

**LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**McHenry County Administration Building**  
**667 Ware Road**  
**Woodstock, IL 60098**

MINUTES OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007

Chairman Provenzano called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Nick Provenzano; Yvonne M. Barnes; Sue Draffkorn; Dan Shea and Jim Heisler. James Kennedy arrived at 8:19a.m. Randy Donley was absent. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate Administrator-Finance; Tiki Carlson, E-911; Rich Weinhandl, Sgt. Hubbard and Under Sheriff Gene Lowery, Sheriff's Department; Barry Valentine, EMA; and the press.

Nick Provenzano, Chairman  
Yvonne M. Barnes                      Randy Donley  
Sue Draffkorn                         Jim Heisler  
James P. Kennedy                     Dan Shea

MINUTES

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to approve the minutes of August 20, 2007 as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

REPORTS: None

Mr. Kennedy arrived at 8:19a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolution authorizing a contract for maintenance of security equipment for correctional facility and an emergency appropriation to the Sheriff's FY07 Budget:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a contract for maintenance of security equipment for correctional facility and an emergency appropriation to the Sheriff's FY07 budget. Mr. Weinhandl noted this is a renewal contract that is much larger than in the past. Based upon the expansion of the jail, the cost has risen significantly. Also, so many changes have been made they were unable to negotiate a multi year contract. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members questioned if the funding for the contract is in the Sheriff's Budget. Committee members were informed that no funding is available in the budget and this is a new request for funds. Committee members noted that financing of the contract would be discussed at the Finance Committee. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

*Resolution authorizing the establishment of the Sex Offender Registration Fund and the assessment of the Sex Offender Registration Fees:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the establishment of the Sex Offender Registration Fund and the assessment of the Sex Offender Registration Fees. The State of Illinois passed into law the Habitual Child Sex Offender Registration Act which established the certification standards to be classified as a child sex offender and requirement to register as a sex offender. One of the provisions of the law allows for assessing an initial registration fee and charged an annual renewal fee. These fees are used for the administration of the Sex Offender Registration program. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

*Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Speed Enforcement Program Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25,487 and an emergency appropriation:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Speed Enforcement Program Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25,767. Mr. Weinhandl noted that the amount in the original resolution had changed and provided committee members with a corrected resolution. Under Sheriff Lowery noted that this grant has allowed the addition of 19 new traffic officers for the department over the years and has cut traffic fatalities in half. Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

*Resolution authorizing the acceptance of an Image Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$48,106 and an emergency appropriation:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of an Image Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$48,106 and an emergency appropriation. Mr. Weinhandl informed committee members that the amount of the grant stated in the origination resolution had changed and provided committee members with a corrected resolution. Committee members were informed that this is a reimbursement grant. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

*Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Child Safety Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$9,000 and an emergency appropriation:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Child Safety Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$9,000 and an emergency appropriation. It was noted that the funds from this grant is used to purchase child safety seats and provide safety seat education. Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

*Resolution authorizing a reclassification of a part time nurse to a full time nurse for the Mental Health Court:* Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a reclassification of a part time nurse to full time nurse for the Mental Health Court. Committee members were informed that the cost for this position is paid by the Mental Health Board and the Menatl Health Court Fees. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

Mr. Valentine joined committee members to provide them an update on the status for a Federal Disaster Designation. The County did not get declared a disaster area during the recent flooding in the County. The Federal officials received the wrong information and he told committee members that he did not know why they were sent the wrong information. An appeal process has been set up to hear additional information. Most of what was seen in McHenry County was minor flooding. A house would need to have 1 foot of water in the first floor to declare a disaster. He stated that the County did not have that level of flooding, but, if we could get approval to piggy back onto surrounding county designations, we may be able to get some low cost loans that would be available for those homeowners that were in the flooding areas. The numbers will be resubmitted today. Inspection teams from both the state and federal government were to view the flooded areas, with an EMA representative. The department never received any calls for these inspections. Mr. Valentine was hopeful that additional information would be received in the near future.

Mr. Austin informed committee members that with the addition of the new judges, additional courtrooms will be needed for traffic and misdemeanor court. It has been determined that courtrooms 101, 102 and 103 will be used for these courtrooms and courtroom 103 does not have a secure access point to the jail. An additional \$150,000 would be needed to create an elevator access to the jail. This elevator would help with future access for courtroom 104 as well. If an elevator is not installed, additional personnel would be needed for the transport of detainees back and fourth to the jail and courtrooms.

Mr. Austin reported that additional courtrooms are needed in the Government Center. Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has a conference room available for the conversion to a conference room. This would allow for E911 and ETSB to hold their monthly meetings at the Government center as well. The items in storage would be moved to the old Valley Hi facility. Committee members questioned staff about available access to this area. Mr. Austin noted that this is an issue and needs to be looked at.

Committee members questioned if the County would be looking at installing any stop light cameras in the County. Concern was noted that another State has found these cameras to be unconstitutional. Agreements are being looked at to allow municipalities to place these cameras up. The liability surrounding these cameras would be transferred to the municipality.

Committee members were informed that review of the west entrance expansion will be forwarded to the Building Projects Committee and would be worked in as part of the campus plan.

OLD BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to adjourn at 9:00a.m. with an unanimous voice vote.

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**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Resolution authorizing a contract for maintenance of security equipment for correctional facility and an emergency appropriation to the Sheriff's Fy07 budget

Resolution authorizing the establishment of the Sex Offender Registration Fund and the assessment of the Sex Offender Registration fees

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Speed Enforcement Program Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25,767 and an emergency appropriation

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of an Image Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$47,999 and an emergency appropriation

Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Child Safety Grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$9,000 and an emergency appropriation

Resolution authorizing a reclassification of a part time nurse to a full time nurse for the Mental Health Court

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