

JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 21, 2008

The Judicial and Public Safety Committee met on February 21, 2008 in the Kane County Board Room, Building A, Kane County Government Center, Geneva, Illinois.

Present: Chairman Mitchell, Davoust, Fahy, Noverini, Neuberger, Shoemaker, Tredup. Also present: Finance Dir. Pattelli; State's Attorney Barsanti; Circuit Clerk Seyller; Court Admin. Naughton; Court Services Administration Dir. Mueller, staff Dr. Brown; Anselme, Hyatt, Stodiek, Nickels; Sheriff Perez and staff Keaty, Swanson, Wolf; Merit Commissioner Weber; Drug Court Rehab. Rep. Daley, Scott; Dpty. Auditor Sanders; members of the press.

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of January 17, 2007 - were approved on motion by Fahy, seconded by Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None

SHERIFF

Resolution: Purchase of Squad Cars - Perez stated he would like to replace ten squads in his fleet, recalling the MIS consultants had recommended his office do a five-year vehicle replacement plan. The plan was submitted but no funds existed in the 2006-07 budget. The miles for the vehicles being replaced ranged from 94,000 to 139,000 miles. Approximately 372 hours of vehicle down time were accumulated for these vehicles from December 11, 2007 to January 29, 2008 due to repairs. Perez conveyed that Fleet Manager, Gary Sivak, suggested keeping the squads to 100,000 miles. Perez would like the fleet to be replaced with Crown Victorias with the Impalas decommissioned to the detectives. Mitchell voiced concern about the reputation of the Crown Vics, wherein Perez explained the Impalas did not handle much better and had limited trunk space. Additionally, Perez stated the county's mechanics felt the Crown Vics were more sturdy. Per a question, the average annual mileage per vehicle was between 20,000 to 30,000 miles and Perez expected to get four to six years out of the new cars. (Neuberger arrives) **Tredup moved to forward the Sheriff's request for squad cars to the Finance Committee, seconded by Fahy. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mitchell suggested that the Administration Committee discuss creating a car replacement policy for all of the departments, wherein Fahy stated that matter was being addressed by a fleet maintenance consultant. Mitchell voiced concern as to what the county was to do in the meantime.

Monthly Financial Report - Pattelli stated she originally planned for the vehicles to come out of the 2007 surplus. Last month that surplus totaled \$1.1 million. However, due to a number of factors, the surplus dropped to approximately \$500,000. She stated that until the audit was completed in May, she could not confirm whether that figure would increase or decrease. She also clarified the figure did not take into account the upcoming election expenses.

Monthly Report - Perez discussed Resolutions 07-281 and 07-280 which were intergovernmental agreements between the Kane County Sheriff and Burlington School District 301 and Kaneland School District 302, to specify the salaries to be paid by the school district. Mitchell suggested that Perez follow up with the Executive Committee since they were not on this committee's agenda. Perez discussed the new form for the 2007/2008 crime statistics.

Presentation: In Appreciation of Nando - Perez presented an Award of Appreciation to Deputy Nick Wolf and his retiring K-9 dog, Nando, for their service to the county. He discussed the services Nando provided.

CIRCUIT CLERK

Monthly Report- Seyller reported the office was running fine and a copy of the annual report would be available next month. More recently, her office will be providing credit card services available from squad cards to allow individuals to pay bond while keeping their licenses. The NXGEN Company will be providing the equipment at no cost to the county. A minor service fee is charged to the individual using the credit card. She noted the savings to her office. Perez liked the program because it could be used for orders of protection, warrants and electronic ticketing and recommended installing such equipment in the sergeant's vehicles for now.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Monthly Report - Barsanti reported on forfeiture statistics, noting four or five cars were forfeited for a total of \$32,000. Cash forfeited totaled \$14,000. Asked if confiscated cars could be used in other departments, Barsanti said they could. Barsanti explained how warrants are issued when individuals do not show up for court. When individuals do not show up, the bond is forfeited and the county can take the money through an issued order. Going back to 2002, his office has collected \$152,223 just in one day. He will keep the committee updated on this matter. Barsanti also reported on a new SCRAM bracelet used for D.U.I. offenders which detects alcohol consumption. The program keeps the jail population down. Since April 2007, 133 offenders received the ankle bracelet. Kane County has become the highest user of this program in the state.

DRUG REHABILITATION COURT

Monthly Report - Daly conveyed that to-date, 263 defendants are in drug court, which is the largest adult drug court program in Illinois. He expressed his appreciation to the county board for its commitment to the program.

JUVENILE CUSTODY

Monthly Report - Brown reported 27 youth were in placement which was up 6 kids from last year. The budget was fine. He will be presenting a resolution for an additional staff person for the Diagnostic Center. The money is not in the budget.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Monthly Report - The public defender was not present.

JUDICIARY & COURTS

Monthly Report - See below.

Resolution: Contract for Interpreter Services - was moved to the Executive Committee on motion by Neuberger, seconded by Noverini. Per Naughton, the difference between this resolution and the previous one was that a third part-time Spanish interpreter was being added and the resolution included a second line item added for the interpreter services. The money was in the budget. **Motion carried.**

CORONER

Monthly Report - West distributed his year-end report information and stated that as of January 2007, the state changed the law which gives the coroner the right to determine death without going to inquest. For 2007 a total of 2,750 death investigation cases were seen. West discussed some of the cases he has seen in the past month as they relate to suicides, fatalities due to icy weather conditions, and patterns of prescription medication abuse. Members were invited to the March 13, 2008, forensic conference at the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois. The focus will be on domestic homicide and stalking. West spoke about his office and other county offices providing assistance to the DeKalb/NIU shootings and discussed how this same incident could happen anywhere. His staff is receiving special training to address these types of situations but emphasized that the approach has to be team-oriented. West supported Dr. Brown's request for an additional staff person to diagnose individuals with mental health issues.

ADULT CORRECTIONS

Monthly Report - Keaty reported there were 642 inmates in the jail with 186 housed at other counties. Jail changes are being made to return 20 inmates to the jail, eventually working up to 40 inmates. Keaty expects staffing to be completed by the middle to late March. As an aside, Keaty reminded members that the jail contracts with PHS Mental Health Services which provides discharge planning and referrals to inmates who have been released. Approximately 93 referrals were made to outside resources. Lastly, the transition team is creating a classification policy and procedures manual to classify inmates accordingly into the correct jail environment.

MERIT COMMISSION

Monthly Report - Weber reported the commission completed testing of 75 deputies and the new list went into effect February 6, 2008 with 65 names.

COURT SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Monthly Report - See below.

Resolution: Amending the 2008 Fiscal Year Budget - Treatment Alternative Court - was moved to the Finance Committee on motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Neuberger. Hyatt reported she would like to roll over 2007 grant funds into the 2008 budget. **Motion carried.**

Resolution: Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of DeKalb - was moved to Executive Committee on motion by Tredup, seconded by Neuberger. Mueller reported this agreement had to do with purchasing bed space in DeKalb County and has been in place for about 11 years. **Motion carried.**

An update followed on the legislature regarding 17 year-olds. Mueller provided real numbers and their impact on the county's jail system, noting that the legislation will either affect the revenue stream by cutting it off, or, the facility will be running at or near capacity every day. Mueller said the legislation appeared to make sense but it did not when no resources were being appropriated.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. on motion by Fahy, seconded by Neuberger. Motion carried.

Celeste Weilandt
Recording Secretary