

LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE
McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

Chairman Yvonne Barnes called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Yvonne Barnes, Chairman; Bob Bless, Randy Donley, Sue Draffkorn, Jim Heisler, James Kennedy and Kathleen Bergan Schmidt. Also in attendance: Ken Koehler, Chairman, McHenry County Board; Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator-Finance; Undersheriff Lowery, Sheriff's Department; Judge Michael Sullivan; Dan Wallis, Court Administrator; Ersel Schuster, County Board Member; Bob Ellsworth, EMA; Cathy Link, Purchasing; John Hadley, Facilities Management; interested public and the press.

Yvonne Barnes, Chairman	
Robert "Bob" Bless	Randy Donley
Sue Draffkorn	Jim Heisler
James Kennedy	Kathleen Bergan Schmidt

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed committee minutes from April 6, 2009, Joint Law & Justice and Finance and Audit committee minutes of April 6, 2009 and April 21, 2009. Ms. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommend approval of the above minutes as submitted. The minutes were approved on a unanimous voice vote as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Interoperable Communications Planning Grant Agreement and an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Management Agency's FY09/10 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Interoperable Communications Planning Grant Agreement and an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Management Agency's FY09/10 budget. Mr. Sarbaugh noted that the title and the date in the Resolution should refer to the FY2008/2009 budget and not the 2009-2010 FY budget. Ms. Draffkorn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schmidt to recommend approval of the above Resolution as amended. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Schmidt, Barnes)

Resolution authorizing the creation of a coordinator position for the Mental Health Court program and an emergency appropriation to the Mental Health Court Fiscal Year 2009 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the creation of a coordinator position for the Mental Health Court program and an emergency appropriation to the Mental Health Court Fiscal Year 2009 budget. Committee members were reminded that the Mental Health Court program was created as a unique approach to helping those with mental health issues. The salary for the coordinator position would come from the Mental Health Court fees. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Schmidt, Barnes)

Resolution authorizing reimbursement of uniform expenses for Auxiliary Deputies/Volunteers: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing reimbursement of uniform expenses for Auxiliary Deputies/Volunteers. Committee members were reminded that the Auxiliary was disbanded because CALEA accreditation prohibits non-state certified peace officers from carrying weapons. The Auxiliary program has accumulated a balance of \$29,871.39. The State's Attorney has determined that volunteers could be reimbursed for expenses incurred with the presentation of receipts and the remaining funds would be turned over to the County's general fund. Ms. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Schmidt, Barnes)

Resolution awarding a contract for fuel, oil and grease for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010 for the Sheriff's Department: Committee members reviewed a Resolution awarding a contract for fuel, oil and grease for Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010. This has been budgeted for. Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Schmidt, Barnes)

OLD BUSINESS

Committee members were reminded that the new Integrated Justice Program went live this morning. Sustain has been shut down. A manual switch was converted this weekend with the vendor being on hand to handle this switchover. They will be available this week to address any issues that may come up. Committee members were informed that the switch-over went smooth.

Mr. Wallis informed committee members that a meeting was held to discuss the rebate program with Integrated Software Specialists, Inc. for the integrated justice project. There are a couple of key points under discussion to move forward on a contract. The County is limited to recouping the cost of development. They cannot get reimbursed for the cost of service. As the contract moves forward, any programs developed or sold, the county would receive a percentage of the fees. This is a voluntary program for ISS. This is something the president of the company wanted to do. We are taking their word for it that they want to move forward with this. They are looking for the County to become a partner to market this product to others. If the County does not provide good references, the project would end. Committee members would be updated as this moves forward. The States attorney would review any contracts that may be put together. Chairman Koehler noted that any committee members that wanted to be included in these meetings were welcome to attend.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE/UPDATES

Sheriff's Radio System: Committee members were informed that the new radio system is now operational. They are continuing with the changeover. Committee members were informed that it will take a couple of months to get all the radios set up. The clarity of the system has been great and the transition is going well. It has been a pleasure working with Motorola on this project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Interoperable Communications Planning Grant Agreement and an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Management Agency's FY09/10 budget

Resolution authorizing the creation of a coordinator position for the Mental Health Court Program and an emergency appropriation to the Mental Health Court FY09 budget

Resolution authorizing reimbursement of uniform expenses for auxiliary deputies/volunteers

Resolution awarding a contact for fuel, oil and grease for FY09/10 for the Sheriff's Department