

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY, March 7, 2005

Chairman Brewer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Donald Brewer, Chairman; Sue Draffkorn; Tina Hill; Don Larson; Nick Provenzano and Dan Shea. Jim Heisler was absent. Also in attendance: Rick Bernotas, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator-Finance; Rich Weinhandl, Sheriff's Department; Chief Tom Svoboda, Corrections; Barry Valentine, ESDA; Lou Bianchi and Tom Carroll, States Attorney; Bill Kays (Vernon W. Kays, Jr.), Circuit Clerk; Tiki Carlson, E-911; and the press.

	Donald Brewer, Chairman	
Sue Draffkorn		Jim Heisler
Tina Hill		Don Larson
Nick Provenzano		Dan Shea

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the committee minutes of February 7, 2005. After review, Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson, to approve the minutes of February 7, 2005 as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATION

Mr. Carroll, State's Attorney provided an update to committee members regarding the cases that were previously handled by outside attorneys. Mr. Carroll stated that litigation cases have been streamlined to handle these cases in house. The majority of the remaining outside cases is the workman's compensation cases that are being handled by Mr. Bill Ellman. He noted that there is a list available regarding which attorney's are handling what cases for those interested. Ms. Susan Conner has agreed to help the State's Attorney's office with any outside cases if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing a line item transfer in the Sheriff's FY05 budget for the purchase of mobile radios: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a line item transfer in the Sheriff's DY05 budget for the purchase of mobile radios. Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. This purchase will be made from the State of Illinois Bid. It was noted that the old radios are sent to the County's Auction. After review the motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Hill, Larson, Shea, Provenzano, Brewer)

Resolution authorizing a Mid-Year Salary Adjustment to the Salary of Position #045-E11-005-99 in the State's Attorney's Office and Authorizing a Budget Line Item Transfers in the State's Attorney's FY04/05 budget: Committee members reviewed Resolution authorizing a Mid-Year Salary Adjustment to the Salary of Position #045-E11-005-99 in the State's Attorney's Office and Authorizing a Budget Line Item Transfers in the State's Attorney's FY04/05 budget. The State's Attorney made some adjustments to the above Resolution as discussed during the last committee meeting. After review, Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shea to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Hill, Larson, Shea, Provenzano, Brewer)

Resolution authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the Circuit Clerk's Document Storage Fund FY04/05 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the Circuit Clerk's Document Storage Fund FY04/05 budget. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote. (Draffkorn, Hill, Larson, Shea, Provenzano, Brewer)

Mr. Weinhandl informed committee members that his department may be bringing a Resolution forward to request an additional \$165,000 to purchase additional squad cars. He noted that many of the squad cars are reaching the critical stage for replacement. Mr. Sarbaugh noted that the \$165,000 was in addition to the \$300,000 that was budgeted this year for the purchase of vehicles. The order for the vehicles must be placed in March to qualify for discounted pricing previously obtained. Committee members directed this Resolution be forwarded to the Finance Committee for review. It was noted that an emergency meeting could be held prior to the County Board meeting for committee approval if needed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

FUTURE MEETING ISSUES

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Chief Svoboda reported that the jail build out is progressing. If the steel is received on time, the project will be completed on time. The hiring of corrections personnel is on schedule. 120 individuals recently tested for a corrections officer. 85 passed the exam with 60 passing the physical. 30-40 will be hired from this group.

Mr. Kays questioned when construction on the Government Center would begin. He was informed that because of the jail construction and the construction of Valley Hi, construction would begin in approximately 2 years.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Recommend approval of Resolution authorizing a line item transfer in the Sheriff's FY05 budget for the purchase of mobile radios

Recommend approval of Resolution authorizing a mid-year salary adjustment to position #045-E11-005-99 and budget line item transfers in the State's Attorney's FY04/05 budget

Recommend approval of Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation to the Circuit Clerk's Document Storage Fund FY04/05 budget

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