

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2005

Chairman Brewer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Don Brewer, Chairman; Don Larson; Nick Provenzano; and Dan Shea. Jim Heisler arrived at 8:40 a.m. Sue Draffkorn and Tina Hill arrived at 9:09 a.m., they had been in the Human Resources Committee meeting that was scheduled for the same time. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Undersheriff Gene Lowery and Rich Weinhandl, Sheriff's Department; Vernon Kays, Circuit Clerk; Barry Valentine, ESDA; Tiki Carlson, E 9-1-1 Board; interested public and the press.

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

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the Law & Justice committee minutes of October 3, 2005. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Provenzano, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

PRESENTATION: None

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolution authorizing a garage lease agreement:* Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing a garage lease agreement. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Provenzano, Larson, Shea and Brewer).

*Resolution authorizing a bid award for the purchase of a firearms training simulator for the Sheriff's Department:* Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing a bid award for the purchase of a firearms training simulator for the Sheriff's Department. UnderSheriff Lowery explained that the current simulators are outdated and parts are no longer available for repairs. After a discussion, the motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Provenzano, Larson, Shea, and Brewer)

*Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Robot System and authorize a budget line item transfer:* Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shea to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Robot System and authorize a budget line item transfer in the Sheriff's budget. UnderSheriff explained how the robot will work and possible scenarios for its use. The system must have an open entryway as it will be unable to breach a closed door. It will be fully monitored through the command center. It will be able to confront an individual and disable said individual with a spray. After a discussion a roll call vote was taken. The motion carried with all members present voting aye (Provenzano, Larson, Shea, and Brewer)

Mr. Heisler arrived at 8:40 a.m.

*Resolution authorizing the purchase of an Evidence Barcode System and authorize a budget line item transfer:* Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shea, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing the purchase of an Evidence Barcode System and authorize a budget line item transfer in the Sheriff's budget. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Heisler, Provenzano, Larson, Shea, and Brewer)

*Resolution authorizing the purchase of outboard motors for the Marine Patrol and budget line item transfer in the Sheriff's FY 05 budget:* Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shea, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing the purchase of outboard motors for the Marine Patrol and budget line item transfer in the Sheriff's FY 05 budget. The current outboard motors are "on their last legs" and are due for replacement. These motors usually last about three years. Mr. Shea noted that there has been no representative from the Sheriff's Department attending the Fox Waterway Agency meetings. UnderSheriff Lowery stated he would check into this issue. After a discussion a roll call vote was called. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Heisler, Provenzano, Larson, Shea, and Brewer)

*Resolution authorizing increase to the Circuit Clerk Court Automation Fee:* Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Provenzano, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing increase to the Circuit Clerk Court Automation Fee. Mr. Shea made a motion to amend and include the Resolution on the Circuit Clerk Document Storage Fee Increase in the previous motion, Mr. Provenzano seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried with a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Kays explained the fee increases after which a roll call vote was called. The motion to approve a Resolution authorizing an increase to the Circuit Clerk Court Automation Fee and a Resolution authorizing an increase in the Circuit Clerk Document Storage Fee carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Heisler, Provenzano, Larson, Shea, and Brewer)

*Marengo Rescue Squad appointments:* It was noted that three terms on the Marengo Rescue Squad would expire in December, 2005. The committee reviewed the three applications that were received. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Provenzano, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution appointing Ryan Montgomery, Corey J. Brackman and William Weirich to the Marengo Rescue Squad for terms to expire in December of 2009. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Update/Discussion on laptop leases for the Sheriff's Patrol Vehicles:* Mr. Sullivan is researching this issue. When information is available it will be provided to the Committee.

FUTURE MEETING ISSUES

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

It was reported that there are currently 68 detainees in the new jail facility. Four inspectors from the Bureau of Customs and Immigrations will be doing an operational review of the facility over the next three days, beginning on Tuesday. The demolition on the old jail will begin later this week. Mr. Provenzano thanked the Sheriff's Department for providing a recent tour of the facility to a local Boy Scout Troop. The Scouts were very impressed and are still talking about their experience. Members also commented on the local emergency system and how citizens are notified of emergency weather situations. Mr. Valentine reported that individuals can obtain encoded receivers to inform them of impending weather emergencies. Also discussed was the reverse call notification system which uses local maps and a phone database, the system currently is unable to contact a cell phone user. A cell phone user must currently register with Vondage for such services. Mr. Austin provided an update on the Courthouse remodeling.

Ms. Draffkorn and Ms. Hill arrived at 9:09 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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**RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:**

- Resolution authorizing a garage lease agreement
- Resolution authorizing a bid award for the purchase of a firearms training simulator for the Sheriff's Department
- Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Robot System and authorize a budget line item transfer in the Sheriff's budget
- Resolution authorizing the purchase of an Evidence Barcode System and authorize a budget line item transfer in the Sheriff's budget
- Resolution authorizing the purchase of outboard motors for the Marine Patrol and budget line item transfer in the Sheriff's FY 05 budget
- Resolution appointing Ryan Montgomery, Corey J. Brackman and William Weirich to the Marengo Rescue Squad for terms to expire in December of 2009
- Resolution authorizing an increase to the Circuit Clerk Court Automation Fee
- Resolution authorizing an increase in the Circuit Clerk Document Storage Fee