

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY JANUARY 23, 2006

Vice Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Don Larson, Vice Chairman; Jim Heisler; Tina Hill; and Dan Shea. Sue Draffkorn arrived at 10:32a.m. Nick Provenzano arrived at 10:57a.m. Don Brewer was absent. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Captain Glenn Olson, Sheriff's Department; Ken Koehler, County Board Chairman; Chief Tom Svoboda, Corrections; Cathy Link, Purchasing; Tom Carroll and Michelle Courier, States Attorney; 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 January 3, 2005. Mr. Shea 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

Ms. Draffkorn arrived at 10:32a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

*Update on the Courthouse Remodeling:* Committee members were provided an update on the construction taking place in the Courthouse. Meetings were held last week with the key players for the project. The States Attorney had previously requested that space where a building operations office was be included in their new space for their office. Both the States Attorney and Building Operations personnel agreed with this change. This would allow more privacy for the States Attorneys office. The space surrounding the garage in the courthouse would be expanded for use by the Building Operations Department. Modifications are being made to the entrances to the Information Technology (IT) department. These changes are adding an additional cost of approximately \$200,000 to the project. A project board will be placed in the courthouse in order for the employees and visitors to track the progress of the construction.

*Resolution authorizing the purchase of six (6) police pursuit vehicles for the Sheriff's Department:* Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shea to recommend approval of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of six (6) police pursuit vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. This purchase is off of the State Bid and included in the budget. Two additional vehicles are being purchased by Risk Management from last year's budget that was rolled over into this year as well. After a discussion, the motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Heisler, Hill, Shea, Larson).

*Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation to Emergency Services & Disaster Agency's FY2006 Budget:* Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommend the approval of the above Resolution authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency's (ESDA) FY2006 Budget. Last year ESDA was the recipient of a Homeland Security Grant that allowed for the purchase of 18 computer workstations to upgrade the Operations Room in order to be prepared for any emergency. Additional cabling and electrical wiring needed to be installed in the Operations Room to allow for connectivity of the workstations to a server and the telephone system. ESDA created a purchase order for \$8,600 in last year's budget to cover the projected cost that would be incurred. Because the project was not started and no materials purchased, the purchase order was cancelled. It is now recommended a budget be reestablished to allow for the completion of this project. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Heisler, Hill, Shea, 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

Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to enter into executive session at 10:45 to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Heisler; Hill; Shea, Provenzano, Draffkorn, Larson) Also present: Michelle Courier, Tom Carroll, Ken Koehler, John Labaj.

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to return to regular session at 11:11a.m. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Heisler, Hill, Shea, Provenzano, Draffkorn, Larson)

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Mr. Labaj presented an update on open Workers Compensation cases. He noted that at the end of FY2005 there were 22 open cases. He stated this is approximately the same number of claims as in previous years. He stated there is a potential future liability cost of \$770,000 for medical and total temporary disability. Committee members questioned how many carpal tunnel claims are received. Mr. Labaj reported that previously this was a high claim area but has pretty much disappeared now. Carpal tunnel issues are handled through the safety security department and are addressed through the department by the purchase of equipment to deal with the problem.

Chief Svoboda provided an update on construction and issues of the jail. Committee members questioned how the jail receives needed medication for the prisoners. He noted that on September 1<sup>st</sup> a new healthcare provider contract was signed. The healthcare provider is responsible of obtaining needed medication. When a prisoner comes into the jail they are questioned about needed medication, once this is verified through their doctor, the medication is ordered and received on the same day. Chief Svoboda reported that on October 24, 3005, INS and the US Marshals were notified that the jail project has been completed. He stated that the jail currently has 269 paying inmate of which 40 are from Kane County. The balance of the \$6.4 million dollar grant has been received. The Administrative area should be completed April 1, 2006. Area Counties and Municipalities have been notified of available bed space. Lake County has contacted staff regarding possible use. There is a possible change in the Immigration law. The change would be to treat an immigrant as a criminal, which would require the immigrant to be taken into custody instead of getting a court notice to appear in Court. The County has a contract with Kane County for juvenile detention, should it be needed. Chief Svoboda stated that there is a construction meeting scheduled at 1:00p.m. today with the consultant who recommended equipment purchases for the jail kitchen. He stated that the dishwasher that was recommended has had approximately 60 repair calls needed. They are requesting a comparable replacement. He informed committee members that there was another company that came out to identify where cables ran underground so these areas could be avoided during construction. The company failed to identify 9 different cut areas where construction crews cut into fiber optic lines, requiring 1800' of line being rerun at a cost of \$36,000. He stated the County is holding this company responsible for not identifying these cable. This has been sent to the State's Attorney to reclaim funds. He stated companies need to perform as advertised.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn, to adjourn the meeting at 11:33w a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

- Approve a Resolution authorizing the purchase of six (6) police pursuit vehicles for the Sheriff's Department
- Approve Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation to Emergency Services & Disaster Agency's FY2006 budget