

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

Vice Chairman Draffkorn called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Sue Draffkorn, Vice Chairman; Randy Donley, James Kennedy; Jim Heisler and Dan Shea. Nick Provenzano and Yvonne Barnes were absent. Also in attendance: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Tiki Carlson, E-911; Tom Carroll and Christina Webb, States Attorney; Undersheriff Gene Lowery and Angela Wood-Zuzevich, Sheriff's Department; interested public and the press.

Nick Provenzano, Chairman	
Yvonne M. Barnes	Randy Donley
Sue Draffkorn	Jim Heisler
James P. Kennedy	Dan Shea

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the committee minutes of August 18, 2008. Several typographical errors were noted. Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the minutes of August 18, 2008 as corrected. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Daniel Hunt, from Anchor Towing, joined committee members to again voice his concern over a Resolution passed by the County Board concerning relocation towing within the County. He informed committee members that the Truth in Towing law was in place before the passage of this resolution. He noted that he has received his forms from the ICC and it will cost him \$450 for the license and \$150 per truck annually in order to tow within the County. He stated that this will cost him over \$3500 per year to obtain this license. He stated that the local legislators had stated that they would look at ways for the County to opt out of this requirement, but, didn't feel this was feasible since this law was already in place. Every tow would require a license. The only exemption would be a police tow, where a special "sheet" would be needed that outlines this exemption. He stated that he did not think this Resolution addresses issues that the County Board members thought and has created an enormous burden to towing companies in the County. Committee members stated that they understood that the Resolution would prevent any unauthorized towing from private property and did not affect any other types of tow.

PRESENTATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation to the Court Document Storage Fund FY08 budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation to the Court Document Storage Fund FY08 budget. The Circuit Clerk is looking to upgrade its hardware and software used in conjunction with the integration of the Circuit Clerk and law enforcement agencies of the County. This has resulted in an unforeseen expense of \$160,000 for this project. This will not involve General Fund dollars. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Draffkorn)

*Emergency Telephone System Board Appointment – Sergeant Cooker – Representative from the Village of Cary:* Committee members reviewed a request for the appointment of Sergeant Geoffrey Cooker to the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board for the Village of Cary. This will replace the previous appointment. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend the appointment of Sergeant Geoffrey Cooker to the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

*Resolution authorizing the collection of a fee for the operation and administration of the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the collection of a fee for the operation and administration of the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County. Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members were reminded that the need for this fee was discussed at the last meeting. These fees would be obtained from those pleading guilty in the Courts. This does not affect those that plead guilty and pay their ticket and fines

through the mail. This resolution is requesting that a \$13 fee would be paid and placed into an account specifically for the operation and administration of the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County. Based upon calculations, the \$13 should cover the costs to fund the Center. This is a mandatory fee that cannot be waived. The Resolution could be amended to increase or decrease the fee if the fees are more or less than needed to run the facility. The Chief Judge is supportive of this fee, but, does not want to overcharge for this service. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Draffkorn)

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation to the Court Document Storage Fund FY08 budget

Appointment of Sergeant Cooker to the Emergency Telephone System Board

Resolution authorizing the collection of a fee for the operation and administration of the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County

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