

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday December 6, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Rackauskas; Members McIntyre, Rankin, Wollrab, Schafer and McKibbin

Members Absent: None

Other County Board
Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; and Ms. Judith LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Joan Naour, Director, Correctional health Services; Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services; Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; Ms. Kim Campbell, Public Defender; Sheriff Mike Emery; Mr. Ron Dozier, State's Attorney; and Ms. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner

Others Present: Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center; Mr. Rusty Thomas, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Jane Foster, First Assistant State's Attorney

Chairman Rackauskas called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the minutes from the November 1, 2011 Committee meeting.

Motion by Rankin/McIntyre to Approve the Minutes of
the November 1, 2011 Meeting.
Motion carried.

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk, presented a request for approval of an amendment to the agreement between Mid-Central Community Action ("MCCA") and the McLean County Circuit Clerk's office. He explained that the agreement was initiated in 1995 and amended in 2011.

Motion by Schafer/McKibbin to Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement between Mid-Central Community Action ("MCCA") and the McLean County Circuit Clerk's Office.
Motion carried.

Mr. Everhart reviewed his October 2011 Statistical Reports. He noted that there was nothing unusual in the reports.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Everhart.

Ms. Joan Naour, Director, Correctional Health Services, presented a request for approval of the renewal of a contract with Real Change Clinical Services (RCCS) for the provision of Mental Health Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility. She stated that Chris Cashen, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, and Mark Benson, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, have provided up to 18 hours per week of counseling services for the inmate population. During that time, Raju Paturi, MD, a Licensed Psychiatrist, has provided psychiatric services during two hour weekly sessions. Ms. Naour stated that crisis intervention will continue to be provided by McLean County Center for Human Services whenever necessary. There are no changes in the compensation rate or hours for the counselors; however, the psychiatrist fee has been increased from \$190.00 to \$235.00 per hour for 2012.

Motion by Rankin/McKibbin to Recommend Approval the renewal of a contract with Real Change Clinical Services (RCCS) for the provision of Mental Health Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.
Motion carried.

Ms. Naour presented a request for approval of the annual compensation to OSF Healthcare System, Kenneth Inoue, M.D., and Blair Valentine, M.D. for physician services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility. She indicated that the current contract for the MCDF Physician for the McLean County Adult Detention Facility is in effect from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. However, the annual compensation is subject to negotiation and approval by OSF Healthcare System and McLean County prior to the beginning of the second year of this contract agreement.

Ms. Naour recommended that the rate of compensation for the 2012 contract year be increased by 3% from \$54,184.00 to \$55,809.52, effective January 1, 2012. This figure was negotiated with representatives of OSF Healthcare System, and is within the parameter of the approved Fiscal Year 2012 budget for the McLean County Adult Detention Facility Physician.

Ms. Naour indicated that the proposed compensation rate for the 2011 contract year was the same rate as the 2009 and 2010 levels of \$54,184.00. This rate was negotiated with representatives from OSF HealthCare System, and is within the parameter of the approved Fiscal Year 2011 budget for the McLean County Adult Detention Facility Physician.

Ms. Naour indicated that Dr. Inoue and Dr. Valentine continue to provide on-site medical services to the inmate population three days each week on alternating weeks. In addition, Drs. Inoue and Valentine provide on-call coverage for the McLean County Detention Facility. Ms. Naour stated that Dr. Inoue and Dr. Valentine are now "hospitalists" and do not have private practices.

Ms. Wollrab asked what the hourly rate is on this compensation. Ms. Naour responded that the fee is based on four hours per week, which is 208 hours per year at a cost of \$55,809.00. Mr. Wasson stated that the hourly cost is \$268.31 per hour.

Motion by Schafer/Rankin to Recommend Approval of the Annual Compensation to OSF Healthcare System, Kenneth Inoue, M.D., and Blair Valentine, M.D. for Physician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.
Motion carried.

Ms. Naour presented a request for approval for renewal of Agreement with Eric Abreu, DDC, for the provision of Dental Clinician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility. She stated that Dr. Abreu has provided dental clinician services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility since September of 2007. During that time, Dr. Abreu has provided on-site dental evaluation and treatment for inmates for approximately four hours each week.

