

## **Minutes of the Justice Committee Meeting**

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Chuck Erickson, Members Beverly Bell, Susan Schafer, Jack Abraham, Natalie Roseman-Mendoza, Geoff Tompkins

Members Absent: None

Other County Board  
Members Present Chairman John McIntyre

Staff Present: Cassy Taylor, County Administrator; Anthony Grant, Assistant County Administrator; Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary; Taylor Williams, Assistant State's Attorney

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials Present: Ron Lewis, Public Defender; Erika Reynolds, State's Attorney; Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center; Kathy Yoder, Coroner; Michael Donovan, Court Services; Matt Lane, Sheriff

Others Present: None

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

Chairman Erickson presented the November 1, 2022, regular meeting minutes of the Justice Committee for approval.

Motion by Bell/Schafer to approve the November 1, 2022, regular meeting minutes of the Justice Committee.  
Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson confirmed with Administrator Taylor there were no members of the public to appear.

Chairman Erickson indicated Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk was not present but his monthly reports to the Committee were in the packet. Ms. Schafer recommended new members review the explanation provided this past summer by Mr. Everhart on reports the Circuit Clerk is required to provide. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he moved to the next item.

Ms. Molly Evans, Children's Advocacy Center presented for action a request to approve an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal year 2022 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance. Ms. Evans indicated this was a clean-up of budget for grant funding they have received throughout the year.

Motion by Schafer/Abraham to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal year 2022 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Evans presented her monthly reports to the Committee. Ms. Evans noted for new members that statistics provided would be about a month behind. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked her.

Chairman Erickson presented on behalf of Mr. Will Scanlon, Circuit Court a request to approve an Amendment to the Neutral Site Custody Exchange and Supervised Visitation Center Agreement. Mr. Scanlon indicated this agreement allowed for a location where children can meet with a parent in a supervised setting and also a location where children can be exchanged between parents.

Motion by Bell/Tompkins to recommend approval of an Amendment to the Neutral Site Custody Exchange and Supervised Visitation Center Agreement.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Scanlon welcomed members and indicated he would be happy to have any of them tour the operations or attend drug court or recovery court. Chairman Erickson asked if Mr. Scanlon had anything further for the Committee. Mr. Scanlon indicated he did not. Mr. Erickson thanked him.

Chairman Erickson presented for action on behalf of Matt Lane, Sheriff a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement(s) between the County of McLean and the City of Bloomington, Illinois State University and the Town of Normal for booking services. Mr. Lane indicated these are standard annual renewals to pay for the booking of individuals. Ms. Bell asked if there is an hourly rate on booking. Mr. Lane indicated there is not a set equation to figure this amount but they had already discussed establishing an equation to figure future costs. Ms. Bell asked how long officers from Bloomington, Normal or ISU remain with someone is brought in and provided the example of a DUI. Mr. Lane noted that under the new safety act a DUI would be a non-detainable offense, which would also be considered when we figure future costs. Mr. Tompkins asked if this fee covers the actual costs or if we lose money. Mr. Lane indicated he did not feel we made any money on this.

Motion by Schafer/Abraham to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (s) between the County of McLean and the City of Bloomington, Illinois State University and the Town of Normal for booking services.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson presented for action on behalf of Mr. Lane a request to approve an IDEMIA annual maintenance agreement addendum quotation. Mr. Lane indicated this agreement was for the annual maintenance on their fingerprint machine. Ms. Bell asked how long it usually took for them to receive identity information. Mr. Lane indicated they normally received it within a few hours, so they usually have the information before the booking process is completed.

Motion by Abraham/Bell to recommend approval of an IDEMIA annual maintenance agreement addendum quotation.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Lane presented his monthly reports to the Committee. Mr. Lane welcomed members, noted he was looking forward to working with them and invited them to reach out with questions. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Chairman Erickson presented for action on behalf of Ms. Erika Reynolds, State's Attorney a request to approve an Appellate Prosecutor Contract with the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor. Ms. Reynolds indicated this was the standard contract for representation on appeals and when there is a conflict of interest.

Motion by Abraham/Bell to recommend approval of an Appellate Prosecutor Contract with the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Reynolds presented her monthly reports to the Committee. Ms. Reynolds reminded members and noted for new members the court changed how they record their workload as it is now one case number with multiple counts instead of multiple case numbers. Ms. Reynolds thanked the Justice Committee, previous County Board members and Administration for their assistance to address staffing needs. Mr. Erickson asked for an example. She noted that due to the Safety Act workloads in the office were changing and additional support staff was required. She also noted they lost staff to other counties because of pay, so changes approved by the previous Board would help address that issue. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked her.

Ms. Kathy Yoder, McLean County Coroner presented her monthly report to the Committee and welcomed the new members. Ms. Yoder indicated there had been three traffic fatalities in the last week and reminded people to please wear their seatbelt and pay attention to traffic signals and signs. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked her.

