

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY MARCH 6, 2006

Chairman Brewer called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Don Brewer, Chairman; Tina Hill and Dan Shea. Sue Draffkorn, Jim Heisler; Don Larson and Nick Provenzano were absent. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Captain Glenn Olson, Sheriff's Department; Chief Tom Svoboda, Corrections; Tiki Carlson, E-911; Barry Valentine, Emergency Services and Disaster Agency; Michelle Courier and Tom Carroll, States Attorney; and interested public.

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

Chairman Brewer noted that there was not a quorum present and the items on the agenda would be discussed and forwarded to either the next appropriate committee or County Board for approval.

MINUTES

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing a Correctional Facility Security Equipment Maintenance bid award: Chief Svoboda stated that bids were requested for Correctional Facility Security Equipment Maintenance. A contract was offered to the company that was not the lowest bidder, but, to the next lowest bidder as the lowest responsible bidder. He noted that the maintenance was beyond the capabilities of the lowest bidder. Chairman Brewer suggested this be taken to the Board for approval.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Service Management Association EOC Grant Program/Agreement: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Service Management Association EOC Grant Program/Agreement. Mr. Valentine stated that this grant is to utilize funds from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FY2005 Appropriation as identified and allocated by the Illinois Terrorism Task Force and approved by the IESMA Executive Board. The grant will reimburse the department for the purchase of 8 computers for the Operations Room of the McHenry County EOC in the ESDA Department. Mr. Valentine stated there will be no impact to their budget. This Resolution is to be taken to the County Board for approval.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority Grant funds for continuation of the Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Prosecution Program: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority Grant funds for continuance of multi-jurisdictional Drug Prosecution Program. This is a yearly renewal of this grant that is received from the United States Department of Justice through the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority for the purpose of implementing a multi-jurisdictional drug prosecution program. This Resolution is to be forwarded to the next appropriate committee for approval.

Resolution authorizing the designation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the designation of the office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor program. The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor was created to provide services to the State's Attorneys in Judicial Districts containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants. This is a yearly approval. This Resolution is to be forwarded to the next appropriate committee for approval.

Resolution authorizing a part-time Investigator Position for the State's Attorney's Office and an Emergency Appropriation to the FY2006 Budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a part-time investigator position for the State's Attorney's office and an emergency appropriation to the FY2006 budget. Since Louis A. Bianchi was sworn into office as the new State's Attorney, the time the investigators for the State's Attorney's Office have experienced a substantial increase in demands and responsibilities as a result of an increase in the number of cases. The need therefore exists for an additional part-time investigator for the State's Attorney's office. This Resolution is to be forwarded to the next appropriate committee for approval.

Merit Commission Appointment: Committee members reviewed a request by Sheriff Nygren for the reappointment of Gloria Urch to the Sheriff's Merit Commission. Her current term will expire on April 1, 2006. This reappointment will be forwarded to the County Board for approval on March 7, 2006.

OLD BUSINESS: None

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REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

Captain Glen Olson reminded committee of the contract that was approved by the County Board for the Fox Waterway Agency. He stated that the Fox Waterway agency has reneged on its terms as previously agreed. Their Board wants to increase the contract by \$1,500, which amounts to a net loss to the County. He stated that 40% of enforcement is targeted to their ordinances. He stated we feel they should agree to the terms of the previous agreement. He stated a new contract will be brought forward for approval at a future meeting.

Mr. Ivetic stated that he has been working with the Under Sheriff with respect to Marine Patrol officers and their wages. Raise increments will be created to make the positions more competitive in the market. He stated that the wage scale has a higher starting wage.

Chief Svoboda reported that the jail is on time and in budget. The opening is scheduled for April 15th. He provided a report on the suicide that occurred in the jail recently. He stated this individual had declared bankruptcy, lost his home, was in a domestic dispute with his wife and was on the Latin Kings hit list. This was being handled by the ATF which had him on a home monitor. When he was arrested he denied being suicidal and made up his mind that this was what he was going to do. He left a three page suicide note, blaming his ex-wife for all of his problems. He noted that officers make rounds every 20 minutes to check on inmates. He was checked at 11:10 and again at 11:30 was found hanging. He was not on any kind of medication. He noted the next step will be the Coroner's inquest.

Chief Svoboda stated that there have been up to 290 inmates scheduled for detention and the jail was budgeted for 230 inmates. He stated the US Marshall Service is screaming for beds. He noted there has been a push by Immigration to have shorter terms of incarceration.

FUTURE MEETING ISSUES

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Committee members left committee at 8:55a.m.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

- Approve a Resolution authorizing a Correctional Facility Security Equipment Maintenance bid award
- Approve Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Service Management Association EOC Grant Program/Agreement
- Approve Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority Grand funds for continuance of multi-jurisdictional Drug Prosecution Program
- Approve Resolution authorizing the designation of the office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor program
- Approve Resolution authorizing a part-time investigator position for the State's Attorney's Office and an emergency appropriation to the FY2006 budget
- Approve Reappointment of Gloria Urch to the Sheriff's Merit Commission