

## JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Friday, September 6, 2019

**PRESENT:** M. Walters, G. Glasper, L. Dalton, P. Chapman, J. Goggin, C. Dutton  
**ABSENT:** M. Parkinson  
**OTHERS:** J. Wiesehan, C. Cooper, J. Volkmar, E. Decker, R. Schmidt, E. Harriss, D. Burch, B. Bechel, C. Cohan, C. Uhe, Chief Judge Mudge, T. Picchioldi, J. Connor, J. Rekowski

Minutes from the August meeting were approved by all members present.

### **DETENTION HOME:**

J. Volkmar presented the July monthly report for the Detention Home.

In County Average	21
Out of County Average	7
Daily Average	29
Daily Female Average	7
Highest Daily Population	32

Mr. Chapman inquired if the Detention Home was fully staffed. Mr. Volkmar indicated they are staffed for the amount of kids they currently have.

### **PROBATION:**

J. Wiesehan reported there are 3800 people under supervision; 3582 adults, 218 juveniles.

Mr. Cooper gave an explanation of the Operation Lifeline purchase request. It was explained that this is a research component of the Drug Court and is a part of the Capacity Expansion Grant that is funded 100% by the Federal Government. Mr. Cooper said the sole purpose is to expand the addiction treatment for opioids in Drug Court and to lessen the chance of incarceration. There was discussion on payment method and how the 5 year Capacity Expansion Grant is broken down. Ms. Wiesehan indicated that Dr. Jewell has been a huge help in writing the grant and was also a major factor in receiving it.

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER:**

J. Rekowski reported a candidate has been selected to fill the vacancy in his office which will bring the office back up to full staff. Mr. Rekowski noted there has been a 20% increase in filings and anticipates the need for additional staff in the near future; estimated salaries for an additional attorney is \$52k and for a clerical position around \$30k. He also said the work on the additional office continues.

### **CIRCUIT CLERK:**

D. Burch gave a brief explanation of the purchase requests for the Circuit Clerk. The (20) fireproof cabinets will be used to store Wills that were transferred from the old Records Center and the scanners will be used to replace older scanners that are nearing their end of life that will also be compatible with Windows 10.

There was discussion on the web page for online ticket payments not being "https" and also how space is being used in the court house.

Ms. Burch indicated that since the new fee schedule has gone into effect and after monitoring July and August, it appears more money is being collected.

### **CIRCUIT COURT:**

Chief Judge Mudge gave a brief explanation of the purchase request for the Circuit Court. Chief Judge along with Ms. Picchioldi indicated that the drapery and blinds are so old they are no longer able to be cleaned without disintegrating. Chief Judge said he met with the Administration and Mr. Schmidt and they pled their commitment to the Detention Home, Court House and CJC improvements and repairs. He spoke about a Granite City location that is affecting the Circuit Clerk's Office and noted that Mr. Parkinson has been a liaison in the matter. Veronica Armouti was sworn in on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **SHERIFF/JAIL POPULATION:**

Major Connor provided the jail numbers and reported that Alton has increased their number of inmates to 22. He said the jail project continues and is ahead of schedule.

Brief discussion between Mr. Schmidt and the committee took place regarding the Detention Home broiler and other upgrades.

Captain Decker presented and explained the Intergovernmental Agreement for Contract Police Services.

### **STATE'S ATTORNEY:**

C. Uhe reported they have hired a new Misdemeanor Assistant and is now fully staffed. She said they have had 2 trials this past month including a murder case which had the longest resident of the Jail; both trials resulted in guilty convictions. Ms. Uhe said for the first time, there are only 12-13 people that have been awaiting trial for over a year.

### **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:**

C. Cohan reported their reaccreditation site visit is September 25<sup>th</sup>. She indicated that pre fee change the CAC was collecting \$16,000 and post fee change has collected \$95.

### **PURCHASE REQUESTS:**

The following purchase requests were presented:

1. CIRCUIT COURT: Replacement Drapes for Six (6) Courtrooms and Replacement Blinds for Eight (8) Courtrooms. **The cost is \$10,828.00.**
2. PROBATION AND COURT SERVICES: Resolution to Purchase a Five-Year Professional Services Agreement for Program Evaluation Services for Operation Lifeline. **The cost is \$318,865.00 (Tabled at the August 2019 meeting).**
3. CIRCUIT CLERK: Twenty (20) FIR-4R 1822CPA Fireproof Cabinets. **The cost is \$21,018.00.**
4. CIRCUIT CLERK: Four (4) Kodak i3400 Workgroup Scanners. **The cost is \$12,674.00.**

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

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

Mr. Chapman moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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