

Minutes of the Justice Committee Meeting

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Member Sharon Chung

Other County Board
Members Present None

Staff Present: Cassy Taylor, County Administrator; Cathy Dreyer, Assistant County Administrator; Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary; Don Knapp State's Attorney

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center Director; Donald Knapp, State's Attorney; Ron Lewis, Public Defender; Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Kathy Yoder, Coroner, Sheriff Jon Sandage, Will Scanlon, Circuit Court

Others Present: None

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

Chairman Erickson presented the Justice Committee January 4, 2022, regular meeting minutes for approval.

Motion by Wendt/Beer to approve the Justice Committee January 4, 2022, regular meeting minutes
Motion Carried.

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

Don Knapp, McLean County State's Attorney presented his monthly reports to the Committee and reminded members of new recording procedures and how those might affect numbers. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions regarding Mr. Knapp's reports; hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Mike Donovan, Court Services Director presented for action a request to approve a Public Performance Licensing Agreement for Correctional Institution with Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. Mr. Donovan indicated this was a continuation of a current contract to show licensed movies and noted the amount had a minimal increase.

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Motion by Wendt/Schafer to recommend approval of a Public Performance Licensing Agreement for Correctional Institutions with Swank Motion Pictures, Inc.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Donovan presented his reports to the Committee. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions on the Court Services report; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Donovan.

Chairman Erickson noted Mr. Everhart had to step away and moved his portion of the agenda to later.

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

Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) presented a request to approve an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and Mclean County. Ms. Evans indicated this was the largest grant they received for CASA and funds cover all four of their employee's salary and fringe.

Motion by Martin/Beer to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and Mclean County

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented for action a request to approve a Contract for Services between DeWitt County Community Mental Health Board and McLean County Children's Advocacy Center. Ms. Evans noted this grant covers rent and utilities and professional development for the services provided in DeWitt County.

Motion by Schafer/Martin to recommend approval of a Contract for Services between DeWitt County Community Mental Health Board and McLean County Children's Advocacy Center.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented for action a request to approve a Contract for Services with ABC Counseling & Family Services. Ms. Evans indicated they provide professional development for CASA volunteers.

Motion by Wendt/Webb to recommend approval of Contract for Services with ABC Counseling & Family Services.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented for action a request to approve a Grant Agreement between Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois and Children's Advocacy Center of McLean County. Ms. Evans noted this is an extension to their current grant.

Motion by Webb/Beer to recommend approval of a Grant Agreement between Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois and Children's Advocacy Center of McLean County.

Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Don Everhart, McLean County Circuit Clerk returned and he presented his monthly and quarterly reports to the Committee. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Erickson asked the Committee if they were ok bringing Mr. Scanlon forward as it concerned both his department and the Circuit Clerk. Committee concurred. Mr. Scanlon explained request to move FTE into the Circuit Clerk's office to try a new staffing model. He noted if it worked they would put this forward for next year budget. Ms. Schafer asked if this was going to Finance on Monday and staff concurred.

Mr. Scanlon also indicated that they received an offer to apply for grant funding from State of Illinois to help improve information technologies in the Circuit Court. Mr. Erickson asked if this would include electronic filing system. Mr. Scanlon confirmed it would not.

Jon Sandage, Sheriff presented his monthly report. He indicated they still have limited space and additional pressure of staff because they are currently housing 63 inmates that should be at the State's facility. Mr. Sandage then went over annual inspection report included in the packet. He indicated this report is evidence of the hard work they put into the facility including the programs they offer. He indicated this report is the State acknowledging that they are doing a good job. He stated it is hard to get people to apply when they do not feel they are being backed by the County Board. He stated it is hard to get people to want to work for the Department when they only hear people question the job officers are going regarding COVID, tablets, etc. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions, hearing none, he thanked him.

Kathy Yoder, County Coroner presented her monthly report to the Committee. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions for the coroner; hearing none, he thanked her.

Ms. Cassy Taylor, County Administrator presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2021 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Sheriff, Jury Commission and Coroner Departments. Ms. Taylor indicated this was annual clean up in preparation for annual audit.

Motion by Wendt/Martin to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2021 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Sheriff, Jury Commission and Coroner Departments.

Motion Carried.

Under Other Business Ms. Schafer noted Veterans Court graduation next week. Ms. Taylor noted they would be closing offices tomorrow due to the weather and asked members to keep 24/7 operations in thoughts as they are out working in the weather.

Chairman Erickson presented bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor with a prepaid and fund total of \$586,577.12.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$267,159.86	\$267,159.86
0129	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR		\$12,959.37	\$12,959.37
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$1,890.55	\$1,890.55
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$401.30	\$401.30
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$13,164.43	\$13,164.43
0143	CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$180.00	\$180.00
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$3,505.83	\$3,505.83
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$25,460.99	\$25,460.99
0155	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$113.00	\$113.00
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$17,352.00	\$17,352.00
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$162,088.57	\$162,088.57
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$80,684.93	\$80,684.93
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$1,616.29	\$1,616.29
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Motion by Wendt/Martin to approve the Justice Committee bills as presented.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson asked for a motion to approve the transfers as presented in the packet.

Motion by Wendt/Beer to approve transfers as presented to the Committee.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson stated there was no other business for the Justice Committee to consider and adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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Recording Secretary