

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Friday, March 1, 2019

PRESENT: M. Walters, C. Dutton, L. Dalton, P. Chapman, G. Glasper
ABSENT: J. Goggin, M. Parkinson
OTHERS: S. Cousins, C. Cohan, J. Rizzi, M. Von Nida, C. Uhe, T. Gibbons, J. Wiesahan, J. Rekowski, T. McRae, T. Picchioldi, B. Bechel,

Ms. Dutton moved to approve the February meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DETENTION HOME:

J. Volkmar handed out his monthly report. He reported the highest daily population was 24, average daily population was 21, average daily out of county population was 6 and the average female population was 5.

There was brief discussion on the purchase request. Mr. Volkmar said the \$110,400 has already been approved but the \$4,002.00 is for the Detention Home.

PROBATION:

J. Wiesehan reported that the department is currently supervising 3,500 adult probationers and 236 juveniles.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

J. Rekowski reported that he attended a meeting on ankle bracelets and said it could potentially save money rather than housing inmates in Alton; the cost would be around \$7-\$12/day/person. Mr. Rekowski noted that Winnebago County, which is the same size as Madison County, is currently using this method and they reduced their population from 1000 to 600 inmates. Mr. Rekowski also made clear that Winnebago County still has double the amount of inmates even after being reduced than Madison County has currently. Mr. Rekowski presented a list of names and offenses of the first 5 pages of the jail list and openly feels that none of these individuals should be back on the streets even under ankle supervision. He insists this proposal is a bad idea and that there are better programs. Mr. Rekowski read an excerpt of a letter he received on the effectiveness of ankle monitoring. He mentioned a Pre Trial Notification Program that may be a better option. Mr. Rekowski said the purpose of this program is good but this is not the answer and he is unalterably opposed and described this as a disaster waiting to happen.

P. Chapman communicated his concerns with ankle bracelets and agreed that the majority of the crimes would not fit the criteria for that option.

M. Walters brought up a discussion that was had in another committee about this matter and how to bring the jail population down. Mr. Walters said he is concerned about putting violent people on the street but wants to keep an open mind.

CIRCUIT CLERK:

M. Von Nida revisited the fee bill topic and said there will be an administrative training. Mr. Von Nida said a joint meeting of the Finance and Judiciary Committees along with a resolution to distribute the changed fees will be required; he recommends scheduling the meeting for next month. He also suggests

the resolution be passed by May which would allow the change to be implemented by June and go live by July 1. Potential fee changes were noted.

CIRCUIT COURT:

No Report.

SHERIFF:

J. Rizzi will be emailing the Sheriff's monthly report to the committee members. He said as of today the population is at 306 which a monthly average of 318.

M. Walters announced there will be a special judiciary meeting at 4:30 on March 20th.

STATES ATTORNEY:

T. Gibbons was pleased to report that in February they received guilty verdicts in Felony Court with 1 being a first degree murder case. Mr. Gibbons has another case starting Monday of next week and C. Uhe's next trial is April 1st. Mr. Gibbons said that with the support from the Committee and Public Defender, measures have been put into place to deal with the population flow and to expedite cases. Along with Mr. Rekowski, Mr. Gibbons has gone through the jail list to see which individuals can be out safely and he doesn't feel there are any. He gave praise to Mr. Rekowski for his rational approaches to the justice system and agreed with him that ankle monitory is not the answer for Madison County.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

C. Cohan announced the deadline for reaccreditation is March 22nd and their site visit will be Sept 25th. She said that on February 1st, a training of 42 people took place. Ms. Cohan said they are dipping their toes into prevention for the first time and will be working with the Bethalto School District to do Erin's Law Mandate; Tuesday is the first set of presentations. The monthly interviews continue to be in the mid 40's. Trivia night will be held on March 2nd at the Collinsville Firemen's Hall at 6pm; she said you can donate items for the silent auction if unable to attend the event. There's also a monthly campaign, Rooted and Hope, to make monthly donations to the Center.

T. Gibbons spoke on behalf of the Advisory Committee for the CAC. He spoke on the change in the fee structure and said it is eliminating specific fees that were provided for support of CAC's statewide. Mr. Gibbons asked that the County continues supporting the CAC to keep them on solid footing.

Ms. Cohan invited members to see the Center and plans to provide the break down her budget to the committee.

The following purchase request was presented to the committee:

1. ONSSI Ocularis Professional Base 1-Year StayCurrent Software Upgrade and 239 ONSSI Ocularis Professional Camera 1-Year StayCurrent Software Upgrades (**Sheriff/Court Security**) – Approved at February meeting for \$6000.00. **Revised Cost: \$6500.00**
2. One New Model Year 2019 Transit 8-Passenger Wagon (**Sheriff/Court Security**). **The cost is \$25,630.00.**
3. L3 Communication PS64C X-Ray Machine (**Sheriff/Court Security**). **The cost is \$24,000.00.**

4. Resolution to Award Contract for Janitorial Supplies for a Six Month Period for the Madison County Jail (**Sheriff/Jail**) for six month period. **The cost is NTE \$35,000.**
5. On-Site and On-Call Services Rendered Nov 2018 to Jan 2019 (Change Order #2 to One-Year Contract Originally Approved by Madison County Board Resolution (Nov 15, 2017) for \$110,400.00 (**Detention Home**). **The cost is \$4,002.00.**
6. Resolution to Purchase for Professional Services: Medical Care (**Detention Home**) **The cost is \$39,552.13.**

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: C. Dutton, L. Dalton, P. Chapman, G. Glasper NAYS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Walters touched base with the committee members about an individual that has been in the media and that lives in his county board district; he asked that members get as much information as they can before passing judgement.

P. Chapman expressed opposition to legislation on abortion outside the womb. Please listen to the audio for Mr. Chapman's full speech.

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

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