

JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 17, 2008

The Judicial and Public Safety Committee met on April 17, 2008 in the Kane County Board Room, Building "A", Kane County Government Center, Geneva, Illinois.

Present: Chairman Mitchell, Davoust, Fahy, Noverini, Neuberger, Tredup, Shoemaker. Also present: Finance staff Potvin; State's Attorney Barsanti; Coroner West; Circuit Clerk staff Herwig; Court Services Admin. Dir. Mueller and staff Brown, Tsang; Hyatt, Jefko, Anselme, Stodiek; Sheriff Perez and staff Keaty; Merit Commissioner Weber and Moore; Drug Rehab. Court staff Daly; Office of Emergency Dir. Bryant; Auditor Keck; I.T. staff Strike; members of the press.

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

Minutes of March 20, 2008 - were approved on motion by Tredup, seconded by Davoust. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None

Monthly Financial Report - Potvin reported all budgets were in line for the fiscal year. Next month Pattelli would have a report on the Outplacement of Prisoner budget.

DRUG REHABILITATION COURT

Monthly Report - Daly referenced his report and stated the department was doing fine.

JUVENILE CUSTODY

Monthly Report - Brown reported his office was slightly over budget and 22 kids were in placement with one pulled due to lack of progress. Field visits were taking place. The request to hire one new person will be going to the Finance Committee in a couple of months for review.

Resolution: Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Juvenile Detention and Beds with DeKalb County - was moved to the Executive Committee on motion by Davoust, seconded by Fahy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Monthly Report - A written report was provided.

CIRCUIT CLERK

Monthly Report - Herwig had nothing to report. No questions followed.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Monthly Report - Barsanti distributed his reports. Forfeitures for the month of March totaled \$22,000 with over \$18,000 forfeitures executed. The Second Chance program collected \$76,000 with 166 new individuals in the program. The Second Chance Drug Program collected \$25,000 with 63 individuals in the program. The Bad Check Restitution program collected \$162,000. He recalled that his office was working with the Circuit Clerk's Office to identify felony cases where individuals who posted bail money never returned to court. As a result, over \$100,000 was collected in identifying the initial cases. Approximately 1300 more files were identified and of the first four files, approximately \$200,000 was identified. Herwig reviewed the steps her office was taking to identify these cases. Mitchell commended Barsanti and the Circuit Clerk's Office for finding that funding.

JUDICIARY & COURTS

Monthly Report - None

CORONER

Monthly Report - West stated his office is in the process of participating in mock prom activities. He reported statistics on alcohol/drug-related deaths between the ages of 14 and 20 and between 20 to 25 years for the years 2005, 2006, and 2007, which were increasing. The chairman asked to see the percentage increases; West concurred. (Shoemaker arrives). A unique death was referenced. i.e., an individual electrocuted while stealing copper wire.

Presentation: Proposed Improvements to the Coroner's Office (Tim Harbaugh) - Mitchell mentioned a Facilities Committee was recently put together by the County Board Chairman to discuss facilities and buildings, etc. Mitchell would share any input received from the Coroner to that committee. Harbaugh presented proposed plans for the Coroner's Office, noting that space at the print shop has become available. The cooler unit and condenser units will be replaced versus purchasing an entire cooler. Per Harbaugh, all plans being discussed were approved by the Administration Committee last week. Details of the plans followed. Concerns raised included mixing the proposed shower with a public restroom and the fact that staff may begin to use the shower as a personal shower. Comments followed that the shower should be in the autopsy room. Mitchell suggested that Harbaugh and the coroner discuss

the matter together.

Returning to the cooler matter, Harbaugh said the emergency generator was not effective to hook up. Mitchell recalled that the committee was supportive of the generator and the matter had been discussed for over a year. Harbaugh stated it was a matter of spending significant money with 911 funds versus needing the county funds now. Discussion of those funds was to take place in 90 days. Harbaugh explained that most of the expense was the wiring. He believed it was more cost effective to run a generator for the entire box versus splitting off portions of the box. As to the 911 funds, he stated there was no commitment for the 911 funds. Tredup favored not spending funds for now. West explained the steps he took in the past when power ran out. Mitchell suggested that Harbaugh speak to the Forest Preserve and possibly obtain some generators from the recently purchased Valley View property. Fahy recommended using a transfer switch specifically for the cooler and not a generator for the entire office. Others concurred. Harbaugh said he was expecting a joint meeting between this committee and the Administration Committee and he would like to address the matter there. However, the chairman did not want to hold additional meetings due to the length of time it was taking to address the matter. **Fahy made a motion to refer the cooler matter to the Executive Committee and that a plan be developed to connect the cooler to a generator and implement it within the next 90 days, seconded by Davoust. Motion carried unanimously.**

SHERIFF

Monthly Report - Perez reported that due to the upcoming prom and graduation activities, the office is involved with providing alcohol-prevention programs through community policing in Big Rock, Burlington High School, Kaneland High School, and at Mooseheart. A record number of evictions are occurring due to the significant increase in foreclosures; convictions were also high. Other updates followed on the county's recent SWAT team fundraiser to pay for their annual competition in South Carolina on May 15 to 18, 2008. The Geneva Police Department added two officers to the county's SWAT team. Other agencies have expressed an interest to assist the county. A status followed on the new jail's second floor build out which was on schedule. Lastly, he lost the use of two vehicles. Mitchell invited Perez to the Finance Committee to discuss vehicles.

MERIT COMMISSION

Monthly Report - Perez introduced David Moore to the Merit Commission. Perez thanked the County Board for its support. Weber reported the Merit Commission is testing for Entrance Corrections Officers and the list was completed expired. Five new candidates would be chosen from the list.

ADULT CORRECTIONS

Monthly Report - Keaty reported the jail count was 628 inmates with 502 in-house. To offset inmate housing costs, the department is taking steps to return inmates to the jail to increase in-house capacity. No inmates are at McHenry County, which is the highest count per inmate per day. Overall jail count was up as compared to last year. Once the Merit Commission list is certified, Keaty plans to hire officers in a couple of months for the new jail. Approximately 9,964 hours have been spent training new hires for direct supervision. Eight new officers are needed to be hired. Mitchell and Perez commended Keaty for saving the county money by returning McHenry inmates back to the county's jail. In the near future, Mitchell said he would like to have a tour of the new jail.

COURT SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Resolution: Juvenile Domestic Violence Program Contract - was moved to the Executive Committee on motion by Tredup, seconded by Noverini. Hyatt reported on the positives of the program. **Motion carried.**

Jefko explained the following two grants were carryovers from one fiscal year to the next. Details of the resolutions followed.

The following two (2) resolutions were moved to the Executive Committee on motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Fahey. Motion carried.

Resolution: Amending the 2008 Fiscal Year Budget (Probation Services)

Resolution: Amending the 2007 Fiscal Year Budget (Court Services)

Monthly Report - Mueller explained the last two resolutions were a joint effort between the Sheriff's Office and his office and the officers were trying to provide the best supervision to sex offenders. Due to an upcoming Riverboat Grant Committee meeting, Mitchell encouraged Mueller's input regarding any agencies who may need assistance financially. Lastly, Mitchell asked that the monthly report reflect yearly comparisons; Mueller concurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. on motion by Neuberger, seconded by Noverini. Motion carried.

Celeste Weilandt
Recording Secretary