

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY JUNE 19, 2006

Vice Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Don Larson, Vice Chairman; Sue Draffkorn; Nick Provenzano and Dan Shea. Jim Heisler arrived at 8:26a.m. Donald Brewer arrived at 8:29a.m. Tina Hill was absent. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Barry Valentine, ESDA; Lou Bianchi, Ron Salgado and Michelle Courier, State's Attorney; Captain Dave Shepherd, Captain Tony Cundiff, Sheriff's Department; and interested public.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Provenzano, to approve the minutes of May 1, 2006. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing acceptance of an award from ICJIA and an emergency appropriation to the Sheriff's FY06 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of an award from ICJIA and an emergency appropriation to the Sheriff's FY06 budget. It was noted that the Sheriff's Office learned that 20 of their Microslate mobile data computers will no longer be serviced because the company has filed for bankruptcy. A grant application was submitted to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the purchase of new data computers. A preliminary notice was received that a grant award in the amount of \$8,537 will be awarded, with a required match of \$2,845. Committee members were informed that this match requirement is within the Sheriff's budget. Mr. Shea 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, Larson, Provenzano, Shea)

Mr. Heisler arrived at 8:26a.m.

Mr. Brewer arrived at 8:29a.m.

Resolution authorizing approval of the Fox Waterway Agency Intergovernmental Agreement: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing approval of the Fox Waterway Agency Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Austin reminded committee members that a previous agreement was approved by the County Board. This agreement was not approved by the Fox Waterway Agency Board. The Fox Waterway Agency then entered into negotiations with the Sheriff's Department for a new contract. The Sheriff has agreed to an increase to the contract by \$2,500. Mr. Austin reported that this is a good increase for this contract. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Provenzano 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, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer) Committee members were informed that they will try to get a three year agreement so we do not run into the contract year. Mr. Shea noted that the agency is trying to get creative in order to increase their revenue.

Resolution authorizing a part-time investigator position and an emergency appropriation to the State's Attorney's FY06 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a part-time investigator position and an emergency appropriation to the State's Attorney's FY06 budget. Mr. Bianchi, Mr. Salgado and Ms. Courier joined committee members to discuss the needs of the department. Mr. Bianchi noted that additional part time hours may be needed in the future because of the increased duties they are seeing in the department. They noted that the funds to pay for this position in within their budget. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn 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, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer)

Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency's FY06 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency's FY06 budget. Committee members were reminded that on September 6, 2005, the County Board approved the Emergency Management Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning Grant agreement to the McHenry County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency. This grant will pay for 100% of its expenses. Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larson , to recommend approval of the above

Resolution as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Heisler, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer)

Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Service & Disaster Agency's FY06 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Service & Disaster Agency's FY06 budget. This Resolution approves a grant in the amount of \$6,265 to be used for the purchase of computer equipment for the Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend approval of the above Resolution as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Draffkorn, Heisler, Larson, Provenzano, Shea, Brewer) Committee members questioned whether all cities, villages or municipalities have their own emergency plans. Mr. Valentine stated that he has seen more cooperation since Homeland Security took effect, but, some entities have not adopted an emergency plan. Committee members questioned whether these villages/municipalities should adopt the county emergency plan where if there is no plan in place the County could go in and help in an emergency situation. Committee members requested a letter be sent to all municipalities and cities suggesting they adopt the County Emergency Plan. It was noted that this would be brought back to committee for continued discussion.

Discussion of police and fire dispatch contracts: Committee members joined into discussion with Captain Shepherd regarding the dispatch contracts for 9 police agencies and 4 fire protections agencies in the County. Captain Shepherd stated that the current contract does not reflect the true costs to the County and the new contract should reflect the actual costs. Some contract may increase significantly with others not showing much of an increase at all. Mr. Austin stated that they could take a more gradual approach and show increases over a couple of years. Committee members questioned whether staffing would be decrease if the entities decided to go with another dispatcher service. He noted that staff could be decreased but did not anticipate this happening. Mr. Austin noted that only one meeting has taken place and additional meetings will be scheduled. He noted they would also discuss the radio expense issue as well. The main focus will be to move the agreement forward.

The jail project has been mostly completed. Committee members were informed that the landscaping for the project is moving forward. There were some issues regarding the use of "indigenous" plants. Because of concerns expressed by the Sheriff, they have decided to just plant grass at this time.

Committee members were informed that Judge Prather and Judge Sullivan have elected to hold off on the pursuit of a satellite courtroom until a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Mr. Provenzano, Committee adjourned at 9:17a.m. with a unanimous voice vote of all ayes.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

- Approve a Resolution authorizing acceptance of an award from ICJIA and an emergency appropriation to the Sheriff's FY06 budget
- Approve Resolution authorizing acceptance of the 2006 FWA revised agreement
- Approve Resolution authorizing a part-time investigator position and an emergency appropriation to the State's Attorney's FY06 budget
- Approve Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Services & Disaster Agency's FY06 budget (IESMA)
- Approve Resolution authorizing an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Services & Disaster Agency's FY06 budget (HMEP)