Ms. Naour recommended that the Agreement for Dental Clinician Services be renewed effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. She noted that Dr. Abreu has requested that the compensation rates remain the same, namely \$140.00 portal to portal in addition to a monthly retainer of \$106.00.

Motion by McIntyre/Wollrab to Recommend Approval for renewal of Agreement with Eric Abreau, DDC, for the provision of Dental Clinician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.

Motion carried with Chairman Rackauskas abstaining.

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, presented a request for approval of the 2012 Physician Contract Amendment between OSF Healthcare Systems and McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. She stated that this contract is a three (3) year contract, with 2012 being the last year of the contract. Ms. McCormick noted that the 2012 contract amendment indicates a 3% increase. This increase is consistent with the contract at the Adult Detention Center. Ms. Waltz added that both facilities use the same physician, namely Dr. Inoue. She noted that Dr. Valentine comes out as well, but Dr. Inoue is the main doctor. Ms. Waltz advised that Dr. Inoue is just finishing his 14th year with the facility.

Ms. Wollrab asked how many hours Dr. Inoue spends at the JDC in a month. Ms. Waltz replied that Dr. Inoue is there at least once a week depending upon population and medical issues. She added that he is also available for phone consults seven days a week.

Motion by Wollrab/Rankin to Recommend Approval of the 2012 Physician Contract Amendment between OSF Healthcare Systems and McLean County Juvenile Detention Center.

Motion carried.

Ms. Waltz presented a request for approval of a 2012 Contract with Cathy Vogel for Counseling Services with McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. She stated that the contract is identical to last year's contract, with the exception of a 3% increase for services for 2012. The total services provided will not exceed \$29,769.00. Ms. Waltz indicated that Ms. Vogel provides group and individual counseling every week and even on weekends, if necessary.

Motion by Schafer/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of a 2012 Contract with Cathy Vogel for Counseling Services with McLean County Juvenile Detention Center.

Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick presented a request for approval of an Agreement between Chestnut Health Systems and the Juvenile Court Services Department to provide services to comply with the Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Grant. She noted that this is a continuation of the Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Grant. Ms. McCormick stated that Chestnut Health Systems has provided in-home services since the inception of the Grant.

Ms. McCormick advised that this agreement will allow the Court Services Department to continue to work with these entities to provide the needed services to comply with the Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Grant. All services that are included in the agreement will be paid out of grant monies received.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of an Agreement between Chestnut Health Systems and the Juvenile Court Services Department to provide Services to comply with the Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Grant.

Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick presented a request for approval of an Agreement between Dr. Sessa Kethineni and McLean County Court Services to provide continued Consultant Services to comply with the Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Grant. She indicated that Dr. Kethineni acts as a consultant and assists with evaluations for the Juvenile Redeploy Team on a monthly basis to make sure it is doing what it is supposed to do for data collection and evaluation.

Motion by Schafer/McKibbin to Recommend Approval of an Agreement between Dr. Sessa Kethineni and McLean County Court Services to provide Consultant Services to comply with the Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Grant.

Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick presented a request for approval of an amendment to the subcontract agreement dated April 25, 2011 between Chestnut Health Systems and the County of McLean to provide Recovery Court Dual Diagnosis services to eligible adult clients. The modification details the amount that Chestnut will bill the grant on a quarterly basis beginning October 1, 2011. Ms. McCormick stated that these services are available due to the two year \$600,000 BJA Grant that was accepted by the County in November of 2010. She noted that Chestnut Health System was able to perform the duties delineated in this contract through another grant for a period of time, so these funds did not need to be used until now.

Ms. McCormick advised that she anticipates seeking a one-year, no-cost extension to this grant as it appears that all of the award will not be spent within the two year period. She noted that Ms. Hannah Eisner, First Assistant Civil State's Attorney has worked with the Court Services Department and Chestnut Health Systems regarding this agreement.

Motion by Wollrab/Rankin to Recommend Approval of an Amendment to the Subcontract Agreement dated April 25, 2011 between Chestnut Health Systems and the County of McLean.

Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick reviewed the Court Services Adult/Juvenile Division Statistics for September 2011, as well as the Juvenile Detention Center statistics.

Ms. Schafer requested a list of dates and times of various graduations, such as Drug Court, for the next six months. Ms. McCormick replied that it would be difficult to provide a list for a six-month period. She stated that she will provide that information as it becomes available.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. McCormick.

Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, CAC, reviewed the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Monthly Statistical Report and the CASA Report. She stated that the CAC statistics are on par with last year at this time. Ms. Brucker added that she expects to surpass last year's numbers at the end of the year.

Ms. Brucker noted that the CASA program continues to be very successful. She advised that at the end of October volunteers donated 6,260 hours for kids in foster care.

Ms. Brucker indicated that she provided information to Ms. Schafer on upcoming events related to the Children's Advocacy Center and CASA, which Ms. Schafer distributed to the Committee members. She stated that the swearing-in dates for CASA volunteers are not known until a month prior to graduation. Ms. Brucker added that she will provide those dates as they become available. She noted that there is usually a spring and a fall training class.

Chairman Rackauskas announced that John Carter at Jack Lewis Jewelers is still honoring his special for those who wish to purchase any of the bracelets for the CASA Program. Half of the profits from the sale of the bracelets go to CASA.

Chairman Rackauskas also advised that the Blue Kids Benefit (formerly TIPAVIP) event is February 18, 2012. She added that she will be hosting a table at the event and urged the Committee members to get involved and to attend the event.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Brucker.

Ms. Kim Campbell, Public Defender, presented five requests for approval of contract renewals with Special Public Defenders, which can be acted upon together. She indicated that the contracts are with Mr. Jeff Brown, Mr. Keith Davis, Mr. Alan Novick, Mr. David Rumley and Mr. John W. Wright, Jr.

Motion by _____ to Recommend Approval of a Contract between Jeff Brown, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; to Recommend Approval of a Contract between Keith Davis, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; to Recommend Approval of a Contract between Alan Novick, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; to Recommend Approval of a Contract between David Rumley, Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office; and to Recommend Approval of a Contract between John Wright, Jr., Special Public Defender, and the Public Defender's Office.

Motion carried.

Ms. Campbell advised that there was nothing of note to point out on her Monthly Caseload Report. She did mention that the felony caseload decrease is not as great as it has been in months past.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Campbell.

Sheriff Mike Emery presented a request for approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Normal, City of Bloomington, and McLean County for the 2011 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award. This is requesting approval to authorize them to receive their funding.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Normal, City of Bloomington, and McLean County for the 2011 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant 2011 (JAG) Program Award.

Motion carried with Ms. Wollrab voting "present."

Sheriff Emery presented a request for approval of a 2012 contract with Mr. Anthony Watson for inmate Chaplain Services. He indicated that Rev. Watson has been on contract with the Jail since 2007. Sheriff Emery stated that the salary has increased from \$12,049.00 to \$12,411.24. He stated that this fee is not general fund money, but money taken out of the Inmate Commissary Services Fund, which are funds received from items purchased by the inmates in the Jail Commissary.

Sheriff Emery advised that Rev. Watson's service benefits not only the Jail inmates, but the staff. He noted that Rev. Watson has volunteered his time and services to provide counseling to Officers or Deputies involved in critical incidents. Sheriff Emery added that Rev. Watson also supervises 73 volunteers within the Jail for different religious program and manages all Chaplain Services.

Ms. Wollrab asked if those 73 volunteers include chaplain services of different denominations. Sheriff Emery replied that these services are provided for all religious denominations. He added that services are also being provided for non-English speaking inmates.

Ms. Wollrab asked if the inmates are aware of these services. Sheriff Emery replied that the inmates are provided this information through the Program Manager's Office through the booking process.

Mr. Rankin asked how the salary was determined. Sheriff Emery responded that it was determined several years ago.

Mr. McIntyre asked if the Sheriff would have authorization to conduct this program and sign this contract without the approval of the Committee and the County Board. Mr. Wasson responded that, under statute, the Sheriff would probably not need the approval of the Board. However, as a courtesy to the Board, the Sheriff's Department takes these types of items through the County Board even though they are not funded through specific budgetary lines within the Sheriff's Department budget. Mr. Wasson noted that this has been the history with the current Sheriff and previous Sheriffs.

