

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011

Chairman Provenzano called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. The following Committee members were present: Chairman Nick Provenzano; Jim Heisler; John Jung; Sue Draffkorn and Randy Donley. Bob Nowak arrived at 8:21a.m. Bob Bless was absent. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Karen Rhodes, Susan VanDiggelen, Andy Mueller and Lou Bianchi, State's Attorney; Mark Cook and Ashley Hansen, Public Defender; Phil Dailing, Court Services; Scott Block, Mental Health Court; Kathy Keefe and Robin Shetley, Circuit Clerk; Tina Sheldon and Carol Weger, IT; Sergeant James Wagner and Angela Wood-Zuzevich, Sheriff's Department; Tiki Carlson, E-911; Barry Valentine, EMA; Dave Christensen, EMA Director; and interested public.

Nick Provenzano, Chairman	
Robert "Bob" Bless	Randy Donley
Sue Draffkorn	Jim Heisler
John Jung	Robert "Bob" Nowak

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the minutes from April 7, 2011 and joint committee minutes with the Finance and Audit Committee from April 19, 2011. Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley, to recommend approval of both of the above minutes as presented. The minutes were approved with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PRESENTATION

Presentation regarding Resolution Authorizing a Contract with New Dawn Technologies, Inc. for JustWare Case Management Software and an Emergency Appropriation to the Non-Departmental Fiscal Year 2011 Budget: Committee members were joined by staff from the Circuit Clerk, Sheriff, Court Services, State's Attorney, Public Defender, E-911 and IT to provide a presentation on the ongoing Integrated Justice project. McHenry County has been working on the integrated justice project for 10 years. McHenry County is the first County in Illinois to have APS electronic traffic tickets. The local police departments have been using this process for the past 8 years. The County Board adopted a Strategic Goal of Integrated Justice in May 2009. The Case Management System, ICIS R1, went live in May of 2009 with the Court Services System (ICIS R2) going live in February 2010. VisionAIR is a Jail module that went live in December 2009 and the CAD module went live in 2009. Funding has been set aside in the County's financial model for the next step in the Integrated Justice project.

The Courts spent \$4.5 million dollars on their system which includes the Circuit Clerk, Court Administration and Court Services. There were no General Fund monies used to fund this project. The Public Safety component included E911 and the Sheriff's Department. This project did not include any General Fund monies. The County then stepped back to evaluate the best way to move forward with the integration process. They questioned if they should purchase a product off the shelf or build a new product for the next component of the project. New Dawn Technologies presented a bid where they will partner with URL for integration of this next component. Court Administration and IT are now ready to implement the next phase of the criminal justice information sharing framework project, which includes the purchase and implementation of departmental software for the State's Attorney, Public Defender and the Court Administration Specialty Courts. The next step in the process will stop the redundant paperwork that is created among the various departments. The component will cost \$1,545,000. This step allows for organization of the files. Committee members questioned what the cost of the complete program would be. They stated they need to understand the total costs for the complete system, not just the various components. They are unsure what being "total integration" would encompass. They stated that since they have a fiduciary responsibility to the constituents of the County they need to know what the total costs will be, including on-going maintenance costs. They stated that \$1.5 million dollars is what this resolution calls for and questioned what exactly the county is getting for this cost and what will be the continued costs to run the different programs. It was suggested that a chart be created so they can follow where funds have been spent to date and where the spending would continue. Committee members were reminded that when the project started it did not involve General Fund monies. Even though General

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Fund monies have not been spent, they still have a responsibility to understand the connections between all of the projects and how it integrates and the total costs for each component. When discussions started for this project they knew that the case management component for the States Attorney and the Public Defender would come from the General Fund. This has been in the planning stage for over three years. Conceivably this project could have started last spring but the County decided to wait to reassess the best approach for the next piece of the project. Each individual system must be built before the connection between the systems can be built. This is part of the overall project. Each component has benefits for each department, even though they are not yet "integrated". This project can conceivably continue to be integrated with departments like the Health Department and or Planning and Development being added in the future. The system can constantly be improved and upgraded. This project will involve measurable pieces for the product and the County will be very involved from the beginning. Payments will not be paid out until the project moves forward after certain milestones are realized. Committee members voiced concern that they still are not getting their questions answered. They stated that a couple of years ago they were told that they need to build a new system as there is nothing off the shelf available that would work for the Circuit Clerk's office. Now they are telling us that there is a product available that is off the shelf. Committee members questioned if their previous project a mistake and if so, who is accountable for the mistake? Ms. Keefe noted that Winnebago County purchased a product off the shelf for approximately \$7 million dollars. They struggled to go live with their product much longer than our County did and McHenry County went live for less costs and sooner. Now the committee members are being told that it would be best to purchase a product off the shelf and that customizing a program is not the way to go. Only one vendor bid on this project and this vendor only has their point of view to bring forward. They questioned how we got to this point? This may be a great program, but are unsure how we arrived where we are, with continued long term expenses. Committee members stated at the beginning of the project they were under the impression that after each component, that would be the last part of the project, then they discover this is not true, now they are requesting additional funding only to realize that this project still will not "integrate" all the components of the program. They questioned as this system grows, where will it grow, what will the continued cost be and who will be responsible for paying these ongoing costs? Do these costs ever end? After this portion of the project is completed, how much will it cost to integrate the program and bring it to life among all the groups? The bigger picture of the program still needs to be defined and the committee members stated they don't just want a portion of the information before making a decision to continue on the path for integration. Will there be an "end" to the program? Mr. Austin stated his understanding is that program will "never be done". They can come back to show what the next steps might be. It was stated that a map with the details and costs need to be provided in order to see the big picture. They need to understand what the initial phase looks like and the costs to get to the end of integration. They need to show how much "efficiencies" will be created into the program. This portion of the program gets a case management system for the State's Attorney's and Public Defender's offices. Committee members voiced concern that there would still be a necessary piece missing in order to run the program efficiently. Committee members stated that this program has become very complicated so they will need a "roadmap" that shows what each component of the project will do, and how each component will work to link them all together. They stated this mapping will show which part of the system is already integrated, who currently has a case management system in place, who still needs a case management system, what the costs were for each component, what the final costs to integrate all the case management systems together and what the continued ongoing costs for each of the components will be in order to make a fully informed decision. They stated they also need to know who will be paying for the ongoing costs for each component as well. Committee members thanked the group for attendance at today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment – McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) – Linda Luehring: Committee members reviewed the recommended appointment of the Village of Cary representative to the Emergency Telephone System Board. Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend the appointment of Ms. Linda Luehring to the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board with a term to expire in November of 2012. This is a replacement for an appointee that resigned. The normal appointment term is for two years. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote. (Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Jung, Nowak, Provenzano)

Appointment – McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) – David Christensen: Committee members reviewed the appointment of Mr. David Christensen to the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board. Committee members were reminded this is the replacement for Barry Valentine. Mr. Nowak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung to recommend the appointment of Mr. Dave Christensen with a term to

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expire November 30, 2013. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Jung, Nowak, Provenzano)

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of an IDOT Memorial Day Mini Grant Award and an Emergency Appropriation to the Sheriff's FY11 Budget: Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members were informed that this grant will allow the Sheriff's Department to conduct special enforcement for impaired driving mobilizations and/or occupant protection mobilizations during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Jung, Nowak, Provenzano)

Resolution Approving Acceptance of the State of Illinois Emergency Management Assistance Public Assistance Grant Agreement for FY2011: Ms. Draffkorn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Mr. Valentine informed committee members that this is for reimbursement for expenses incurred during the blizzard. The funds will be reimbursed to local government offices for a 72 hour period for 75% of the total eligible expenses. He stated there was over \$2 million dollars spent in McHenry County during that 72 hour period. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Jung, Nowak, Provenzano)

Resolution Authorizing Payment of Special Prosecutor Fees and Consultant Fees from the General Fund Fiscal Year 2011 Contingency: Mr. Jung made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommend the above Resolution be tabled until the June 6th Law and Justice Committee meeting. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

REPORTS/UPDATES TO COMMITTEE

Fox Waterway Agency: Mr. Austin reported that he has a meeting scheduled with the Under Sheriff this week to speak about this issue. The Sheriff is recommending that the department reduce staff levels because of the reduction of revenues. They would reduce the staffing during the non-peak hours during May and October. The Director of the Fox Waterway Agency has resigned. Committee members were informed they are looking in-house for a replacement to this position.

Ms. Draffkorn informed committee members that the Fox Waterway Agency has agreed to open the Stratford Dam locks for the summer. In the past the locks were closed on Monday and Tuesdays to address budget shortages. She stated this is good news to the boaters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jung, to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

- Appointment of Linda Luehring to the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB)
- Appointment of David Christensen to the McHenry County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB)
- Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of an IDOT Memorial Day Mini Grant Award and an Emergency Appropriation to the Sheriff's FY11 Budget
- Resolution Approving Acceptance of the State of Illinois Emergency Management Assistance Public Assistance Grant Agreement for FY2011

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