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**SPECIAL MEETING
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

August 24, 2009

The Judicial and Public Safety Committee met in special session on Monday, August 24, 2009, at the Kane County Government Center, County Board Room, 719 S. Batavia Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

Present: Chairman Kenyon, Allan, Fahy, Tredup, and Shoemaker. Absent: Davoust, Ford. Also present: Co. Bd. member Leonberger, Kunkel; Sheriff Perez and staff Keaty, Grommes; Finance Dir. Pattelli and staff Beltran; Deputy Auditor Sanders; Asst. State's Attorney Shepro; KaneComm staff Baustian; and members of the press and public.

Chairman Kenyon called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., noting that this was the first of three meetings that had been called so that elected officials reporting to the committee could explain the functions of their office and present their 2010 budget.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Perez provided the committee with spreadsheets outlining his department's statutory obligations, 2009 staffing levels, and 2009 project revenues. He responded to several questions on staffing noting that any function that doesn't require a deputy is already being done by a civilian. Except for a few exempt positions, civilian positions are part of the bargaining unit. Next year the deputies' contract calls for a 4% wage increase. They expect overtime will increase as they are down seven deputies. He noted that they had begun preparing their 2010 budget, and responded to several questions on the Budget Worksheet Report. Perez confirmed that he expected revenues would continue to rise. Comment was made that it appeared there would be a \$2 million shortfall. In response, Perez suggested the Board revisit RTA sales tax which can be used for operations and capital, and look at what is being diverted to Transportation. The Public Safety allocation is currently being split six ways. It was mentioned that unpaid holidays was still an option, although that would require union negotiations.

ADULT CORRECTIONS

Keaty briefly discussed the 2010 budget explaining what they were doing to reduce expenses and bring in some additional revenue. They are doing what they can to offer programs to cut down on the number of repeat offenders - right now, 70% are repeat offenders. Perez said there was a better chance of generating revenue through Corrections than the Sheriff's Department. He has been working with Chief Judge to streamline the system, and they have seen some gains. (Tredup leaves.)

In response to a question, Perez reported that unfortunately they did not receive any funding from the COPS Grant. It was his understanding that awards were based on crime statistics, and none of the sheriffs in the state had received funding through the program.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m. on motion by Fahy, seconded by Shoemaker. Motion carried.

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Recording Secretary