Member Schafer asked if the next four items could be combined. As there was no objection, Chairman presented the next four items as one motion. Chairman Erickson presented for action on behalf of Ron Lewis and the Public Defender's Office a request to approve contracts between John J. Bussan, Jeff Brown, Michael Doubet, and Craig Queen, Special Public Defenders and the Public Defender's Office. Mr. Lewis indicated standard contract for attorneys who assist with case load and cases that might pose a conflict for the Public Defender's office. He noted they usually have six contracts but two attorneys were not renewing their contracts. Mr. Abraham asked how often the attorneys get 12 cases per month. Mr. Lewis indicated Mr. Bussan usually gets 12 cases but the other attorneys are different. Mr. Lewis went over the case load for each of the other contracted attorneys noting Mr. Brown and Mr. Doubet receive approximately 7 per month and Mr. Queen receives a varying number. Mr. Tompkins asked if they are meeting case load demand. Mr. Lewis indicated he felt McLean County has addressed public defense appropriately and that they were able to meet demand.

Motion by Schafer/Bell to recommend approval of a contract between John J. Bussan, Special Public Defender and the Public Defender's Office.  
Motion Carried.

Mr. Lewis presented his monthly report to the Committee and indicated the numbers are similar as past numbers. Chairman Erickson asked if there were any questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Chairman Erickson presented for action on behalf of Mr. Mike Donovan, Court Services Director a request to approve an Agreement with Chestnut Health Systems to provide services through the Problem-Solving Court Program. Mr. Donovan indicated this contract is possible through Board of Health grant funding and provides for staffing and treatment services in problem solving court. Ms. Schafer noted they had been having issues with staffing through Chestnut for both problem solving and recovery court and asked how they were addressing those challenges. Mr. Donovan indicated they met with additional providers to discuss gaps in services to quickly assess individuals in drug and recovery court. He noted a different provider had indicated they could assist but backed out and they did not have enough time to find another option before applications for the Board of Health grant were due. Mr. Tompkins asked for clarification of a quick assessment as he felt sometimes it took longer to assess individuals that might need problem solving or recovery court. Mr. Donovan indicated his use of the word quick was meant for how quick they are initially seen and not that the assessment itself was quick. He further noted they take as long as it takes to get an accurate assessment.

Motion by Roseman-Mendoza/Schafer to recommend approval of an Agreement with Chestnut Health Systems to provide services through the Problem-Solving Court Program.  
Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson presented for action on behalf of Mr. Donovan, a request to approve an Agreement with McLean County Center for Human Services to provide services through the Problem-Solving Court Program. Mr. Donovan indicated this is part of same packet provided with Board of Health grant funds. He noted this agreement provides for case workers to come to recovery court and not for treatment services.

Motion by Abraham/Bell to recommend approval of an Agreement with McLean County Center for Human Services to provide services through the Problem-Solving Court Program.  
Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson presented for action on behalf of Mr. Donovan, a request to approve an Agreement with the Center for Youth and Family Solutions to provide services through the Problem-Solving Court Program. Mr. Donovan indicated this is the third contract through the Board of Health and this is for cognitive and behavioral therapy.

Motion by Tompkins/Roseman-Mendoza to recommend approval of an Agreement with the Center for Youth and Family Solutions to provide services through the Problem-Solving Court Program.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Donovan presented his report to the Committee. Ms. Bell asked about the number in Veteran’s Treatment Court. Mr. Donovan indicated it is a circuit run program and he too was surprised by the low number, but noted individuals have to choose to come into the program and this group had the highest number refusing to enter the program. He also noted if individuals do not qualify for services through the Veterans Affairs Commission then they do not qualify for services through our program. Mr. Donovan invited new members to come and get more information by shadowing or visiting the detention center. Chairman Erickson if anyone had any additional questions; hearing none, he thanked him.

Cassy Taylor, County Administrator indicated she had nothing for the Committee to consider today. Chairman Erickson asked if anyone had any questions for Ms. Taylor; hearing none, he thanked her.

Chairman Erickson indicated they could put together a tour of any of these facilities. Ms. Schafer supported having a facilities tour. Chairman Erickson asked if staff would put together a tour. Ms. Taylor reminded then this would need to be a special meeting of the committee, noticed up and minutes taken.

Chairman Erickson asked if there was any other business; 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 fund total of \$524,615.31.

**MCLEAN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

AS OF 11/29/2022

**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		\$278,769.81	\$278,769.81
0129	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR		\$23,719.31	\$23,719.31
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$2,342.05	\$2,342.05
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$8,504.65	\$8,504.65
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$2,472.74	\$2,472.74
0143	CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$1,639.68	\$1,639.68
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$11,295.69	\$11,295.69
0148	SCAAP-JUSTICE BENEFITS		\$1,744.38	\$1,744.38
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$2,204.23	\$2,204.23
0155	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$110.00	\$110.00
0156	IDPA IV-D PROJECT		\$22,829.81	\$22,829.81
0170	NEUTRAL SITE CUSTODY EXCH		\$2,333.33	\$2,333.33
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$97,494.81	\$97,494.81
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$67,511.93	\$67,511.93
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$1,642.89	\$1,642.89
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Motion by Tompkins/Abraham to approve the Justice Committee bills as presented.

Motion Carried.

Chairman Erickson stated there was no other business for the Justice Committee to consider and adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie A. Morlock*

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Recording Secretary