

JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 17, 2009

The Judicial and Public Safety Committee met on Friday, July 17, 2009, at the Kane County Government Center, County Board Room, 719 S. Batavia Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

Present: Chairman Kenyon, Allan, Fahy, Ford, Tredup, and Shoemaker. Absent: Davoust. Also present: Sheriff's Dept. staff Keaty, Grommes; Drug Rehab Court staff Scott; Court Services Admin. Dir. Mueller and staff Hyatt, Jefko, and Anselme; Chief Judge Brown; Finance staff Beltran, Clark; Coroner West; Circuit Clerk staff Herwick; Juvenile Custody staff Brown; State's Atty. Barsanti; KaneComm staff Baustian; Asst. State's Atty. Shepro; and members of the press and public.

Chairman Kenyon called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Minutes of June 15 2009 - were approved on motion by Allan, seconded by Ford. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Monthly Financial Reports – were placed on file on motion by Fahy, seconded by Shoemaker. Beltran provided highlights of the written report, noting areas of concern. **Motion carried.**

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Monthly Report – Barsanti reported a company was hired to collect fines, fees, and other costs at no cost to the county. Since September, they have collected \$979,000 of the \$46 million owed (going back 20 years). In addition, they have collected \$640,000 in bond forfeitures. Working with the Circuit Clerk's Office, he noted that between the two programs they have been able to generate \$1.6 million of new revenue that goes to the General Fund. Barsanti also reported that since hiring the jail liaison in December they have seen the jail numbers drastically decrease. He briefly discussed their budget noting they were currently at 61%. With five unfilled positions, he estimated the budget would be down 7% at the end of the year.

SHERIFF

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Perez responded to questions on his progress in making budget cuts, noting he had not yet talked to the unions about furlough days, unpaid holidays, etc., but planned to do so. He agreed to provide the committee with a written update on his progress in making these cuts next month. Comment was made that there should be some money in the budget for housing out-of-town prisoners.

Resolution: Amending the 2009 Fiscal Year Budget (Overtime Reimbursement) – moved to Finance Committee on motion by Tredup, seconded by Shoemaker. The department was reimbursed \$597.36 for overtime salaries by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE). **Motion carried.**

Resolution: Amending the 2009 Fiscal Year Budget (Training Reimbursement) – moved to Finance Committee on motion by Ford, seconded by Tredup. The department was reimbursed \$3,961 for employee training by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. **Motion carried.**

Resolution: Appointment to the Sheriff's Merit Commission (David E. Wagner, Jr.) – The Sheriff asked that this be tabled until next month pending his discussion with the Merit Commission's attorney. **Motion to table for 30 days was made by Fahy, seconded by Shoemaker. Motion carried.**

ADULT CORRECTIONS

Monthly Report – Keaty reported the total count at the jail today was 625, with 5 out. He expected they could have prisoners from the U.S. Marshal's Service here next week.

DRUG REHABILITATION COURT

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Staff was available to answer questions.

JUVENILE CUSTODY

Monthly Report – A written report was provided.

Chief Judge Brown discussed the need to lower the \$150 Juvenile Justice Center per diem rate, proposing it be set at 115-150% of the highest guaranteed per diem rate charged based on availability. He felt they could be filling empty beds if the rate were lower. There was some discussion on how this rate was set in the past. He indicated he would like to come back with a resolution next month, noting that in the past it had not come before the Board for approval. After more

discussion, the committee determined that a draft resolution could be sent to the Finance/Budget committee for consideration without action from this committee.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Kliment discussed the change in the law regarding 17 year olds. He provided a budget update, noting they are currently at 62%. Brown pointed out the proposed cuts would significantly impact case flow, and would cost money as they would need to hire outside attorneys at a significantly higher rate.

CIRCUIT CLERK

Monthly Report – Herwick responded to several questions on budget cuts noting their office had met 3.5% of the 5.5%. From an operations standpoint, they feel they are at a bare minimum right now. Furlough days would need to be addressed with the union.

JUDICIARY & COURTS

Monthly Report – None

MERIT COMMISSION

Monthly Report – None

COURT SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Mueller commented that he felt budget cuts needed to be looked at from a broader perspective.

KANECOMM

Monthly Report – Referencing a written report, Baustian shared service call statistics and provided an update on the budget noting that three positions remain unfilled and that overtime is at 40% year to date. She felt there could be some adjustments made to their organizational structure and was looking into it.

CORONER

Monthly Report – In addition to a written report, West provided an update on activities in his office. He noted that they had made their budget cuts, which included eliminating a staff position and cutting their contract budget. Kenyon agreed to check into why the Coroner's Office was not included in the fleet maintenance program. West advised that staff had been approached by a union, and hearings are coming up.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. on motion by Ford, seconded by Allan. Motion carried.

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Recording Secretary