

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007

Chairman Provenzano called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Nick Provenzano; Yvonne M. Barnes; Sue Draffkorn and James Kennedy. Randy Donley, Dan Shea and Jim Heisler were absent. Also in attendance: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate Administrator-Finance; Mary McCann, County Board Member; Bill Kays and Kathy Keefe, Circuit Clerk; Tiki Carlson, E-911; Rich Weinhandl and Under Sheriff Gene Lowery, Sheriff's Department; Karen Rhodes and Lou Bianchi, State's Attorney; and Barry Valentine, EMA.

Nick Provenzano, Chairman
Yvonne M. Barnes Randy Donley
Sue Draffkorn Jim Heisler
James P. Kennedy Dan Shea

MINUTES

Ms. Draffkorn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to approve the minutes of August 8, 2007 as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS

FY07/08 Budget Reviews: All of the budgets are maintenance budgets with the supplemental requests being reviewed and determined at a later date depending on how much funding will be available for the supplemental requests. The personnel costs have been removed from the budgets and will be included, when merit increases are determined at a later date as well. These maintenance budgets reflect the true costs of operating each department.

Circuit Clerk: Bill Kays and Kathy Keefe joined committee members for a review of the maintenance budget for the Circuit Clerk's office with the committee. Mr. Sarbaugh noted that the Circuit Clerk has stayed within their maintenance budget. Mr. Sarbaugh informed committee members that this will be a budget in-flux because of both the financing of the Star Com system and the County has been informed they will be receiving an additional judge and the budgets have not been adjusted to reflect the needs of the new judge. The Finance and Audit Committee will review the budget adjustments made after the standing committee's approvals. The Law & Justice Committee will be updated as to changes made to the budgets. After review, Ms. Barnes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend approval of the maintenance budgets for the Circuit Clerk's office. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Kennedy, Provenzano)

EMA(Emergency Management Agency): Barry Valentine joined the Committee Members for review of the maintenance budgets for EMA. This is basically a grant funded department. After review, Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to recommend approval of the EMA budgets as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Kennedy, Provenzano)

E911: Committee members reviewed the maintenance budget for E9-1-1. This department is funded by the E911 surcharge. After review, Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommended approval of the maintenance budget for E911 as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Kennedy, Povenzano)

Sheriff: Committee members reviewed the maintenance budget for the Sheriff's Department. Committee members were informed that this budget will be in flux as well because we do not know what the staffing requirements for the new judge will be and the Sheriff provides courthouse security for the courtrooms. Under Sheriff Lowery noted that the Sheriff's Department has a great working relationship with administration, and this year's budget process has been a positive experience. Under Sheriff Lowery stated they are using some inmates for volunteer labor in the jail. Some of the inmates are used for road crews as well. Mr. Sarbaugh noted the department has stayed within their maintenance budget. After review, Chairman Provenzano requested that the supplemental requests, with their worksheets, be placed in committee member mail boxes for review. After discussion, Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes to recommend approval of the maintenance budget for the Sheriff's Department as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Kennedy, Provenzano)

State's Attorney: Committee members reviewed the maintenance budget for the State's Attorney. This is a budget in flux as they do not know the personnel requirements for the new judge. The changes will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for review. After review, Ms. Barnes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn, to recommend approval of the maintenance budget for the State's Attorney as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Draffkorn, Kennedy, Provenzano)

Resolution authorizing the acceptance of 2006 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) award and an emergency appropriation to establish a budget in the Sheriff's FY07 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of 2006 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) award and an emergency appropriation to establish a budget in the Sheriff's Fy07 budget. Mr. Weinhandl stated his office was pleasantly surprised when they received notice that they would be receiving this grant. This is a continuation of the FY06 program. A 2007 grant has been applied for as well. Mr. Weinhandl stated that these funds will probably be used to repair leaks on the facility located at the shooting range. Mr. Kennedy 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 (Barnes, Draffkorn, Kennedy, Provenzano)

E 9-1-1 Appointment: Committee members reviewed a request for an appointment to the E911 board. Each area on the board is responsible for making their own appointments to the E911 Board. The County Board then has to officially accept the suggested appointment. The previous appointee for Lake in the Hills has resigned and Lake in the Hills has requested the appointment of Mr. Mark Kuhlman to the E911 Board. After review, Ms. Barnes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend the appointment of Mr. Mark Kuhlman to the E911 board. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn at 9:30a.m. with an unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

Recommend approval of a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of 2006 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) award and an emergency appropriation to establish a budget in the Sheriff's FY07 budget
Recommend the appointment of Mr. Mark Kuhlman to the E911 Board

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