

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

MINUTES OF MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008

Chairman Provenzano called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Nick Provenzano; Randy Donley; Sue Draffkorn; Jim Heisler; James Kennedy; Yvonne M. Barnes and Dan Shea. Also in attendance: Judge Sullivan; Sheriff Nygren, UnderSheriff Gene Lowery and Rich Weinhandl, Sheriff's Department; Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Barry Valentine, EMA; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; Lou Czarny, Court Administration; Mark Cook, Public Defender; Cathy Link, Purchasing; Nick Carroccia; and reporters.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn, to approve the minutes of March 3, 2008 as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Provenzano asked that item 5.2 - *Resolution regarding PSIC Grant* be considered at this time. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution authorizing entering into the PSIC Grant agreement as lead agency for the Prairie Shield Regional Alliance and an emergency appropriation to the Sheriff's FY 08 budget. Mr. Weinhandl and Mr. Sarbaugh joined the Committee to discuss the proposed resolution. Mr. Weinhandl stated that over the last two years the Sheriff has built a consortium with the surrounding six counties to enhance communications. The group has been able to secure funds of \$5,100,000 through a PCIS grant. The McHenry County Sheriff's Office will be the lead agency in administrating the grant award for the consortium. The grant will allow for the purchase of inter-operational radio communication equipment. Mr. Sarbaugh reported that the grant requires a 20% match by all Alliance members. He stated the budget as shown on the Resolution would need to be changed to indicate a new object level 3, prior to it going to the Finance and Audit Committee for consideration. Mr. Weinhandl stated that no equipment will be purchased until the 20% match is received from the various counties. He reviewed the process that counties will follow for the match and reimbursement by the State. He stated the State will not release funds without a valid invoice. After discussion, a roll call vote was called. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea and Provenzano)

Chairman Provenzano announced that agenda item 4.2, *McHenry County Child Advocacy Center* has been pulled from the agenda today.

PRESENTATION:

ICJIS Requirements Study: Mr. Carroccia and Mr. Austin joined the Committee to discuss the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (ICJIS) requirements study. Mr. Austin provided an overview to the project, noting that \$0.5 million dollars have been added to the original \$3.0 million to expand the program by building a bridge between the court system and law enforcement programs. Mr. Carroccia noted the purpose of today's presentation is seeking approval to move forward with the ICJIS definition study. He noted that money has been set aside for funding. The ICJIS when completed will allow the electronic transfer of information between the Courts and law enforcement agencies. To begin this process a requirements definition study should be conducted to determine and document the qualified needs, wants and expectations for the stakeholders. The study should take approximately 3 to 5 months to complete at a cost of \$0.5 million. The study will set a roadmap for the plan implementation. Mr. Austin stated that the financing has been earmarked on the Financial Model and \$94,000 has been secured from our Federal delegation, which will help offset the costs. Members questioned if other agencies are brought into the system if they could also share in the expenses through a local match or a "tap-in fee." Mr. Austin stated these would be excellent suggestions and they could be considered at some point. He noted that the project will never be totally completed as it is one that the County can continue to build on by adding various agencies and departments. After discussion, the Committee consensus was to send this to the Finance and Audit Committee to create the funds to move forward with this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Protection District Appointments: Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to recommend the County Board make the following Fire Protection District Appointments: Crystal Lake Rural – Greg Danielson; Fox River Grove – William Yocius, Jr.; Harvard – William Hartwig; McHenry Township – Robert J. Meyer and Phillip E. Bartmann;

and Union – Dale Moehling. Chairman Provenzano reviewed the process noting that proper posting of the openings had been placed and that no competing applications had been received. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote. (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea and Provenzano)

Discussion – Transition Team for Public Safety Building: UnderSheriff Lowery noted that it may be a little early to consider a transition team for a public safety building, but he would like to implement the same type of process that was used for the jail build-out should this project unfold. Mr. Austin stated that this is a just “heads-up” on what is being considered. Chairman Provenzano confirmed that no formal approval to build at this time has been authorized and this is just a very preliminary plan at this point. He stated a transition team has been very useful in the past and should the project move forward he would like a team involvement. UnderSheriff Lowery stated the department wants to make sure they address staffing issues on how this is handled internally so they are prepared should this plan move forward. It was also noted that other departments, such as EMA and I.T. would also be part of the transition team.

Additional Dispatcher Position: Mr. Austin stated that during the budget process it was noted that there may be a need for an additional dispatcher position to meet the growing needs of the department. UnderSheriff Lowery provided a spreadsheet of calls dispatched by the Sheriff’s Department and how the number of calls have increased over the past few years. In 2007 dispatch calls totaled 43,253. He reviewed how fees are calculated and the need for the added service. The position would assist during peak hours and also relieve some pressure as a “floater” during other times. With contracts in place with municipalities, the yearly process should become easier and more streamlined. All dispatch contracts expire the end of April. Mr. Austin stated they would like consensus to take an appropriate Resolution to the Human Resources Committee next Monday and then to the Finance and Audit Committee. After a discussion, Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to support the additional dispatcher position and move this item forward to the HR and F/A Committees as requested. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

Chairman Provenzano announced that the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) approved our Resolution to supervise and regulate towing and will hold a workshop here on May 6th and May 7th.

Ms. Barnes asked that the Committee discuss a soliciting program at their next meeting. Chairman Provenzano requested that this item be on the May agenda for discussion and that the State’s Attorney be asked to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

Resolution authorizing entering into the PSIC Grant agreement as lead agency for the Prairie Shield Regional Alliance and an emergency appropriation to the Sheriff’s FY 08 budget
Resolution authorizing appointments to Fire Protection Districts

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