

## COUNTY INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

**PRESENT:** M. Holliday, L. Dalton, M. Madison, J. Minner, C. Dutton, N. Petrillo  
**ABSENT:** R. Wesley, K. Novacich-Koberna  
**OTHERS:** B. Lavite, D. Seest, P. Rudloff, K. Gamm-Smith, C. Cohan, M. Schroader, C. Ellis,  
D. Ming-Mendoza, J. Parkin

The minutes from the December meeting were approved by all members present.

Mr. Minner moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton to approve the bills for the month. The ayes and nays being called upon the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: M. Holliday, L. Dalton, M. Madison, J. Minner, C. Dutton NAYS: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **PURCHASE REQUESTS:**

The following purchase request was presented:

1. REGIONAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Fourteen (14) Lenovo ThinkCentre M720s Desktop Computers. The cost is \$8,442.00.

Mr. Minner moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton to approve the purchase request as presented. The ayes and nays being called upon the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: M. Holliday, L. Dalton, M. Madison, J. Minner, C. Dutton NAYS: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**\*\*Ms. Dutton left the meeting.**

### **VETERANS ASSISTANCE:**

Mr. Lavite provided the VAC's monthly numbers report to the Committee and showed a Thank You card from Toys for Tots; he said there were 15-20 boxes that were collected from the Wood River location which helped 15 thousand families. Mr. Lavite mentioned there is a flag box set up in the lobby for old flag disposal for the public's use. Mr. Lavite spoke in depth about Navy Blue Water, Brown Water and Boots on Ground Vietnam Vets. He explained that the Boots on Ground Veterans are Army and Marines; the Brown Water Veterans are Navy that were on smaller ships sailing creeks and inland water ways; the Blue Water Veterans are the Navy ships that were Ocean bound. He goes into detail on presumptive illnesses related to Agent Orange and how the Blue Water Navy Veterans were not receiving compensation since they were not on land. In June, the Blue Water Navy Act was passed which now allows for Navy Blue Water Vets to receive compensation and even back pay to the date the claim was filed. In Madison County, a widow of a Veteran received retroactive compensation in the amount of \$151,170.66 and will continue to receive monthly payments of \$1,322.00. One of our own, Doc Holliday, is a Navy Blue Water Veteran. Mr. Lavite explains the process of filing a claim and obtaining information through deck logs. He states the importance of collecting veteran data and has been working with the Assessor, Recorder and County Clerk. The VAC will create a 1 page flier to pass out to different organizations.

### **EDUCATION:**

M. Schroader, on Mr. Werden's behalf, gave the Committee their monthly acronym quiz; SRO (school resource officer), PEL (professional educator license) and PDH (professional development hours). Ms. Schroader also passed out the monthly report for the RoE.

### **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:**

Ms. Cohan reported the 1<sup>st</sup> Mid America check presentation from the golf tournament was over \$24k, the annual campaign letters were sent out and the CAC was able to provide holiday baskets with various supplies to 25 families. Ms. Cohan stated 4 staff members were sent to the Darkness to Light – Stewards of Children which is a sexual abuse prevention program directed towards adults; they will start implementing that training into their prevention efforts. Ms. Cohan reported they continue to work on SB456 which is related to educators, staff, vendors and volunteers of a school district that is involved in sexual abuse allegations. She mentioned the 2 contracted positions through the VOCA Grant will now be used to have 2 licensed therapists at the CAC. Ms. Cohan also went into detail on the waiting room updates and the new security system being installed; she mentioned the VOCA Grant required a match which was made by the Kiwanis Club for the Security System. There was brief discussion on cases with CASA.

### **MENTAL HEALTH:**

Ms. Humphrey was unable to attend but provided a packet to the Committee prior to the meeting. In the packet, there was a flier regarding Touchette Hospital providing mental health services at Alton Memorial Hospital for Adults.

### **\*\*Mr. Petrillo entered the meeting.**

Kris Gamm-Smith from NAMI spoke about a collaboration being put together by different stakeholders including hospital representatives, the Probation Department, the Sheriff's Office and CIT along with many others. Ms. Gamm-Smith also said she has been in contact with AJ French from Gift of Voice who is looking into financial assistance for the Stepping Up Initiative.

Pat Rudloff from NAMI mentioned the behavioral services at Alton Memorial is an outpatient program only and will not increase the number of mental health beds in Madison County. The program is 3 days a week.

### **COUNTY MUSEUM:**

J. Parkin mentioned the tarp is gone from the front of the museum and hopes to be finished tuck pointing by tomorrow followed by an acid wash to finish up. Mr. Parkin reported that he applied to host a traveling exhibit administered by the Illinois Humanities and Smithsonian Institute called Museum on Main Street. He hopes the first floor and back porch will be finished with ADA access by this time next year to reintroduce the Museum to the County and to various fund raisers. Mr. Parkin also reported he has been working with local teachers on projects for lesson plans.

Mr. Lavite thanked Mr. Parkin for the GI Joe action figures he gave to the VAC.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

Ms. Dalton moved, seconded by Mr. Madison to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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