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## JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 15, 2009

The Judicial and Public Safety Committee met on Friday, May 15, 2009, at the Kane County Government Center, County Board Room, 719 S. Batavia Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

Present: Chairman Kenyon, Tredup, Allan (late), Fahy, Ford (late), and Shoemaker (late). Absent: Davoust. Also present: Sheriff Perez and staff Keaty and Grommes; Drug Rehab Court staff Scott; Court Services Admin. Dir. Mueller and staff Hyatt, Jefko, and Anselme; Finance staff Waggoner, Clark; Clerk Seyller and staff; Coroner's Office staff; State's Atty. Barsanti; KaneComm staff Baustian; Chief Judge Brown; IT Dir. Fahnestock; Asst. State's Atty. Shepro; and members of the press and public.

Chairman Kenyon called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was not established

### **STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

**Resolution: On-Line Access Agreement with Illinois Secretary of State** – (Shoemaker arrives and a quorum is established.) Barsanti explained that his office requires certain information be maintained on the computer files of the Driver Services Department of the Secretary of State's Office. The cost to access files on line is approximately \$100 for three access points for three years. The Secretary of State has asked the county to sign a contract agreeing to indemnify and hold them harmless in the event of a law suit if someone were to use the information improperly. (Allan and Ford arrive.) **Motion was made by Fahy, seconded by Tredup to move to Executive. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Monthly Report** – Barsanti discussed forfeiture statistics noting they had \$57,000 in forfeiture actions in the month. In April they collected \$41,000 in forfeited assets and cash. The Second Chance program is going very well. Between the two programs they've collected \$133,000 in fees that go into the General Fund. They are also following up on people who have forfeited bonds, which is bringing in hundreds of thousands of dollars on that. Barsanti said the Clerk has been funneling people who don't pay their fines and costs in traffic court to a company who collects the fines. They have been doing this since last October and it is starting to do very well. Kenyon suggested that in the future Executive Sessions take place at the beginning of meetings as opposed to the end in consideration of the attorneys' time. Barsanti thought that would be a good idea.

**Minutes of April 17, 2009** - were approved on motion by Shoemaker, seconded by Ford. Motion carried.

**Public Comment** – None

**Monthly Financial Reports** – were placed on file on motion by Fahy, seconded by Ford. Motion carried. Waggoner mentioned that with Adult Corrections, salary expenditures as a whole are very close to the recommended budget amount; however, overtime is at 115%. Much of that is related to staff vacancies and training. Concerning Corrections Board & Care, the budget is zero, but outplacement costs are at \$202,000, representing payments to Kendall and Kankakee Counties. Juvenile outplacement costs are at 44%, and if the trend continues, they will be approximately \$325,000 over budget by the end of the year.

### **SHERIFF**

The Sheriff reminded everyone that this was National Police Week. He encouraged people to take time to thank any police officer that may come in contact with this week.

**Resolution: OEM Auto Parts and Supplies** - The low bidders were Don McCue Chevrolet and Zimmerman Ford, St. Charles, for an amount not to exceed \$63,000. Per a question, Grommes said it was easiest to buy parts on an as-needed basis as opposed to stocking the parts. The dealers hold the inventory for them against which they will order the parts they need. Grommes clarified that they pay as they go. Atty. Shepro suggested authorizing staff to make some non-material semantic changes to the language of the resolution. **Motion was made by Tredup, seconded by Ford to move to Executive with amended language. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution: Increasing Certain Sheriff's Fees** – Perez explained that this had to do with a fee study done by Maximus. The only fee they are raising is the Paper Service Fee by \$5.00. All other fees stayed the same. Perez indicated they looked at the study and compared fees to the surrounding counties and all others were in line. He noted there was an issue with alarm fees, but that is an ordinance that would need to be passed by the County Board. Shepro explained that was actually more of a penalty than a fee. He pointed out that a fee can only theoretically be an amount sufficient to cover cost of service, while a penalty can be set at a level to deter undesirable conduct. Shepro said he would work on the ordinance and try to bring it back next month for the committee to consider. Perez added that the alarm fee structure had not been altered for 19 years. **Motion was made by Allan, seconded by Tredup to move to Executive. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution: Amending the 2009 FY Budget (School District)** - Kaneland and Burlington School Districts have reimbursed the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$69,024 to cover the salaries of two liaison officers at the high schools. **Motion was made by Fahy, seconded by Ford to move to Executive. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution: Amending the 2009 FY Budget (Employee Training)** - ILEAS has reimbursed the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$4,975.78 for employee training. **Motion was made by Troup, seconded by Allan to move to Executive. Motion carried unanimously.**

Some discussion followed on whether or not any or all of these resolutions needed to go through Finance before Executive. Shepro was not sure.

