

## **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

Friday, February 2, 2018

PRESENT: M. Walters, G. Glasper, L. Dalton, C. Dutton, M. Parkinson, P. Chapman, J. Goggin

OTHERS: T. Gibbons, J. Connor, E. Decker, Judge Napp, Judge Hylla, M. Madison, D. Burch,  
M. Von Nida, J. Rekowski, C. Cooper, J. Volkmar, R. Wesley, K. Geschwend, R. Schmidt,

L. Dalton moved, seconded by G. Glasper, to approve the January meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **DETENTION HOME:**

J. Volkmar handed out his monthly report. He reported 40 kids were processed last month. Today's population is 22 kids. He is also asking for a building's employee to be placed there full time.

### **PROBATION:**

C. Cooper reported that they are working with the public defender on a plan for staff location at the CJC.

### **CIRCUIT CLERK:**

M. Von Nida reported that the department has been a leader in e-filing. As of January the Supreme Court has mandated it throughout the state. Madison County was exempted from the mandate, but we have been doing e-filing for all case types since 2009. He added in April, the department will go live with the state's e file manager.

### **CIRCUIT COURT:**

Judge Hylla introduced Angela Warta, she is the law librarian and runs the self help center. She spoke to the committee about what the law library is and how it helps the public as well as attorneys. The department received a grant that will help remodel the library to better serve. Judge Hylla also spoke about the law library fund, he was told he can use half of the funding. He is requesting to use that money to hire another staff person for the library. Mr. Chapman suggested this request to go before the finance committee in March.

Judge Hylla presented the following purchase request:

1. The request to remodel the law library. The cost is \$5,111.77.

Ms. Dalton moved, seconded by Ms. Dutton, to approve the purchase as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: Goggin, Glasper, Dutton, Dalton and Parkinson. NAYS: None.

**SHERIFF:**

J. Connor presented the jail report. The count as of today is 322. He also reported that 5 employees will graduate next week from the corrections academy. He also added that the department is moving forward on PREA-Prisoner Rate Elimination Act. He reported they are going to classify the inmates a little bit better, they are going to mirror how Sangamon County do it. This will hopefully make sure the inmates are in the appropriate cell blocks according to their charges.

E. Decker presented the following purchase request:

1. The request to purchase 11 cameras and 11 camera licenses. The total cost is \$8,525.00.

Ms. Dalton moved, seconded by Ms. Dutton, to approve the purchase as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: Goggin, Glasper, Dutton, Dalton and Parkinson. NAYS: None.

**STATES ATTORNEY:**

T. Gibbons reported that “trial season” is in full swing. He offered anyone that is interested in watching the trial process to let him know and he will let you know of upcoming trials available. He also informed the committee that there was a water leak at the Wood River Facility. Some of the files were damaged, they are trying to figure out now what records are permanently damaged.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER:**

J. Rekowski reported that the remodel at the CJC is making progress. He also reported that he made an offer for an assistant and she has accepted. He reported that he will be losing 2 assistant’s temporarily due to maternity leave.

Ms. Glasper moved, seconded by Mr. Parkinson, to approve the bills for the month. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: Glasper, Dutton, Dalton, Parkinson, Goggin and Chapman. NAYS: None.

P. Chapman had some questions for T. Gibbons regarding the opioid epidemic. The committee asked T. Gibbons to report back in a month or so with the information.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton, to enter into executive session to discuss legal questions regarding the use of public funds for counsel.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Ms. Glasper, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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