

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

Chairman Provenzano called the meeting to order at 8:15a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Nick Provenzano; Randy Donley; Yvonne M. Barnes; James Kennedy; Dan Shea and Jim Heisler. Sue Draffkorn arrived at 8:18a.m. Also in attendance: Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; John Labaj, Deputy Administrator; Tiki Carlson, E-911; Undersheriff Lowery, Sheriff's Department; Barry Valentine, Emergency Management; and the press.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley, to approve the minutes of December 3, 2007 as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: None

REPORTS: None

Ms. Draffkorn arrived at 8:17a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing a cost of living adjustment to the State's Attorney's salary and an emergency appropriation in the State's Attorney's FY 08 budget and Resolution authorizing an adjustment to the Public Defender's annual salary and an emergency appropriation in the Public Defender's FY 08 budget: Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing a cost of living adjustment to the State's Attorney's salary and an emergency appropriation in the State's Attorney's FY 08 budget and recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing an adjustment to the Public Defender's annual salary and an emergency appropriation in the Public Defender's FY 08 budget. Mr. Sarbaugh noted this is the yearly cost of living increase for the State's Attorney and Public Defender. 84% of the State's Attorney's salary is paid by the State and the Public Defender's salary must be at 90% of the State's Attorney's salary. Mr. Sarbaugh noted that he does not budget the increases until notification has been received from the State. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote as amended (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano).

Resolution authorizing acceptance of State of Illinois Emergency Management Assistance (EMA) Program Grant Agreement for FY 2008: Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution acceptance of State of Illinois Emergency Management Assistance (EMA) Program Grant Agreement for FY 2008. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote as amended (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano).

Resolution authorizing participation as a member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Response pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement by an between the County of McHenry and the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association for the establishment of a mutual aid intergovernmental service agreement: Ms. Barnes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing participation as a member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Response pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement by an between the County of McHenry and the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association for the establishment of a mutual aid intergovernmental service agreement. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote as presented (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano).

Discussion - Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement: Mr. Labaj informed the committee members that the Transportation Committee would be reviewing an additional Resolution to approve another Mutual Aid Agreement from McCog to share equipment with the surrounding Municipalities in an emergency.

Resolution authorizing Illinois Commerce Commission to supervise and regulate commercial removal of trespassing vehicles from Private Property within the County McHenry County: Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing Illinois Commerce Commission to supervise and regulate commercial removal of trespassing vehicles from Private Property within the County

McHenry County. Chairman Provenzano noted this will allow for the commercial removal of trespassing vehicles as well as regulate what can be charged to tow the vehicles. The ICC (Illinois Commerce Commission) will supervise and regulate commercial removal of trespassing vehicles within the County. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote as amended (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano).

Discussion – Federal Legislative Program: Undersheriff Lowery joined committee members and informed them that the Sheriff’s Department will be working on several issues to try to obtain additional grant funding. He noted that these issues will span the next couple of decades. Various grants are available for building a new Public Safety Building in conjunction with communication as well as the possibility to receive additional funding if a joint agreement is made with another law enforcement entity like the FBI. He noted the three main issues in regards to seeking Federal Funding includes how to best use the current grant funds received, the building of a Public Safety Building and enhance communications with interoperability. Chairman Provenzano noted that the County will also be seeking funds to bridge the gap in the integrated county system for use between the Court Agencies and the Sheriff’s Department.

Mr. Valentine, the Emergency Management Director, informed Committee members that there is a flood watch in effect until tomorrow afternoon. He noted that he does not expect any widespread flooding as the river is down. The biggest concern will be the low lying areas and ice.

OLD BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Ms. Barnes to adjourn the meeting at 8:39a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

- Resolution authorizing a cost of living adjustment to the State’s Attorney’s salary and an emergency appropriation in the State’s Attorney’s FY 08 budget
- Resolution authorizing an adjustment to the Public Defender’s annual salary and an emergency appropriation in the Public Defender’s FY 08 budget
- Resolution authorizing acceptance of State of Illinois Emergency Management Assistance (EMA) Program Grant Agreement for FY 2008
- Resolution authorizing participation as a member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Response pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement by an between the County of McHenry and the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association for the establishment of a mutual aid intergovernmental service agreement
- Resolution authorizing Illinois Commerce Commission to supervise and regulate commercial removal of trespassing vehicles from Private Property within the County McHenry County

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