

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 22, 2014**

**3:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Greg Mattingley, Chair  
Jay Dunn  
Merv Jacobs  
Jon Baxter  
Gary Minich  
Matt Brown

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Drobisch  
Bill Oliver

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Lt. Jeff Scheibly, Sheriff's Dept  
Lois Durbin, Circuit Clerk  
Lt. Tony Brown, Sheriff's Dept  
Lori Long, Probation Director  
Jay Scott, State's Attorney  
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office  
Rodney Forbes, Public Defender's Office  
Pat Berter, Probation  
Amy Stockwell, Auditor  
Michael Day, Coroner  
Judge McCarthy  
Jerry Lord, DPBC  
Jim Root, EMA  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

Motion to approve the minutes of prior meeting (April 24, 2014) made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Gary Minich, and motion carried 6-0.

**CLAIMS**

Motion to approve the claims as presented made by Merv Jacobs, seconded by Matt Brown, motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS**

***Circuit Clerk***

Lois Durbin had no report

***Circuit Court***

Judge McCarthy had no report

***Coroner –***

Michael Day had no report.

***Court Services / Probation –***

Pat Berter reported that their office had received an email from Thomas Gregory, President of the Illinois Probation & Court Services Association in reference to probation services funding. The emails said that in an unprecedented move, the legislature has agreed to fund probation services at the full amount of \$117 million. Pat said he didn't know exactly what that means for this office. The AOIC will determine the amount of funding we get by looking at the funding formula. Last

year, we received more money than the year before. So, we are hopeful that this year, we will again receive more money, but it is good news for the department.

Chair Mattingley thanked Lori Long for her service and the initiative she has taken with all the specialty courts.

***EMA-***

Jim Root reported that over the last couple of months, he had been unable to attend the Justice Committee meetings due to the spring preparedness programs they do for the local agencies, NOAA weather radio programming, and programs at some of the local churches. It's been very busy.

***Public Building Commission –***

Jerry Lord had no report

***Public Defender -***

Rodney Forbes distributed his monthly report and explained that last month, April, 2014, there were 303 cases open and 389 were closed. That was a good month. A lot of cases were closed and the case load went down. There are 23 drug court participants and 40 DUI court participants which is at capacity. That program is running full steam with slightly more people in the program than had been anticipated. The mental health court is expanding. It is at 20 participants at this time. There were a number of referrals this past month and a number of referrals just this week. As time goes on those numbers will likely increase. There were 7 Shelter Care Hearings that involved 21 attorneys. That is because there has to be an attorney there for the children, the mother, and the father. Sometimes there is more than one father. There were 10 Juvenile Detention Hearings.

Rodney presented stats comparing Macon County with other counties which pointed out populations of the counties. Macon County is the smallest with a declining population while the other counties populations are proposed to increase.

The 2013 Felony Cases filed report looks at how many cases were filed in Macon County compared to other counties (McLean, Sangamon, Champaign). Champaign was highest with over 2100 felony cases filed. Macon County was 2<sup>nd</sup> highest with 1,595 cases / 1,777 defendants. McLean County, with a higher population, was almost the same as Macon. Sangamon County with the larger population was the lowest in the number of felony filings.

The Misdemeanor cases filed shows Champaign again being the highest, with the same amount of misdemeanor as felony cases filed. Macon County was the lowest. Rodney cautioned that these stats are difficult to compile and compare, but they did their best to be as accurate as they could be.

Information for 2012 & 2013 felony cases filed showing the demographic breakdowns and types of charges were also included.

Jay Dunn stated that he thought the documents are great and provide good information. He asked what a Shelter Care Hearing is. Rodney explained that when it is thought that a child has been

abused or neglected and that it is necessary that the child be taken into immediate custody or shelter care to be protected from whatever danger exists, a DCFS Caseworker may ask the State's Attorney to file a petition for shelter care. The judge will hold a short hearing to determine if it is an immediate and urgent necessity to take the child into care. In those cases, Brian Finney who is the GAL (Guardian Ad Litem) represents the child and we have attorneys that will represent the mom and a different attorney who represents the dad.

Mr. Forbes addressed Lori Long saying he would miss her and that whenever there was a project, he had always wanted to work with her.

***Sheriff***

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the General Fund***

Lt. Scheibly explained that a generous donation of \$2,000 was received for the sheriff to spend on the court security officers K9 from the Sandemac Kennel Club.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval was made by Gary Minich, seconded by Jon Baxter and the motion carried 6-0.

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Agreement for Inmate Health Services at Macon County, Illinois***

Lt. Brown reported that the Sheriff's Department wishes to enter into an agreement for jail medical services with Decatur Memorial Hospital for a period from May 1, 2014 through May 1, 2015. The agreement and amount, \$275,625 remain the same and this resolution is to renew the contract.

Gary Minich asked if DMH had people that come to the jail. Lt. Brown said yes, there is a medical doctor that comes at least 4 hours a week and usually a lot more. There is a registered nurse that oversees the program and LPNs too. Gary asked if they have to take someone off site to DMH, if there are extra charges. Lt. Brown said yes but a lot of it is handled in house. If they are taken from the jail, those would be emergency services and would have to pay for rooms and equipment, etc... used there.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval was made by Jon Baxter, seconded by Jay Dunn and the motion carried 6-0.

***State's Attorney***

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant Fund for Macon County State's Attorney's Office***

Mike Baggett explained the resolution is to approve the appropriation additional funds from the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority in regards to the Adult Redeploy program. He said that they had applied for some supplemental funding to carry them through the end of the state's fiscal year. It was approved and they need permission to spend it.

He added that there is a technical correction that will need to be made to one of the numbers and it will be made prior to the presentation at the Finance Committee meeting.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval was made by Gary Minich, seconded by Matt Brown and the motion carried 6-0.

**CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**CLOSED SESSION** – None needed

**NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, June 26, 2014. This meeting will be held in the conference room on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the County Office Building.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Merv Jacobs, seconded by Jay Dunn, motion carried 6-0, and meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office.