Sheriff Emery added that bringing these items to the Committee and the Board also keeps the Board updated on the types of services being provided to the inmates.

Motion by Wollrab/Schafer to Recommend Approval of a 2012 Contract with Mr. Anthony Watson for Inmate Chaplain Services.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery presented a request for approval of a 2012 Contract between the McLean County Sheriff, the County of McLean, and the Life Skills Instructor. He pointed out that the contract needs to be amended to reflect a change in the name of the instructor.

Sheriff Emery reminded the Committee that this class provides the following skills:

- Keyboarding;
- How to write checks and balance an account;
- How to fill out an application for employment;
- How to do an interview;
- How to write a resume.

Sheriff Emery stated that one of the requirements to getting into the class is the completion of the GED program or high school equivalency certificate.

Sheriff Emery advised that this program is not a General Fund expenditure. The cost is paid out of the Inmate Commissary Funds. The fee for the two-hour session continues to be \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed six hours per week. Sheriff Emery added that it is a six-week program.

Mr. Rankin asked if there is ever a time when this class exceeds the six hours per week. Sheriff Emery replied that it will not exceed six hours per week.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of a 2012 Contract between the McLean County Sheriff, the County of McLean, as amended to reflect the correct name of the Life Skills Instructor.
Motion carried as amended.

Sheriff Emery submitted a request for approval of a 2012 contract between the County of McLean and Heartland Community College to provide GED Preparation Courses at the McLean County Detention Facility.

Sheriff Emery reminded the Committee that the Sheriff's Department saved a significant amount of money when the GED program was switched three years ago from the Regional Office of Education at a cost of \$16,000 a year to Heartland College at a cost of \$9,000.00 a year. He noted that the fee increased to \$9,308.00 for this contract year due to the increased expense of materials. Sheriff Emery added that another benefit to changing to Heartland College is that it affords inmates the opportunity to continue their education at Heartland College.

Sheriff Emery advised that he expects there will be at least another ten graduates from the GED program. He stated that he will provide a report on the number of inmates who have completed the GED program.

Sheriff Emery asked that the Committee recommend approval of this Contract.

Motion by Rankin/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of
a 2012 Contract between the County of McLean and
Heartland Community College.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery presented a request approval of the 2012 Maintenance Agreement between the County of McLean and L-1 Identity Solutions for the McLean County Detention Facility Live-Scan Fingerprint Technology System. He indicated that this agreement is to provide maintenance on the Identix machine in the Jail which does the electronic finger-printing and digitally transmits the fingerprints to the State Police. Sheriff Emery stated that this Maintenance Agreement has been in place since 1994 and was originally purchased through grant funds from the State of Illinois. He added that there was no increase in the fee for this maintenance agreement.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there has ever been an increase. Sheriff Emery replied that he spoke with the Jail Superintendent today and he cannot remember any increases over the years.

Motion by Schafer/McKibbin to Recommend Approval
of the 2012 Maintenance Agreement between the
County of McLean and L-1 Identity Solutions for the
McLean County Detention Facility Live-Scan
Fingerprint Technology System.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery presented a request for approval of the squad car bids for the 2012-2013 model year police squad cars. He advised that the Sheriff's Office advertised and asked for bids to replace six (6) police squad cars. The bids were for full-size, all-wheel drive sedans meeting certain specifications for patrol duties, and an all-wheel drive SUV for the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Emery noted that the Sheriff's office will be trading seven (7) vehicles for the six replacements.

Sheriff Emery stated that the bids were sent out and an advertisement was placed in the *Pantagraph*. The bids were read aloud in public on November 17, 2011 in Room 404 of the Government Center. The Dealers contacted were advised that orders for these vehicles would not be submitted until after January 1, 2012.

