

JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 20, 2012
3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Greg Mattingley
Jay Dunn
Merv Jacobs
David Williams
Jon Baxter
Dave Drobisch
Gary Minich

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Rodney Forbes, Public Defender
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Randy Waks, State's Attorney's Office
Judge A. G. Webber, IV
Lori Long, Probation
Jay Scott, State's Attorney
Amy Stockwell, Auditor
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bill Oliver

This meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Mattingley at the Macon County Office Building.

Motion to approve the minutes of prior meeting made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Dave Drobisch, and motion carried 7-0.

CLAIMS

Motion to approve the claims made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Merv Jacobs, motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk

Gary Glosser, Chief Deputy for the Circuit Clerk had phoned and reported they have no report for today.

Circuit Court

Judge Webber reported that Judge Lisa Holder White has been assigned to the Appellate Court effective 1/14/13 and so we will be wishing her well. It is a well deserved honor for her. It is the first time we have had an Appellate Judge from Macon County since 1986. I think she will do a sterling job, both in the court and as a representative of Macon County, in that court. It does mean that we are going to be one judge short for the foreseeable future. She is the principal judge for the felony docket. I will be doing some reassignments will have to divide up some work until there is a replacement for her. I cannot give you a time for that. We are wishing her well, but are sorry to see her go.

Jay Dunn questioned how the replacement would take place.

Judge Webber replied that since it is a Circuit Judge position, it is an order of the Supreme Court. In the past, Justice Garman has formed a committee, interviewed applicants and then made the selection. I have not talked to Justice Garman about what the court's plans are, but it is within the court's discretion as to how and when her seat will be filled.

Coroner

No report

Court Services/Probation

Lori Long reported that as of 1/1/13, Peoria County Juvenile Detention Center will be ready, willing and able to conduct the transports for juvenile detainees and will be moving any youth that we have in custody in Champaign County at the end of this month to Peoria County. We are good to go and everything is in place. She thanked the Sheriff's department for their assistance in transportation arrangements for the month of December.

Greg Mattingley questioned whether the new contract was for one year.

Lori replied that it is a one year contract that it would probably be renegotiated after that.

EMA

No report

Public Building Commission

No report

Public Defender

Rodney Forbes had no report

Sheriff

No report

State's Attorney

Jay Scott had no report

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Jay Dunn reported on an anonymous letter he had received in late November. It brought up enough questions that he asked Lori Long if she would work with other elected officials in the Justice Department and would put together a presentation so that the Justice Committee can see the process, how the fees are collected, and how the system works. Jay said he has not seen a problem in the system, but after this exercise maybe everyone would have a better understanding of the policies and procedures. Hopefully, the person who wrote the letter will be able to read the minutes of the Justice Committee and see how the flow works. He expressed appreciation of everyone's time and efforts in helping Lori put this together after the start of the new year.

Greg Mattingley commented that the first part of this is already in place in terms of system mapping on felony and misdemeanors from Mental Health Court. So, we can probably take that as a start and then work on the other parts.

Randy Waks announced that he is retiring in 2 weeks from tomorrow, thanked everyone from the Justice Committee as that has been the oversight committee for the State's Attorney and for him. It has been a pleasure to serve the County. He invited everyone to attend his "surprise" retirement party on Friday, 1/4/12 from noon to 3 p.m. in the Courthouse in the Jury Assembly Room.

NEXT MEETING

January 24, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Dave Drobisch, seconded by Jay Dunn, motion carried 7-0, and meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham
Macon County Board Office