

LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE
McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock, IL 60098

MINUTES OF MONDAY JANUARY 3, 2006

Chairman Brewer called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Don Brewer, Chairman; Don Larson; Jim Heisler; Sue Draffkorn; Tina Hill; Nick Provenzano; and Dan Shea. Also in attendance: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Rich Weinhandl, Sheriff's Department; Barry Valentine, ESDA; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administration – Finance; Ken Koehler, County Board Chairman; interested public and the press.

Donald Brewer, Chairman	
Sue Draffkorn	Jim Heisler
Tina Hill	Don Larson
Nick Provenzano	Dan Shea

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the Law & Justice committee minutes of November 7, 2005. Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

PRESENTATION: None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of 2005 State Criminal Alien Assistance program (SCAAP) Award and an emergency appropriation to establish a budget in the Sheriff's FY 06 budget: Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of 2005 State Criminal Alien Assistance program (SCAAP) Award and an emergency appropriation to establish a budget in the Sheriff's FY 06 budget. Mr. Weinhandl reported that these funds will be used to replace aging equipment such as laptop computers and copiers. After a discussion, the motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Provenzano, Larson, Shea and Brewer).

Resolution authorizing the purchase of two cargo vans for the Sheriff's Department: Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing the purchase of two cargo vans for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Larson raised concerns with the safety of these vans and noted that several organizations have discontinued their use. After further discussion, a roll call vote was called. The motion carried with six ayes (Heisler, Provenzano, Shea, Draffkorn, Hill and Brewer) and one nay (Larson).

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

FUTURE MEETING ISSUES

Chairman Koehler asked for direction / feedback on submitting an offer for the building in Crystal Lake to use as a satellite courtroom. Chairman Brewer stated that the Judge has been out on medical leave and he would speak with her as soon as she returns. Chairman Koehler stressed that he would like to move forward as soon as possible. Members noted that this issue should also be raised at the Management Services meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shea, to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Approve a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of 2005 State Criminal Alien Assistance program (SCAAP) Award and an emergency appropriation to establish a budget in the Sheriff's FY 06 budget
Approve Resolution authorizing the purchase of two cargo vans for the Sheriff's Department