

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY MAY 1, 2006

Chairman Brewer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Don Brewer, Chairman; Tina Hill; Sue Draffkorn; Don Larson; Jim Heisler; Nick Provenzano and Dan Shea. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Barry Valentine, ESDA; Kathy Keefe, Circuit Clerk; Lou Czarny, Court Administration; Michelle Courier, State's Attorney; Chief Tom Svoboda, Corrections; Mark Cook, Public Defender; Tike Carlson, E-911; interested public; and press.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn, to approve the minutes of April 3, 2006. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing a fee schedule for service of summons and subpoenas: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a fee schedule for service of summons and subpoenas. Ms. Courier noted that at a previous meeting committee members had requested a Resolution to set up a fee schedule for service of summons and subpoenas. This will help pay for the investigator who will be issuing these summons and subpoenas. Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommend approval of the Resolution above as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Heisler, Hill, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer)

Resolution authorizing the establishment of Mental Health Court Fees: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the establishment of Mental Health Court Fees. This will be a tool used to fund the Mental Health Court. Mr. Larson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hill to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Heisler, Hill, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer)

Committee members questioned how much money this fee will generate and the best guess was approximately \$300,000. The Mental Health Court will be implemented December 1, 2006. Committee members questioned if this fee could be implemented without first having a Mental Health Court. It was noted that this is not a problem, as long as there was an intention to create a Mental Health Court.

Resolution authorizing the creation of new positions to support the Office of the new Associate Judge: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the creation of new positions to support the Office of the new Associate Judge. We have been informed that a new Judge will take his seat July 1, 2006 and staff for this office will be needed. Mr. Austin reported that these positions have been budgeted for. Additional staff will be needed when the other four courtrooms are completed. This will be done during the budget process. 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, Heisler, Hill, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer)

Committee members were provided an update on the Courthouse remodeling project. The project is on budget except for the demolition costs. These costs are above \$100,000, which is higher than anticipated. Additional costs have been the expanded State's Attorney area. They noted that it will start to get noisy in the Government Center, but, hopes to keep these to a minimum.

Mr. Austin reported that there is an immigrant's rights rally scheduled for Woodstock. They have requested the use of a portion of our parking lot. This will have a minimal impact to the area.

Chief Svoboda reported that they will be moving into the new administration space in the near future. They will continue to use the east parking area until the west parking area is completed in June. The US Marshall's have contacted Chief Svoboda regarding an increase in inmates in the near future; they noted they will be moving into their busy months. Chief Svoboda thanked committee members for their support for the jail project. Mr. Austin noted there were concerns regarding the use of "traditional" landscaping for the jail area. He noted they have been in contact with the landscaping company completing the project and they will be looking into using indigenous and drought tolerant plants for the area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Mr. Larson, Committee adjourned at 8:58a.m. with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approve a Resolution authorizing a fee schedule for service of summons and subpoenas

Approve Resolution authorizing the establishment of Mental Health Court Fee

Approve Resolution authorizing the creation of new positions to support the Office of the new Associate Judge