

cc: Co. Bd. Chairman; Co. Bd. Members; Co. Bd. Atty.; Department Heads/Elected Officials; State's Attorney Office; Copley; Chronicle; Republican; Tribune; Daily Herald; Northwest Herald

**SPECIAL MEETING  
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

October 8, 2009

The Judicial and Public Safety Committee met in special session on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at the Kane County Government Center, County Board Room, 719 S. Batavia Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

Present: Chairman Kenyon, Allan, Davoust, Fahy, Ford (late), Tredup, and Shoemaker. Also present: Co. Bd. member Leonberger; Circuit Clerk Seyller and staff; Auditor Keck and staff Sanders; Finance Dir. Pattelli; Sheriff's Dept. staff; Asst. State's Atty. Shepro; County Clerk staff Bennett; and members of the press and public.

Chairman Kenyon called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m., noting that this was one of three meetings that had been called for elected officials reporting to the committee to present their revised 2010 budgets.

Jennifer Baustian was unable to attend today's meeting, but as requested at the last meeting provided committee members with a revised budget for KaneComm.

Finance Dir. Pattelli estimated healthcare costs would increase between 3.1% and 3.5%, which will have to be approved by the unions. As advised previously, departments/offices should still budget for a 9.7% increase as healthcare increases were not included in the requested 4.5% budget cut. (Ford arrives.)

Atty. Shepro read a letter from the State's Attorney terminating the appointments of Special Assistant State's Attorneys representing both the County Board and the Circuit Clerk, as it has been determined that the Circuit Clerk would not be over budget for 2009. Shepro discussed spreadsheets showing employee headcount in the Circuit Clerk's office for the past three years.

**CIRCUIT CLERK** – Clerk Seyller provided a spreadsheet tracking individual employees, their position, and what they did with each of the positions; i.e., transferred from one fund to another, etc. Seyller estimated she needed 129 employees to run her office over the next three years. She was unable to provide actual headcount as of today, but offered to get back to the committee. In response to a question on the 2009 budget, she estimated she would be over budget by \$2,500. Committee members questioned the hiring of four new employees. The 2010 budget request is 12.2% over the adjusted 2009 budget.

Seyller provided an overview of the functions of her office. She explained steps they have taken to deal with reduced staffing levels and a decreased budget. A list of mandated services was provided. She noted that at current staffing levels, she is unable to perform all her mandates. The only service they provide that is not mandated is the county switchboard, which has been moved to the IT Department. There was some discussion on collections and she explained what happens with the money that comes into her office. She estimated that only 34% of the \$1.2 million that has been collected by the collection agency actually goes back to the General Fund.

Seyller reviewed her 2010 budget worksheets, noting that some items, including personnel, had been moved out of the General Fund into Special Funds. The \$5,083,830 budget request for 2010, which includes the 9.7% increase in healthcare costs, is an increase of approximately 20% from the amended 2009 budget request. Seyller confirmed that the average salary increase for 2008 was 4.3%. Employees will receive 3% on December 1, and are eligible for a merit increase up to 3% based on performance.

Committee members questioned some of the numbers and requested Seyller come back to the committee with revised spreadsheets. It was suggested that Seyller determine the minimum amount she needs to do her job. The committee stressed the need to cut additional money out of her budget. Another meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. to further review the budget and come up with recommendations for the Finance Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m. on motion by Ford, seconded by Tredup. Motion carried.

Ellyn M. McGrath  
Recording Secretary