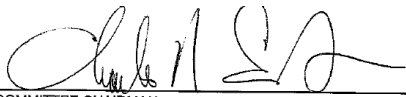
MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

AS OF 7/29/2021

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$323,979.68	\$323,979.68
0129	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR		\$22,423.92	\$22,423.92
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$2,131.42	\$2,131.42
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$1,470.74	\$1,470.74
0141	COURT SECURITY		\$27,610.31	\$27,610.31
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$2,832.62	\$2,832.62
0143	CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$1,696.09	\$1,696.09
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$8,643.21	\$8,643.21
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$1,473.43	\$1,473.43
0155	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$100,252.26	\$100,252.26
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$22,198.87	\$22,198.87
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$340,969.77	\$340,969.77
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$56,250.44	\$56,250.44
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$2,288.03	\$2,288.03
			\$914,220.79	\$914,220.79



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Beer/Chung to approve the Justice Committee bills as presented.
 Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson asked if there was any other business or communication to come before the Justice Committee; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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 Recording Secretary