

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 2, 2020

Members of the public who utilized the twitch platform will not be listed in attendance.

PRESENT: M. Walters, L. Dalton, P. Chapman, J. Goggin, M. Parkinson

ABSENT: C. Dutton, G. Glasper

OTHERS: J. Wiesehan, C. Cooper, C. Cohan, C. Uhe, M. Davis, Chief Judge Mudge, R. Henke, Major Jeff Connor, D. Burch, L. McReynolds

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

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

DETENTION HOME:

J. Volkmar reported the monthly Detention Home numbers.

In County Average	23
Out of County Average	4
Average Female	8
Average Daily Population	27
Highest Daily Population	30

PROBATION:

J. Wiesehan reported there are 3,085 individuals on probation with 188 of those being juveniles. She also reported the office is back to full staff and that they are utilizing space at the Hillsboro Building. It was noted they continue to do at home visits where clients are spoken to outside.

CIRCUIT CLERK:

D. Burch reported courts are back in session and using the Zoom platform. While in courtrooms and waiting on customers, the staff is required to wear facemasks. Ms. Burch also reported the E-Citation program (DigiTICKET) will be updated on July 14th. She also mentioned they have moved several of their agencies back to the Alton Courthouse to limit the number of customers in Edwardsville.

CIRCUIT COURT:

Chief Judge Mudge introduced Marla Davis, the new Trial Court Administrator, in person and reiterated that the use of facemasks are being used in courtrooms; if an individual does not have a mask, one is being provided. August 3rd will be the first day traffic court resumes via Zoom.

SHERIFF/JAIL POPULATION:

Major Connor reported the jail numbers are starting to climb and noted that 40 inmates currently being held in the jail will be transported to the DoC once the Governor lifts the order July 26th. Major Connor also reported the jail project is on schedule and completion is scheduled for March 2021.

STATE'S ATTORNEY:

C. Uhe reported they have been working with Judge Mudge on getting the traffic docket going again and that individuals can take care of traffic matters via Zoom to help keep the docket numbers lower. She said they are hopeful to have felony dockets and jury trials up and going in August and grand jury in September. Ms. Uhe made note of several sentencing hearings.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

C. Cohan reported they did 42 interviews in June via Zoom and they are wearing facemasks.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

J. Rekowski reported they have been open from 8:30-4:30, Monday-Friday, since Covid-19 restrictions were put into place. He said the office is back to full staff except for 1 attorney who had a contact exposure but has since tested negative for Covid-19. Mr. Rekowski said he is not optimistic about jury trials resuming in August due to social distancing concerns and the ability to get a diverse jury. The 2 new offices are fully furnished and operational. Mr. Rekowski said he has ordered and received 5 more video cameras totaling 7 for Zoom meetings with clients; 5 more cameras have been ordered.

PURCHASE REQUESTS:

The following purchase requests were presented:

1. **Circuit Court/Law Library:** Resolution to Purchase Audio Visual Upgrades at the Madison County Courthouse. The cost is \$60,181.00.
2. **Circuit Court/Law Library:** Law Library Plan Charges, Assured Print Pricing Charges, Subscription Product Charges – for updates to legal reference books. The cost is \$5,226.02.

Ms. Dalton moved, seconded by Mr. Parkinson to approve the purchase requests as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: L. Dalton, P. Chapman, J. Goggin, M. Parkinson NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Ms. Dalton 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: L. Dalton, P. Chapman, J. Goggin, M. Parkinson NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

M. Walters said he has been contacted regarding some video footage that was asked for through FOIA that was deleted and has been communicating with Major Connor on the matter. It was noted the Attorney General also provided a non-binding opinion on the issue.

P. Chapman said he's pleased there are tapes and precautions in place to help protect law enforcement and investigators given Antifa and various anarchist elements. He also mentioned it's important to note that the Attorney General's guidance was non-binding.

M. Walters gave kudos to law enforcement in Madison County regarding the recent events.

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

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