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Perez asked Kenyon to share his experience with the Citizens Police Academy. Kenyon indicated the classes were very well attended and that he enjoyed the experience. He thought it was very apparent that the officers love what they do. He recommended other committee members consider participating. Perez said they were able to do this at no additional cost to the department as employees modified their hours to accommodate the class., and no overtime was involved by the officers providing the training.

#### **ADULT CORRECTIONS**

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Keaty indicated that last month they were at 98% capacity for males and 84% capacity for females. Current percentages are 94% and 89% respectively. The total count is 597, with 7 out. Keaty said it was surprising that at this time of year the count would be so low. Per a question, Keaty said the county can only collect on expenses if a person is sentenced. Keaty indicated they currently have 40 inmates in their custody who have IDOC warrants. They may see some revenue generated by that or see a decrease in jail population. He noted that on May 29<sup>th</sup> the U.S. Marshalls were coming out to look at the facility and to discuss housing some of their female inmates, which could be another source of revenue. With several officers finishing training on May 16, Keaty anticipated no operational overtime at the officer level after that. In response to Fahy's question, Keaty estimated that sentenced inmates average under 10%; 90% are pre-trial. Keaty said he would get numbers on how long people actually stay in the jail.

#### **DRUG REHABILITATION COURT**

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Invitations are going out this week for the May 27 Drug Court Graduation at Geneva High School.

#### **JUVENILE CUSTODY**

Monthly Report – Brown reported they currently have 22 youth in placement. Two youth were removed for failure to complete the program. In response to Kenyon's questions about the budget, Mueller pointed out that the judge in the court controls the budget. Dr. Brown oversees placement and makes sure that people are continuing to benefit from the placement.

#### **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Monthly Report – A written report was provided.

#### **CIRCUIT CLERK**

Monthly Report – Seyller said they were down two additional staff from the eight they were down at the beginning of the fiscal year. She described what they are doing to compensate for fewer employees, noting they have given the switchboard back to the county so that it is no longer being answer by her staff as the telephones are the one non-mandated service they provide. Beginning in June or July, no one will answer the phones directly, so they are looking at putting more information on line to give the public access to information. She indicated that was no different from what the other Circuit Clerks in other counties were doing. Kenyon questioned the wisdom of doing this since he thought it would result in more people coming into the office since they are unable to talk directly to someone on the phone. Seyller said she had no other options given the fact she was down ten people. Kenyon said this would directly impact the public as opposed to the attorneys who work with the courts. Seyller estimated they typically receive 1,000 calls each day, but will be watching the numbers to see the affects. Kenyon thought there would be a lot of negative response to not answering the phone. Seyller said they have run out of records storage space and were working on getting space in the other side of the building. They don't put the info on microfilm until after the case is done. Every case type has a different retention period.

#### **JUDICIARY & COURTS**

Monthly Report – No report.

#### **MERIT COMMISSION**

Monthly Report – No report.

**COURT SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Mueller said they are caught in the same dilemma as Seyller with many of their services being mandated. He noted that many of the services that they provide to help control the jail population are not mandated. On any given day they have 150 people who could be back in the jail. These are the kinds of things they are trying to work around, but with limited resources, they are making decisions based on what the law requires.

**Resolution: Electronic Monitoring Contract** - Of the six vendors submitting proposals, the current vendor, BI Incorporated, received the highest overall evaluation score based upon cost, functionality of equipment, and responsiveness of support personnel. The cost to the county is \$1.95 per land line unit per day and \$4.25 per wireless unit per day. This is a two-year contract with an option to extend for an additional two years. Mueller pointed out that they've had this program since 1992 to help the overcrowding in the jail. They have had a 97% success rate with people put on electronic monitoring. Only 3% reoffend when they are being monitored. There are many other dynamics that pay dividends to the community. These people are out there working and providing for their families. The program has been highly successful for a number of years. Mueller stressed that this should not be confused with the Global Positioning System, which is totally separate. **Motion was made by Fahy, seconded by Shoemaker to move to Executive. Motion carried unanimously.**

Resident Phone System – Anselme reported that phones are available throughout the Juvenile Justice Center for the inmates to place collect phone calls. They currently have this out to bid. It generates approximately \$1,200 in revenue. If for some reason the phone system doesn't work, they are allowed to use county phones. Anselme noted it was a high priority for kids to be able to talk to their families. He expected to have the abstract and resolution next month for the committee to consider.

**KANECOMM**

Monthly Report - Baustian reported their primary initiative was the migration of the 911 Center. Foxfield Construction plans to complete their component of the project the first week of June. Baustian said it was her intention to do the final cutover and ultimately take occupancy of the space in August. In addition, they are watching the communications infrastructure to see if there is any way to augment the current infrastructure to insure they are regularly addressing the fire and public safety subscribers. In addition, they are finalizing the implementation of the New World application, which is the backbone of the operation they run. A statistical summary of where they stand year to date as well as an operations summary were provided.

**CORONER**

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Staff reported they were quite busy.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m. on motion by Ford, seconded by Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Ellyn M. McGrath  
Recording Secretary