

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY APRIL 3, 2006

Chairman Brewer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Don Brewer, Chairman; Tina Hill; Sue Draffkorn; Don Larson; Nick Provenzano and Dan Shea. Jim Heisler was absent. Also in attendance: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Rich Weinhandl and Captain Glenn Olson, Sheriff's Department; Barry Valentine, ESDA; Jane Farmer and Mary Anne Weltch, Turning Point; interested public; and press.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the minutes of March 23, 2006. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolution authorizing adoption of seasonal Marine Patrol Unit wage schedule:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the adoption of seasonal Marine Patrol Unit wage Schedule. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommend approval of the Resolution above as presented. Chairman Brewer tabled the discussion until the Human Resource Director could join the committee to answer questions regarding the wage scale.

*Fire Protection District Appointments: Crystal Lake Rural, Fox River Grove Rural, Harvard Rural, McHenry Township and Union Rural:* Chairman Brewer stated that the McHenry Township Fire Protection District is the only Fire Protection District that has multiple applicants for appointment to their board. The other Districts have only the applicants needed to file the open positions. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Provenzano to recommend the appointment of Mr. Greg Danielson and reappointment of Kevin Sarnwick to the Crystal Lake Rural Fire Protection District, the reappointment of Mr. Daniel M. Schaefer to the Fox River Grove Fire Protection District, the reappointment of Mr. Thomas J. Condon to the Harvard Fire Protection District and the reappointment of Mr. Gordon H. Wilke to the Union Fire Protection District. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Mr. Alan G. Weaver was interviewed by the committee for the opening on the McHenry Township Fire Protection District.

Mr. Ivetic joined committee members to answer questions surrounding the Resolution adopting the seasonal Marine Patrol Unit wage schedule. He stated that there previously was no structure surrounding starting wages for the Marine Patrol Unit. An analysis was completed and a wage schedule completed for the Marine Patrol Unit. Since some turnover in the department, no additional budget will be needed. The Sheriff and Under Sheriff are in agreement with the wage schedule. Lake County still starts higher, but, they cover a larger area. These are part time positions, with no benefits or IMRF. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Hill, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer)

Committee members continued the interview process for the opening on the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. An interview was held with Mr. Allen Miller, an incumbent on the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. Chairman Brewer noted that the third applicant has not arrived and an additional interview will be held after his arrival.

*Fire Alarm Ordinance:* Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shea to recommend approval of an Ordinance to establish the McHenry County False Alarm Ordinance. Captain Olson joined committee members to discuss the above Ordinance. He noted that the department responds to more than 1,000 false alarms annually. By responding to these alarms, it exposes the deputies, rescue personnel and the public to dangers associated with emergency police and fire responses that generally involve multiple vehicles. He noted that most of the surrounding municipalities have a false alarm ordinance. The States Attorney has reviewed and helped draft the Ordinance for the Sheriff's Department. He noted that the ordinance is in line with what the municipalities have and is very lenient. If an alarm is weather related, it is not considered a false alarm and if it is a new alarm the first month of operation is not included in the numbers. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Hill, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer) Chairman Brewer stated that the ordinance would be placed on 30 day review.

*Resolution authorizing acceptance of GAP FUNDS from Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for Law Enforcement Advocate Partnership (LEAP) Program and an emergency appropriation to the Sheriff's FY06 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of GAP FUNDS from Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for Law Enforcement Advocate Partnership (LEAP) Program and an emergency appropriation to the Sheriff's FY06 budget. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Provenzano to recommend approval of the above Resolution as submitted. Mr. Weinhandl introduced Ms. Jane Farmer, Executive Director and Ms. Mary Anne Weltch, Grant Writer, of Turning Point. He

noted that the LEAP program has been very successful collaborative effort between Turning Point, Sheriff's Department and the State's Attorneys Office. The mission of LEAP is that of providing early proactive innovative crisis intervention for victims of domestic violence; enhancing investigations of domestic violence prosecutions for domestic related charges and enhancing the understanding of the independent and interdependent roles each component plays in the overall system. LEAP is funded by a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Office (VAWO) which will expire on April 30, 2006. A VAWO grant application has been submitted by the Sheriff's Office to extend this program for two additional years. Emergency gap funding has been awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in the amount of \$73,464 with a 25% required local match (24,488) of which will be provided by Turning Point. The emergency gap funds along with the matching funds will allow LEAP to remain operational for an additional 9 months during which time the Sheriff's Office should learn if their VAWO grant application has been approved. Committee members questioned whether there was a contract that stipulates Turning Point paying for the required match of the grant. Committee members were informed that the agreement is in writing for Turning Point will pay for the match requirement. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Hill, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer) Ms. Farmer and Ms. Welch reminded committee members that the Turning Point fundraising dinner has been scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Discussion of the 2006 Fox Waterway Agreement:* Committee members were reminded that a previous agreement with the Fox Waterway Agency was denied by their board. They had previously agreed to give McHenry County the fines that were collected from tickets etc. The new agreement states that they will keep any of the fines collected but will increase the yearly contribution to McHenry County by \$2,500. Mr. Shea noted that the bulk of the laws that are enforced are not "Waterway" laws. The majority of waterway agency fines come from "non-registration". The contract has been increase to \$32,281. Chairman Brewer noted that the Resolution has already been approved by the County Board but agreement should be made to change the contract. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Provenzano to recommend approval of the amendment made to the Fox Waterway Agency agreement. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Hill, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer)

Chairman Brewer suggested a break, at 9:15a.m. to allow extra time for Mr. Mark Justen to arrive for his appointment. He noted he got delay this morning and should be arriving shortly.

Mr. Justen arrived at 9:16a.m. for his interview for reappointment to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District.

After review of the applicants, Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Allen Miller and Mr. Mark Justen to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District. The motion carried with five ayes (Draffkorn, Hill, Larson, Shea, Brewer) and one nay (Provenzano) Mr. Provenzano stated that additional representation should be covered by someone in Nunda Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Provenzano, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn, Committee adjourned at 9:30a.m. with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

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**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:**

- Approve a Resolution authorizing adoption of seasonal Marine Patrol Unit wage schedule
- Approve reappointment of Mr. Kevin Sarnwick and appointment of Mr. Greg Danielson to the Crystal Lake Rural Fire Protection District
- Approve reappointment of Mr. Daniel M. Schaefer to the Fox River Grove Fire Protection District
- Approve reappointment of Mr. Thomas J. Condon to the Harvard Fire Protection District
- Approve reappointment of Mr. Gordon H. Wilke to the Union Fire Protection District
- Approve reappointment of Mr. Mark Justen and Mr. Allen Miller to the McHenry Township Fire Protection District
- Approve False Alarm Ordinance, for thirty (30) day review
- Approve Resolution authorizing acceptance of GAP funding from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority