

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Friday, May 3, 2019

PRESENT: J. Goggin, C. Dutton, G. Glasper, M. Parkinson, L. Dalton

ABSENT: M. Walters, P. Chapman

OTHERS: J. Volkmar, C. Cooper, J. Rekowski, C. Uhe, J. Connor, D. Burch, M. Von Nida, T. Picchioldi, V. Jones, T. Gibbons, B. Cooper

***J. Goggin chaired the meeting.**

Ms. Glasper moved, seconded by Ms. Dutton to approve the minutes from the April meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

PURCHASE REQUEST:

The following purchase request was presented:

1. **SHERIFF/JAIL:** Resolution to Purchase a TEK84 Intercept Whole Body Scanning System for the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

J. Connor gave a brief description of the whole body scanner and said they are working on a policy for contraband removal. Major Connor noted the scanner was not budgeted for but do have funds available through the Commissary Fund.

Ms. Dalton inquired if the scanner can be used for internal findings as well as external.

Ms. Dalton moved, seconded by Mr. Parkinson, to approve the purchase request as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: J. Goggin, C. Dutton, G. Glasper, M. Parkinson, L. Dalton NAYS: NONE.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Ms. Glasper, to approve the bills for the month of May. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: J. Goggin, C. Dutton, G. Glasper, M. Parkinson, L. Dalton NAYS: NONE.

CIRCUIT CLERK ORDINANCE:

Revised Ordinance Establishing Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments to be Charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Mr. Goggin gave a brief update on the revised ordinance by saying the new plan is for all fees to go into the General Fund rather than being allocated into designated accounts. Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Goggin agreed on the importance of the Child Advocacy Center and the necessity that they receive funds. It was discussed that the allocation of funds may take place during the budget process. M. Von Nida voiced his concern on the difficulty to track funds without having specific line items to do so; he said during an audit it will not be as easy to prove activity. Please refer to the audio for the full discussion.

Ms. Dutton moved, seconded by Ms. Glasper to approve the revised Circuit Clerk ordinance as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: J. Goggin, C. Dutton, G. Glasper, M. Parkinson, L. Dalton NAYS: NONE.

DETENTION HOME:

J. Volkmar presented his monthly report and highlighted the in-county average was 19, out of county average was 8, female average was 8, average daily was 26 and highest daily was 28. He also noted LED bulb replacements took place and will be tracking savings.

PROBATION:

C. Cooper reported they have been awarded the SAMHSSA Capacity Expansion Grant to address opioid issues. Mr. Cooper said the grant covers a span of 5 years and is \$400,000 per year at no expense to the County. The money will be used for wellness and safety checks along with a Drug Court Specialist. He also said that the money will allow for expansion of Drug Court participants. May 31 will be the first day of funding.

CIRCUIT CLERK:

M. Von Nida spoke about waivers that can be submitted to receive reduced assessments; he said individuals who are 400% over the poverty level may be qualified to receive reduced fees.

CIRCUIT COURT:

T. Picchioldi announced that Judge Mudge will take over as Chief Judge on June 3, 2019.

SHERIFF:

J. Connor reported a spike in population one day last month of 361 individuals due to a County Saturation Detail; the population was reduced the following day. The population number as of May 3rd was 326. On May 2nd, 10 inmates were moved to Alton and on June 1st, approximately 30 more will be transferred.

Mr. Parkinson inquired if the population numbers are controlled and if a Judge is the only one who can release an inmate.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

J. Rekowski provided the Committee with handouts and said the Auditor has agreed to turn over space for the use of the Public Defender. Mr. Rekowski provided the database of 103 clients from the Domestic Violence Accountability Court (1st handout) to convey the volume of just 1 type of Court. The 2nd handout reflects all of the pending felonies in Madison County. Mr. Rekowski asked the Committee to scan through the charges to get an idea of what kind of cases they are working with; currently there are 10 open murder cases. He goes on to communicate how much time and money it takes to get into DNA litigation cases and reiterates the possible need of more help in the near future.

STATES ATTORNEY:

T. Gibbons reports a busy spring and followed up with Major Connor by saying they are aggressively going after cases. Mr. Gibbons said after talking with citizens, they have made clear they want tough law enforcement and is proud of the work they do. He goes on to say they achieved a conviction on the Brandon Chittum case and praises C. Uhe for her excellent work. Mr. Chittum was the longest serving inmate (2013), now making the longest serving inmate Eva Heisch (2016). He says the jail population numbers are a result of aggressive law enforcement.

T. Gibbons voiced concern about the fee ordinance; he's concerned about the co-mingling of funds and elimination of the specific assessment for the State's Attorney's Office along with the Child Advocacy Center.

Mr. Parkinson inquired if Law Enforcement could interview a child that is alleged to be a victim of sexual abuse; Mr. Gibbons addressed the question and communicated that is the purpose of the CAC and the success that has come from it.

Ms. Dutton inquired about a recent case where \$727,000 was confiscated and how that money is handled. 65% of the money goes to the arresting agency or agencies.

10% goes to the Illinois State Police.

25% is divided equally between the State's Attorney (prosecuting agency) and the Appellate Prosecutor.

Mr. Gibbons gave an example of what the money is used for and said that there is \$50,000 budgeted for Aid to Local Agencies to help with projects such as LPR Camera Systems. He made clear that State Asset Forfeiture Funds and Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds are separate things. Major Connor briefly spoke about when money is federally seized through the DEA; this went into effect 2 years ago and those funds can be used as long as the budget is not supplanted.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dutton to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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