

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

Committee Chairmen Yvonne Barnes and Ersel Schuster called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Law and Justice Committee: Yvonne Barnes, Bob Bless, Randy Donley, Sue Draffkorn, Jim Heisler, James Kennedy and Kathleen Bergan Schmidt. Management Services Committee: Ersel Schuster; Yvonne Barnes, Lyn Orphal, Kathleen Bergan Schmidt and Paula Yensen.

**LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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

**MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Ersel Schuster, Chairman  
Yvonne Barnes             Tina Hill  
Pete Merkel                 Lyn Orphal  
Kathleen Bergan Schmidt     Paula Yensen

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; Dan Wallis, Court Administration; Judge Michael Sullivan; Cathy Link, Purchasing; John Hadley, Facilities Management; Representatives from Kluber, Shahan & Associates (KS&A) and Kimme & Associates; and the press.

MINUTES None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

**PRESENTATION**

*Space Program for the Public Safety Center (KS&A and Kimme & Associates):* Committee members were provided a presentation by Chris Hanson, from KS&A on the Final Space Program for the McHenry County New Public Safety Center. All of the user groups were interviewed to discuss the long term needs of the departments. This is the first project addressed in our long range Strategic Plans. It will be a standalone facility with approximately 100,000 sq ft. The facility is designed to meet the needs of today and in the future. The design will address the needs of the departments within the facility until 2027. The plan includes how to utilize the shell space for the facility as well. Departments included in the facility would be the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Management Agency, Information Technology and E-911. The space being vacated within the Government Center would accommodate the expansion needs of the Government Center Departments. Because of the low ceilings within the basement of the Government Center it limits the options for use in the area. It was suggested that a cafeteria for use by the employees and visitors to the facility. The design for the new facility uses energy efficient designs. Expansion of the Government Center Departments will drive the needs to build the Public Safety Center. The conceptual cost estimates are based upon construction starting in the Spring of 2010. Committee members suggested that when construction begins the County consider including the expansion areas now to alleviate some of the future construction costs. They questioned if there might be any Federal Stimulus funding available to help with the building of this facility. The Sheriff's Department Business Manager continues to research available funding for any of the Sheriff's Department projects. Most of the stimulus funding requires shovel ready projects. The Federal Government has not released all of the guidelines required to obtain Federal Stimulus funding, but the County will continue to review the information received. Committee members asked if KS&A could include information that shows what space is currently being used by each department, including the number of employees and what the future space for the department would be, and where they will be in the future. KS&A stated they would provide this information to the committee members.

Mr. Donely left committee at 10:05a.m.

Ms. Orhal left committee at 10:14a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Noting no further business, Ms. Schuser made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to adjourn the joint meeting of Law & Justice and Management Services Committees at 10:19 a.m.. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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