Sheriff Emery recommended that the Sheriff's Department purchase a total of five (5) Ford Interceptor sedans and one (1) Ford Interceptor SUV from Geiser Ford in Roanoke, Illinois. The total cost for the vehicles is \$102,839.41. He stated that in working through the budget process with County Administration, \$62,000 of that amount will be expended from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund and \$40,000 will come out of the County General Fund.

Mr. McIntyre asked how old the trade-in vehicles are and why are seven vehicles being replaced for six vehicles. Sheriff Emery responded that there is one car that is in great need of repair due to the age of the car, so it is being traded in as an excess vehicle so that they can return to the allotted squad car vehicle of six squad cars. He noted that there were originally eight vehicles but one vehicle was transferred on a capital release to the Child Protection network because they needed a vehicle. Sheriff Emery advised that the trade-in vehicles were this year's vehicles, but since they are all patrol vehicles they have high mileage and are rotated out of the fleet.

Mr. McIntyre asked if the dealer installs the equipment to the squad cars. Sheriff Emery replied that the County's Fleet Mechanic installs all of the equipment.

Motion by McIntyre/Rankin to Recommend Approval of
the Squad Car Bids for 2012-2013 Model Year Police
Squad Cars.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery presented a request for approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board setting fees to be charged by the McLean County Sheriff.

Mr. Wasson reported that below are the adjusted fees being recommended as part of the budget process relative to the MAXIMUS Study and those fees recommended by the Justice Committee as part of the budget process. Mr. Wasson stated that the budget has been built contingent upon these fee changes that will be effective January 1, 2012. The fees changes are as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>New</u>
Serving Civil Process Fee:	\$33.00	\$50.00
Returning Process Fee:	\$8.00	\$14.00
Eviction Fee:	\$33.00	\$175.00

Motion by McIntyre/Schafer to Recommend Approval of an Ordinance of the McLean County Board Setting Fees to be charged by the McLean County Sheriff.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery reviewed the McLean County Detention Facility Population Report for November 2011. He reported that the Jail population has been managed very well for the year. Sheriff Emery advised that the reduction in the jail population is a direct result of the efforts of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). The average daily jail population at the end of November was 231 inmates, which is 9 inmates under capacity. Sheriff Emery reported that there was only one instance where inmates were housed out-of-County at a cost of \$1,300.00.

Sheriff Emery indicated that the CJCC meeting is January 6th in the County Board room at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Sheriff Emery.

Mr. Ron Dozier, State's Attorney, reported that although he didn't officially start his position until a few days ago, he has already had several meetings, including meetings with the Recovery Court Board, with Mr. Yoder, and with the Domestic Violence Multi-disciplinary team. He noted that he has met with nine or ten employees and is setting up meetings with all of his other employees. Mr. Dozier added that he will also be attending upcoming meetings such as the Task Force Six and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Dozier advised that he will be attending the State's Attorney's Annual Conference in Chicago on Thursday and Friday of this week. He noted that this conference will provide him with the opportunity of receiving ten hours of mandatory continuing legal education classes on subjects directly related to what is going on in State's Attorneys' offices around the country.

Mr. Dozier reviewed his Case Load Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report. He stated that there is nothing unusual in the report.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Dozier.

Ms. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner, presented the Coroner's Monthly Report for October 2011. She pointed out that it was a very busy month for both McLean County and out-of-County business. Ms. Kimmerling stated that she would be happy to answer any questions on the report.

Ms. Kimmerling provided an update on the various situations with the Morgue. She reported that the Coroner's Office, as of December 6th, has used 90% of its budget. Ms. Kimmerling cautioned that the budget will be very close and may go over by the end of December. She reminded the Committee that she had predicted and asked for resources for 101 McLean County autopsies. As of this afternoon, there have been 99 autopsies and there are another 20+ days in the month. Ms. Kimmerling noted that she predicted 180 out-of-County cases for this year, and, as of this afternoon, there have been 296 autopsies, which is 116 cases over. She indicated that this brings in additional revenue, but it also means that the supplies budget line is over-extended. Ms. Kimmerling reminded the Committee that out-of-County autopsies provide revenue to the County's General Fund, but the Coroner's Office does not receive any of that revenue.

