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**SPECIAL MEETING
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

October 13, 2009

The Judicial and Public Safety Committee met in special session on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at the Kane County Government Center, County Board Room, 719 S. Batavia Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

Present: Chairman Kenyon, Allan, Davoust, Ford, Tredup, and Shoemaker. Absent: Fahy. Also present: Co. Bd. staff Leonberger; Circuit Clerk Seyller and staff; Deputy Auditor Sanders; Finance Dir. Pattelli; State's Atty. Shepro; and members of the press.

Chairman Kenyon called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m., noting the purpose of the meeting was to further review/discuss the Circuit Clerk's 2010 budget request and to formulate a recommendation to the Finance/Budget Committee.

In response to a question, Seyller estimated 3,700 to 4,200 DUIs are processed annually. She described the reporting process for DUIs noting there was a significant backlog in reporting them, noting this has been an ongoing problem due to being short staffed. Seyller indicated she puts in for additional people in their budget every year, and has submitted a hiring plan for the next three years. Seyller hoped to be able to reduce staff at some point due to her office becoming more automated

CIRCUIT CLERK – As requested at last week's meeting, Clerk Seyller provided the committee with revised budget worksheets. She discussed special funds and how they are used, noting she had four – Automation (shared with Judiciary), Document Storage, Admin/Operations, and Child Support. Seyller explained that she had revised her budget numbers to move people out of special funds back into the General Fund where they belonged based on a legal opinion from the State's Attorney. She indicated that the State's Attorney had confirmed that only staff that performs the functions allowed under the special fund may be paid from the fund. Seyller acknowledged placing employees in special funds for several years to make up for a lack of funding from the General Fund. The 2010 budget request come in 27.2% above the 2009 amended when employees are moved back into the General Fund. Seyller confirmed that current headcount was at 112, but would increase to 116 with the addition of four new employees who were scheduled to start on Monday. She noted that to be fully functional, headcount should be at 129. She would like to get to full headcount very soon. Considerable discussion followed. Committee members agreed that the budget numbers needed to come down. Seyller suggested looking at self-imposed mandates and the availability of special funds, as mandated services and staff to perform them could not be cut.

Motion was made by Davoust, seconded by Tredup to recommend the original 2010 budget request to the Finance Committee. After further consideration Davoust and Tredup withdrew their motion.

Motion was made by Davoust, seconded by Tredup to send the amended 2009 budget (\$4,264,517) to Finance, acknowledging that it was lower than what was requested by the Circuit Clerk. After some discussion, Davoust restated his motion to include the addition of negotiated salary increases and healthcare benefit costs. **Motion was made by Davoust, seconded by Tredup to recommend to the Finance Committee a budget of \$4,264,517 (2009 amended budget) with the addition of union negotiated raises and yet-to-be determined healthcare benefit costs. Motion carried with Allan voting Nay.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. on motion by Tredup, seconded by Ford. Motion carried.

Ellyn M. McGrath
Recording Secretary