

JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 19, 2008

The Judicial and Public Safety Committee met on June 19, 2008 in the Lower Level Multipurpose Room at the Kane County Judicial Center, 2N101 Peck Road, St. Charles, Illinois.

Present: Chairman Mitchell, Davoust, Fahy, Tredup, and Shoemaker. Absent: Noverini, Neuberger. Also present: Co. Bd. member Van Cleave; Court Services Admin. Dir. Mueller and staff Brown, Tsang, Jefko, and Stodiek; Circuit Court staff Herwick and Smith; Sheriff's staff Keaty and Romito; and Drug Rehab Court Rep. Scott.

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes of May 22, 2008 - were approved on motion by Tredup, seconded by Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None

CIRCUIT CLERK

Resolution: Amending the 2008 Circuit Court Clerk's Office Budget to reflect the Wage Increase as a result of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Circuit Clerk and the AFSCME Local 3966 - was moved to the Executive Committee on motion by Tredup, seconded by Fahy. Herwick reported the office was in budget negotiations during last year and was currently funded at the 2007 budget. The referenced amendment seeks a 3.5% increase. **Motion carried.**

Mitchell briefly commented on some of the topics discussed yesterday at a meeting he attended, specifically long-range planning for the jail, i.e., a future build-out. Mitchell suggested that Mueller put documentation together regarding the recent legislation on 17 year-olds. Mueller asked whether he or the county should approach the other counties on this matter, wherein Mitchell said he believed the matter should come through the Chairman's office with staff's input. He suggested that Mueller draft the documentation based upon the county's needs, when they will be needed, and an alternative based upon what the county might bring in from other counties. Mueller briefly commented on DeKalb County and Kendall County jail additions. (Davoust arrives.)

Cmdr. Romito distributed the Sheriff's Office monthly report.

Mitchell explained where the county has been and where it was heading, noting the new jail would be a "crown jewel" for the county. He credited the former Judicial Committee chair and now County Board Chairman, Karen McConnaughay, for leading discussions with former County Board member Jan Carlson and Mitchell, himself, on the many jail alternatives and cost figures to meet the county's needs. Those discussions resulted in a recommendation to the County Board to consider the present jail without raising tax dollars. He reminded the committee that the county will save between \$2 million and \$4 million by building the jail. Other positives followed. Shoemaker also thanked Phil Elfstrom for his foresight in purchasing the land many years ago.

Tour of the Adult Justice Center - The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m. to a tour of the new jail facility on motion by Fahy, seconded by Davoust. Motion carried.

Celeste Weilandt
Recording Secretary