

Minutes of the Justice Committee Meeting

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 3, 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, Sharon Chung, Hannah Beer and Matt Coates

Members Absent: None

Other County Board
Members Present None

Staff Present: Cassy Taylor, County Administrator; Anthony Grant, Assistant County Administrator; Cathy Dreyer, Assistant County Administrator; Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary; Ashley Scarborough, Assistant State's Attorney – Civil Division

Department Heads/

Elected Officials Present: Ron Lewis, Public Defender; Sheriff Jon Sandage, Don Knapp, State's Attorney; Will Scanlon, Circuit Court; Dennis McGuire, Court Services; Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center

Others Present: Matt Lane, Sheriff's Department

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

Chairman Erickson presented the April 5, 2022, regular meeting minutes of the Justice Committee for approval.

Motion by Martin/Chung to approve the April 5, 2022, regular meeting minutes of the Justice Committee.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson confirmed with Ms. Taylor there were members of the public to appear.

Mr. Zachary Gettrich was invited forward to address the Committee. Mr. Gettrich went over COVID numbers, stated Board members contact information had been given to inmates and provided information he had on current cases vs the Sheriff.

Ms. Sharon Baize was invited forward to address the Committee. She provided information about her son's medical situation while in the McLean County jail and noted her concern about a visit at her home from a Detective requesting she come to the station.

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk presented a request to approve the renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and McLean County Circuit Clerk. Mr. Everhart indicated this grant provides revenue to process support orders.

Motion by Schafer/Chung to recommend approval of renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement between Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and McLean County Circuit Clerk.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Everhart presented his monthly and quarterly reports. Mr. Everhart indicated reports are more involved and take longer to process. He also noted there would be a drop in the number of cases filed based on case hierarchy filing system set by the Illinois Supreme Court. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions on his reports. Hearing none, he asked if Mr. Everhart had anything further for the Committee. Mr. Everhart indicated he did not. Chairman Erickson thanked him.

Mr. Ron Lewis, Public Defender presented his monthly report to the Committee. Mr. Lewis indicated nothing with statistics but agreed with Mr. Everhart there will be differences noted in reports based on how they file cases. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions on his reports. Hearing none, he asked Mr. Lewis if he had anything further for the Committee. Mr. Lewis indicated he did not. Chairman Erickson thanked him.

Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) presented for action a request to approve a Cooperative Agreement between 2022 Award Recipient and National Children's Alliance. She indicated a new grant for forensic interviewing and this will cover cost for three-day training for forensic interviewers. Ms. Chung thanked her for work to find the grants to provide this training.

Motion by Martin/Chung to recommend approval of a Cooperative Agreement between 2022 Award Recipient and National Children's Alliance

Motion Carried.

Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) presented for action a request to approve an Agreement for Professional Services between Modell Consulting Group, LLC and the McLean County Children's Advocacy Center. Ms. Evans indicated that this contract is for the trainers for the above-mentioned training and will be paid for by the grant.

Motion by Schafer/Beer to recommend approval of an Agreement for Professional Services between Modell Consulting Group, LLC and the McLean County Children's Advocacy Center.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented her monthly report to the Committee. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions on her reports. Hearing none, he asked Ms. Evans if she had anything further for the Committee. Ms. Evans indicated she did not. Chairman Erickson thanked her.

Mr. Jon Sandage, McLean County Sheriff presented his monthly reports to the Committee. Mr. Sandage indicated still have 27 inmates that should be moved to IDOC. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions on his reports. There were no questions. Mr. Sandage indicated they also had a reclass for a position that had taken on more responsibilities. Ms. Chung asked if this would be presented to the Finance Committee for approval. Ms. Taylor confirmed. Chairman Erickson asked if any members had any further questions. Hearing none,

he asked Mr. Sandage if he had anything further for the Committee. Mr. Sandage indicated they have had some issues within the jail but felt they were instigated by Member Chung. Mr. Sandage provided information from emails and phone calls. Mr. Erickson asked Ms. Chung if she wanted to make a comment. She did not.

Ms. Kathy Yoder, McLean County Coroner was not present but her monthly report to the Committee was in the packet. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions to please contact Administration.

Don Knapp, McLean County State's Attorney presented his monthly reports to the Committee. Mr. Knapp noted numbers would be hard to compare from last year because of the change in record keeping by the Illinois Supreme Court. Mr. Knapp also indicated they were still having issues hiring individuals. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions on his reports. Hearing none, he asked Mr. Knapp if he had anything further for the Committee. Mr. Knapp indicated he did not. Chairman Erickson thanked him.

Mr. Mike Donovan, Court Services Director was not present. Mr. Dennis McGuire appeared in his place and presented for action a request to approve a Modification of Contract for Problem Solving Court Agreement and Center for Youth and Family Solutions.

Motion by Martin/Chung to recommend approval of a Modification of Contract for Problem Solving Court Agreement and Center for Youth and Family Solutions.
Motion Carried.

Mr. McGuire presented Court Services monthly reports to the Committee. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions on the reports. Hearing none, he asked Mr. McGuire if he had anything further for the Committee. Mr. McGuire indicated he did not. Chairman Erickson thanked him.

Mr. William Scanlon, Circuit Court presented for action a request to approve an Administrative Office of Illinois Courts Lease Agreement for Office Space. Mr. Scanlon indicated this lease had been in place since 1997. Ms. Schafer noted 200 W. Front Street houses more than the Health Department.

Motion by Martin/Chung to recommend approval of an Administrative Office of Illinois Courts Lease Agreement for Office Space.
Motion Carried.

Mr. Scanlon provided an update regarding a grant for their courtroom A/V project. He noted they put out an RFP for services and did not receive any bids. He stated they felt that could have been because other counties are updating based on requirements so all companies that do this work are busy. He noted they were advised by legal to receive quotes from three responsible vendors which they had done and would now review those and bring a contract next month.

Cassy Taylor, County Administrator indicated she did not have any action items for the Committee. She introduced the new Metcom Director, Rhonda Flegel. Ms. Taylor noted a

position classification request from CAC that would be taken to Finance but was not on this agenda as it had been received after Justice had been published. Ms. Taylor noted the bid for carpeting in the Coroner’s Department would be brought to a Justice stand up.

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

Chairman Erickson presented bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor with a prepaid fund total of \$838,948.83.

MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

AS OF 4/29/2022

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$308,027.00	\$308,027.00
0129	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR		\$44,018.26	\$44,018.26
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$3,152.09	\$3,152.09
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$20,419.64	\$20,419.64
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$1,153.47	\$1,153.47
0143	CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$1,109.42	\$1,109.42
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$17,876.00	\$17,876.00
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$5,214.26	\$5,214.26
0155	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$3,809.00	\$3,809.00
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$21,234.87	\$21,234.87
0170	NEUTRAL SITE CUSTODY EXCH		\$2,333.33	\$2,333.33
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$161,660.98	\$161,660.98
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$246,911.60	\$246,911.60
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$2,028.91	\$2,028.91
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			\$838,948.83	\$838,948.83

Motion by Beer/Coates to approve the Justice Committee bills and transfers as presented.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Erickson presented for action a request to approve an invoice from the Children’s Advocacy Center.

Motion by Beer/Coates to approve the invoice presented by the Children’s Advocacy Center.

Chairman Erickson stated there was no other business for the Justice Committee to consider and adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Morlock

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Recording Secretary