

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 1, 2019

PRESENT: J. Goggin, C. Dutton, L. Dalton, G. Glasper, M. Parkinson
ABSENT: P. Chapman, M. Walters
OTHERS: M. Von Nida, J. Connor, D. Burch, J. Volkmar, J. Wiesehan, Chief Judge Hylla, J. Rekowski, T. Gibbons, C. Uhe

*Goggin chaired the meeting.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dutton, to approve the January meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED.

The following purchase request was presented to the committee:

1. ONSSI Ocularis Professional Base 1-Year StayCurrent Software Upgrade and two hundred and thirty-nine (239) ONSSI Ocularis Professional Camera 1-Year StayCurrent Software Upgrades (Sheriff/Court Security). The cost is \$6,000.00.

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

The following resolution was presented:

1. Resolution Concerning the Madison County Public Defender Salary.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton to approve the resolution as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: C. Dutton, L. Dalton, G. Glasper, M. Parkinson NAYS: NONE.

There was a brief discussion among committee members. It was noted that the Public Defenders salary must be at least 90 percent of the State's Attorney annual compensation which is retroactive to August 1st.

DETENTION HOME:

J. Volkmar handed out his monthly report. He reported the highest daily population was 24, average daily population was 19, average daily out of county population was 5 and the average female population was 3.

PROBATION:

J. Wiesehan reported that the department is currently supervising 3,400 adult probationers and 261 juveniles. Ms. Wiesehan announced she has been appointed to a Supreme Court Advisory Board for 3 years.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

J. Rekowski reported that as of January 31st, 366 felony cases have been filed.

CIRCUIT CLERK:

M. Von Nida reported that they have switched over to the state wide e-filing system. He mentioned there have been a few issues due to the simplicity/functionality of the system. Mr. Von Nida said one upside to the change is that the Circuit Clerk is no longer paying a fee for the users of \$350,000 for the e-filing

service. He said with those savings, several hiring's were made possible. In February, there will be an AOIC training for the new fee law going into effect July 1st. Mr. Von Nida reported that 3 more departments will be coming on board with e-citations.

CIRCUIT COURT:

Chief Judge Hylla praised Mr. Von Nida for transitioning in to the e-filing system and noted that he understands the difficulties that go along with that process. Chief Judge said he has been in contact with Pohlman and reported on their certification. John Barry Julian, Associate Judge, will be sworn in on February 8th at 2:30pm.

SHERIFF:

J. Connor passed out his monthly report and said as of today (February 1st), there are 312 inmates being held in the jail. He said he has met with the Alton PD to work out logistics on moving inmates and is anticipating to move some inmates on May 1st and around 20-22 more on June 1st. Major Connor said the Alton PD will house a minimum of 20 inmates throughout the entire project for approximately 3 years. Major Connor goes on to say they had 2 Jailers graduate and encouraged board members to come and see firsthand what the staff is working through. Next month, Major Connor said the committee will be receiving a request for the purchase of an x-ray machine. He also said they have their annual report and announced they received 100% on their inspections; the report will be online by next week.

There was discussion on providing transportation to inmates upon being release. Please listen to the audio for the full discussion.

STATES ATTORNEY:

T. Gibbons said that a lot of work is happening in the States Attorney's Office and noted that the case numbers are an indication of how successful the local police departments are. Mr. Gibbons noted he doesn't believe the crime rates are increasing.

Mr. Gibbons, Vice chairman of the Advisory Committee for the CAC, said they recognize that the new fee structure will remove funding that the Madison County Board put in place.

First Assistant States Attorney, Crystal Uhe, reported that there are 3 upcoming trials in February; a murder trial in front of Judge Tognarelli, a predatory sexual assault case in front of Judge Schroeder and an attempted murder case in front of Judge Tognarelli. Mr. Parkinson inquired who will be taking on the cases from the prior First Assistant States Attorney, Jen Mudge, and was told that those cases will be distributed. Mr. Gibbons said they also hired an attorney to fill any void in the Violent Crimes Unit. Mr. Parkinson informed the committee that prosecutors now go out into the field during homicide investigations.

Mr. Rekowski praised the staff in the self-help portion of the Circuit. Several others joined in and spoke how this area has been of great help and continues to grow in assisting the public.

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: C. Dutton, L. Dalton, G. Glasper, M. Parkinson NAYS: NONE.

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

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