Ms. Kimmerling advised that there are only two people who can sign a death certificate, namely a physician or the Coroner. If a physician is unable to determine a death, the Coroner makes that determination. Ms. Kimmerling stated that, year-to-date, there have been 26 of those types of cases. She indicated that by subpoenaing the medical records, she and Dr. Denton, the County's pathologist, were able to make a determination of death without an autopsy, which was a cost savings of \$26,000 in fees.

Ms. Kimmerling reviewed the County's autopsy service status since the Champaign County morgue facility is now up and running. She stated that Vermillion County is continuing to come to McLean County for its autopsies.

Ms. Kimmerling noted that McLean County continues to provide services to Vermillion, Woodford, Livingston, DeWitt, Piatt, and Ford counties. She reported that new counties that she is having conversations with or doing some current business for include Sangamon, Logan, Marshall, Shelby and Christian counties.

Chairman Rackauskas asked why Sangamon County is coming to McLean County. Ms. Kimmerling replied that she understands that their forensic pathologist is not producing reports in a timely manner. She noted that Sangamon County is waiting for some reports that are due from July. Ms. Kimmerling added that the Sangamon County Coroner went to her County Board and received permission to come to McLean County. She cautioned that she does not know how long Sangamon County will continue to use McLean County services.

Ms. Schafer asked if that means that people in Sangamon County are waiting months to receive death certificates. Ms. Kimmerling replied that she is correct.

Ms. Schafer asked why Vermillion County continues to use the facilities in McLean County. Ms. Kimmerling responded that she believes Vermillion will continue to come to McLean County because of the quality and timeliness of things being done here.

Ms. Kimmerling reported that Dr. Denton also provides his services to Champaign County. She stated that Dr. Denton has made it clear that McLean County is his first priority and his home base.

Ms. Kimmerling advised that the McLean County morgue has been chosen to serve as the facility for the Southern Illinois Child Death Investigation Task Force investigations. She noted that there are monthly child death review team meetings in Champaign County. These monthly meetings review deaths of children in an attempt to prevent these types of deaths again. Ms. Kimmerling stated that the state-wide Child Death Review Teams acknowledged that the 34 southernmost counties in the State of Illinois lack the knowledge and the resources to properly investigate child deaths. Based upon that research, the Southern Illinois Child Death Investigation Task Force was created and funded by DCFS. Ms. Kimmerling reported that they have selected the McLean County Morgue as the facility to perform these autopsies.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if Ms. Kimmerling applied for this designation. Ms. Kimmerling replied that she did not. Chairman Rackauskas asked what constitutes the southern Illinois counties. Ms. Kimmerling responded that she will provide the names of the counties.

Ms. Kimmerling stated that so far three of these investigations have been performed. She indicated that a case was handled today from Hamilton County, which is almost near Kentucky. Others include Franklin County and Richland County.

Ms. Kimmerling thanked the Committee and the County Board for providing her with the resources to be able to perform these types of investigations and investigations into any questionable death.

Ms. Kimmerling stated that the Task Force transports the bodies and reimburses the County from the DCFS grant.

Ms. Wollrab asked if the revenue received from performing out-of-County autopsies covers all of the expenses of conducting the autopsies. Ms. Kimmerling replied that the revenue may not completely cover the cost, such as clerical staff time in some circumstances. The costs that are reimbursed include the cost for Dr. Denton, Dr. Denton's Assistant, and the Morgue fee, which covers the cost of supplies. Mr. Wasson added that the fee covers the direct costs. He noted that the benefit is that the County is able to provide its citizens with timely, quality autopsies.

Mr. McIntyre asked if conducting death investigations requires time for testimony. Ms. Kimmerling replied that testimony on death cases can be required. She stated that it is important to not over-schedule cases. Ms. Kimmerling noted that some cases are still active from three years ago.

Ms. Kimmerling advised that she is very proud of the fact that McLean County residents can be assured of quick and quality service.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Kimmerling.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the November 30, 2011 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$562,618.16 and a Fund Total that is the same.

Motion by McIntyre/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of the Justice Committee Bills as of November 30, 2011, as transmitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Schafer/Wollrab to Recommend that the Justice Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:58 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary