

## JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

November 13, 2009

The Judicial and Public Safety Committee met on Friday, November 13, 2009, at the Kane County Government Center, County Board Room, 719 S. Batavia Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

Present: Chairman Kenyon, Allan (late), Fahy, Ford (late), Laesch, and Tredup. Absent: Davoust. Also present: Co. Bd. Member Leonberger; Sheriff Perez and staff Grommes, Keaty; Drug Rehab Court staff Scott; Court Services Admin. staff Hyatt, Jefko, and Anselme; Finance staff Waggoner; Juvenile Custody staff Brown; KaneComm staff Baustian; Judiciary staff Naughton; State's Atty. Barsanti; Merit Commission staff; and members of the press and public.

Chairman Kenyon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He introduced new committee member Jennifer Laesch who is representing District 3 on the Board.

Minutes of October 13 and 16, 2009 – **were approved on motion by Fahy, seconded by Tredup. Motion carried.**

Public Comment – None

Monthly Financial Reports – **placed on file on motion by Fahy, seconded by Ford.** It was noted that the Sheriff's Department will be over budget for 2009. **Motion carried.**

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

Monthly Report - Barsanti provided an update on arraignment court, noting that approximately 140 cases a month are moved out of the criminal call, which allows the trial court more time for more serious cases. (Allan arrives.) He shared felony statistics, pointing out that while Kane County had more felonies than most of the surrounding counties, its Assistant State's Attorneys have lower salaries. Barsanti provided background information on the following resolution:

**Resolution: Participation in Appellate Prosecutor Program** – **Motion was made by Fahy, seconded by Allan to move to Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.** (Subsequent to the meeting it was determined that the resolution could move directly to Executive Committee.)

### **SHERIFF**

Monthly Report – Perez discussed staffing, noting they were currently at 90, but as of December 1 would be at 85. He reported on efforts to resolve immediate staffing issues. He provided foreclosure statics noting the numbers were up significantly in the last few years. Perez indicated they had received grant funding specific to vehicle purchases and program support, and that eight vehicles would be replaced in 2010. It was noted that by the end of the fiscal year, the Sheriff's budget would be short \$670,000. Perez suggested that RTA tax contingency funds be used to address the shortfall in his budget.

### **ADULT CORRECTIONS**

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Keaty reported the current jail count was at 641. Some discussion followed on charging those inmates who had been sentenced. It was explained that that was only 10% of the jail population, and there would be a mechanism in place for collecting the money.

### **CIRCUIT CLERK**

Monthly Report – No report.

### **DRUG REHABILITATION COURT**

Monthly Report – A written report was provided. Staff was available to answer questions.

### **JUVENILE CUSTODY**

Monthly Report – No report.

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Monthly Report – A written report was provided, with staff reporting that numbers remain consistent.

### **JUDICIARY & COURTS**

Monthly Report – Naughton thanked the Board for their support, noting that the money went toward mandated line items.

### **COURT SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

Monthly Report – Written reports were provided. Staff was available to answer questions.

**Resolution: Drug Testing Service Contract** – The contract is with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory in Santa Rose, California at a cost of \$3.50 per sample tested, not to exceed \$120,000 per year. **Motion was made by Allan, seconded by Fahy to move to Executive Committee. Motion carried. Motion was made by Allan, seconded by Fahy to add language to the resolution stating the contract was for one year with an option to renew for two additional one year periods. Motion carried. Motion was made by Tredup, seconded by Fahy to move to Executive Committee as amended. Motion carried.**

**Merit Commission** – No report.

**KANECOMM**

**Monthly Report** – Baustian highlighted her monthly report and was available to answer questions. She noted their budget was at 80% year to date.

**CORONER**

**Monthly Report** – A written report was provided. West provided the committee with an update on activities in his office. He questioned why his office was not part of the countywide vehicle maintenance/replacement program. Committee members requested that West not include detailed accident reports in his monthly updates and that any issues with emergency response personnel be taken up with the fire chiefs.

**Motion was made by Ford, seconded by Laesch to place all written reports on file. Motion carried.**

Referring to an earlier suggestion by the Sheriff to use RTA Tax contingency funds to address the shortfall in his 2009 budget, Atty. Shepro explained none were available for 2009 as they had already been moved into the 2010 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. on motion by Laesch, seconded by Tredup. Motion carried.

Ellyn M. McGrath  
Recording Secretary