

## JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Friday, October 4, 2019

**PRESENT:** M. Walters, C. Dutton, M. Parkinson, G. Glasper, P. Chapman, L. Dalton, J. Goggin  
**ABSENT:** None  
**OTHERS:** M. Von Nida, C. Cooper, J. Volkmar, B. Cooper, Chief Judge Mudge, B. Bechel, J. Rekowski, T. Gibbons, M. Wagner, T. Picchioldi, C. Cohan, R. Schmidt, E. Decker, T. Donohoo, J. Conner, A. Schoeberle

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

### **DETENTION HOME:**

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

In County Average	20
Out of County Average	6
Daily Average	26
Daily Female Average	8
Highest Daily Population	28

Discussion was held regarding how much money it takes to house Out of County youth inmates in the Detention Center. Mr. Volkmar shared a yearly total of \$293k which is \$28,675k/month. It was noted this dollar amount is enough to off-set overhead.

### **PROBATION:**

C. Cooper reported there are around 3000 adults under supervision and 200 juveniles. Mr. Cooper said that via the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, a pro-rated dollar amount has been set aside for an additional Officer for Pre-Trial Services.

### **PUBLIC DEFENDER:**

J. Rekowski reported Sarah Bozarth has been hired as a new Juvenile Assistant in the Felony Division. Mr. Rekowski said the office expansion work continues. He also noted they are starting to feel the impact of clients being housed in Alton due to the amount of time it takes to drive there and back. He concluded his report by saying they have 134 preliminary hearings this morning.

### **CIRCUIT CLERK:**

M. Von Nida reported that in conjunction with Land of Lincoln, Expungement Day was held last week and 76 people attended. He said that with the new recreational marijuana law, individuals that have minor convictions for marijuana will get those expunged as well. Mr. Von Nida said the individuals that were in possession of larger amounts of marijuana will work with the States Attorney's Office on the opportunity for expungement. The new recreational marijuana law is set to go into effect in January 2020.

**\*L. Dalton is now present**

### **CIRCUIT COURT:**

Chief Judge Mudge reported they are seeking an additional position in the Self-Help Center. He said they did not include the additional position in their budget submission however, the library fund would cover the salary. Chief Judge noted they are in the process of getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> bid for the court room drapery; the purchase request was approved by the Judiciary Committee and pulled by the Finance Committee last month.

Discussion was held on the repairs of the Granite City satellite location for the Circuit Clerk's Office. Mr. Parkinson has been in contact with the City of Granite City and confirmed there are areas of leakage on the exterior of the building resulting in water damage on the inside. He noted they have had difficulty in getting bids for repair due to only a portion of the building needing attention and not the whole thing. It was discussed that once bids are collected, the information will be brought back to committee to discuss what assistance the County can offer since the building space is used at zero cost to the County; the Facilities Department has agreed to repair the inside once the exterior is repaired. There was talk on the burden it would be on the residents of Granite City and the surrounding areas as well as to Law Enforcement to lose the satellite location.

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

Major Connor provided the jail numbers. He noted that having an entire cell block down due to repairs results in having to relocate 32 inmates; 22 inmates continue to be housed in Alton.

There was brief discussion on if the jail numbers are anticipated to rise with individuals seeking shelter from the upcoming cold weather.

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

T. Gibbons reported they submitted their FY 2020 budget; Mr. Gibbons noted they submitted a reduced budget from last year that will maintain staffing levels and services provided. He also said C. Uhe and Tara Steele are wrapping up a murder trial from Collinsville and is expecting a verdict today. Mr. Gibbons spoke of the phenomenal job Law Enforcement is doing and their effectiveness on keeping the citizens of Madison County safe. Taylor Donohoo was introduced as their new Administrative Communications Specialist.

Mr. Parkinson commented that Deb Besserman, a part-time attorney that recently left for a private practice, did a phenomenal job for the Special Service Area. He also mentioned that since attorneys are now assigned to violent crime cases and work alongside of Law Enforcement, cases have been more airtight than ever.

### **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:**

C. Cohan reported the Reaccreditation Site Visit went well and passed but will not be official until January; the reaccreditation is for 5 years. Ms. Cohan said she submitted the budget for the CAC and reiterated that they will need to be funded differently since the new fees and fines went into effect. She also mentioned she will be zeroing out their negative fund balance that has accumulated over the last 3 years. The annual Golf Tournament went well and is anticipating a large donation from 1<sup>st</sup> Mid America Credit Union. The Harvest of Hope event is next Thursday.

### **PURCHASE REQUESTS:**

The following purchase request was presented:

1. SHERIFF/JAIL: AFIX Tracker Support plus One-Year Renewal; AFIX Verifier Support One-Year Renewal; AFIX Search Engine One-Year Renewal. **The cost is \$8,311.50.**

Ms. Glasper moved, seconded by Ms. Dutton, 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: C. Dutton, M. Parkinson, G. Glasper, P. Chapman, L. Dalton, J. Goggin NAYS: None.

Ms. Dalton 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: C. Dutton, M. Parkinson, G. Glasper, P. Chapman, L. Dalton, J. Goggin NAYS: None.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolutions were presented:

1. Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between Madison County and the Triad Community School District No. 2.
2. Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between Madison County, the Village of Godfrey and Alton School District No. 11.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Goggin to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreements as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held regarding youth vaping and being in possession of vaping materials on school grounds. Ms. Dutton, Major Connor and Mr. Parkinson discussed passing a county wide ordinance to provide School Resource Officer's another resource in the case of recidivism. Mr. Walters noted that Governor Pritzker is looking to outlaw the sale of flavored vapes. Mr. Gibbons noted the illegal cannabis vapes frequently bought on the streets contains a compound that when burned turns into hydrogen cyanide. Please refer to the audio for the discussion in full.

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

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