

JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 22, 2008

The Judicial and Public Safety Committee met on May 22, 2008 in the Kane County Board Room, Building A, Kane County Government Center, Geneva, Illinois.

Present: Chairman Mitchell, Davoust, Noverini, Neuberger, Tredup, Shoemaker. Absent: Fahy. Also present: Finance Dir. Pattelli; Public Defender Kliment; Coroner West; Court Services Admin. Dir. Mueller and staff Tsang; Hyatt, Jefko, Anselme, Stodiek; Sheriff Perez and staff Keaty; Judiciary & Courts Admin. Naughton; Merit Commissioner staff; Drug Rehab Court staff Scott; Asst. State's Attys. Moran, Shepro, and Hull; Auditor Keck; I.T. staff Strike; members of the press.

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes of April 17, 2008 - were approved on motion by Tredup, seconded by Noverini. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None

Monthly Financial Report - Pattelli reported that Corrections Board and Care was over by \$155,000. She will be finalizing '08 projections with Mr. Robertson. She expects that Juvenile Custody will also be over budget.

DRUG REHABILITATION COURT

Monthly Report - Scott referenced his report. No questions followed.

JUVENILE CUSTODY

Monthly Report - Tsang reported two juveniles were in custody with one removed due to lack of progress. Last year at this time there were four youth. The existing staff vacancy is expected to be filled shortly.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Monthly Report - Kliment referenced his report, stating the office was running smoothly.

CIRCUIT CLERK

Monthly Report - Not present.

STATE'S ATTORNEY

Monthly Report - Hull reported \$47,000 was collected under the Bad Check program. The Forfeiture program collected year-to-date - \$210,000 while the Second Chance program collected \$18,000 last month.

CORONER

Monthly Report - West expects his budget will be over in Toxicology due to some unusual cases. Due to the economic times the number of unclaimed bodies has increased (Davoust arrives) and because the budget does not include that as a line item, he is trying to obtain monies where possible, i.e. using public aid or the military service if a person has a military background. Infant deaths have also increased. As to the generator issue, West understands it is on hold pending other county projects. The refrigeration unit part will be replaced next month. Mitchell stated he would like to place the generator issue on the Executive Committee's agenda next month. Tredup wanted it returned to Administration. **The generator issue was moved to the Executive Committee on motion by Davoust, seconded by Shoemaker. Motion carried. (Nay: Tredup)**

COURT SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Monthly Report - See below.

Discussion: Juvenile Justice Center Evacuation - Anselme noted the JJC has an Interdepartmental Agreement with the Sheriff's Office for assistance with any future evacuation of the JJC's youth. Details followed.

Discussion: SB2275 (17 year-olds bill) - Mueller thanked Repr. Lindner for allowing him to speak in Springfield last week about the financial ramifications of this bill should it pass. The legislation was voted upon yesterday and was defeated by two votes. Mueller believes this bill will return since Cook County wants it passed. Financial breakdowns were referenced and their impacts to the Collar counties. Mueller pointed out that in five years the county will have to add 80 additional beds. As to stipulating a specific population figure on the bill, Mueller mentioned the issue was raised in Springfield but there was some legal issues could be attached to it.

Discussion: Redeploy Illinois - Jefko explained the Redeploy Illinois is a program to reduce the number of inmates to the Dept. of Corrections ("DOC"). Through a \$10,000 planning grant, his office will be evaluating youth from 2005 to 2007 to determine why the youth were committed to the DOC and if available services could have prevented the youth from being committed. If it is determined that the figure can be reduced by 25%, the county can apply for the Redeployed

Illinois grant which would provide money for contracted services for juveniles. Mueller interjected and stated when he was in Springfield, he emphasized to the legislators that Kane County uses the DOC is a last resort. He stated that legislators basically did not want to hear about it.

SHERIFF

Monthly report - The Sheriff is exploring and recommending that a third line for the public be created at the Judicial Center due to the public congestion taking place. The cost for a third metal detector and additional staff is estimated at \$143,000. Perez offered to see if the equipment could be purchased through the Homeland Security grant. First Asst. Hall stated there has been dialog about staggering the morning court calls to reduce the congestion. Due to increased gas prices, Perez announced that as of May 19, 2008, the deputy-assigned vehicles will be required to stay in the county, thereby saving the county and its residents money. Mitchell commended Perez for following through. Perez stated he has received positive feedback on his office's new user-friendly web site and, in fact, an organized citizens watch group was newly formed. His office recently was awarded a \$28,000 federal anti-gang initiative grant. The funds will be used for gang surveillance equipment. Lastly, the office's Public Safety unit will be moving into the new jail facility in June 2008. As a result, Mitchell announced he would like to hold this committee's next meeting at the Judicial Center followed by a tour of the jail.

Resolution: Awarding a Contract for Food Service at the New Adult Justice Center - was moved to the Executive Committee on motion by Neuberger, seconded by Shoemaker. Mitchell reminded members that the expenses of the kitchen and laundry facilities would be borne by the contractor who received the bid. Keaty reported out of the three responded bids, Aramark was the low bidder. **Motion carried.**

Resolution: An Intergovernmental Agreement between Kane County, the Sheriff, and the City of St. Charles regarding Munitions Bunkers - was moved to the Executive Committee on motion by Davoust, seconded by Noverini. Motion carried. Atty. Moran explained that an agreement has been reached with the St. Charles police chief whereby a portion of their new shooting range can be used. The Dept. of Natural Resources has confirmed its location and the county's construction of a road to the bunker. The agreement will need to be presented to the St. Charles City Council but the City has asked that Kane County indemnify the City of St. Charles for any liability that may arise out of issues relating to the munitions bunker if it results from actions by county's employees.

ADULT CORRECTIONS

Monthly Report - Keaty reported the inmate count was 691 with 152 inmates out of county as compared to last year's in-house count to 440. He explained the in-house bed space has been increased and will be maintained due to conversion of the gymnasium to a dormitory setting and adding beds to current dorms. Keaty spoke about the other accommodations being made to keep inmates in-house versus the extra costs of outsourcing. Mitchell commended Cmdr. Keaty and Sheriff Perez. Keaty updated members on the training taking place and the security system at the jail.

JUDICIARY & COURTS

Monthly Report - Naughton stated he was in the process of selecting two new associate judges. The clerks in the law library are in the process of rewriting pro se divorce manuals and pursuing video services for same.

Discussion: Night Court - Noverini stated he was seeking a resolution of support from this committee for night courts to be held in the Carpentersville, Elgin, Geneva, and Aurora branches for the public's convenience. He believed his proposal would reduce the backlog, better utilize the court space, and reduce costs long-term. Chair Mitchell suggested that Noverini meet with the chief judge and Naughton to discuss a cost analysis on the issue. Naughton also stated he has to speak with the city councils of Geneva and Elgin. Noverini would coordinate and report back in June.

MERIT COMMISSION

Monthly Report - Staff reported the testing for correction officers was completed and the list of 34 names goes into effect on May 27, 2008. He expects testing to take place after summer. Promotions testing for Sergeant Adult Corrections will be given on June 4, 2008 in the lower Auditorium. Promotions testing for Sergeant in Patrol and Lieutenant in Patrol will take place on June 30th and July 1st, respectively, both at 6:00 p.m. in the lower Auditorium. The election of the Merit Commission's new chairman will take place May 27, 2008. It was noted that polygraph testing is now taking place to eliminate concerns in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. on motion by Davoust, seconded by Noverini. Motion carried.

Celeste Weilandt
Recording Secretary