

WILL COUNTY BOARD
JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

April 6, 2010

8:30 a.m.

302 North Chicago Street
County Board Committee Room
Joliet, Illinois 60432

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Dralle called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Kusta, Anderson, McPhillips, L. Smith, Stewart and Dralle.

Absent were Members: Deutsche.

Also Present:

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Mary Tatroe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Chief Nate Romeo led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Stewart, to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Update Re: Sheriff's Cameras & Video

Deputy Chief Romeo stated that from approximately \$300,000.00 JAG grant received, 47 cameras were purchased. We are currently trying to obtain the cost of installing those camera and coordinate that installation along with the installation of the laptops. Laptops already in the vehicles totaled 113.

Mrs. Dralle inquired if there were 47 more laptops to install.

Deputy Chief Romeo replied all of the 47 in car cameras need to be installed. All the 113 laptops were installed. There were 113 printers which we are finalizing the installation of into the vehicles. It will take about 3 months for the entire installation because we have to coordinate the cars with the vendor and rotate them in and out of being on the street. Some vendors come to us and some of the other vendors, we have to take the car to them.

Mrs. Dralle asked if there were any cameras installed now.

Deputy Chief Romeo replied not out of the 47 but we do have cars that have cameras installed.

Mrs. Dralle suggested that committee members may be interested in going along for a ride in the vehicles once the cameras have been installed.

Deputy Chief Romeo stated he could arrange that.

JMS Project Update

Mrs. Dralle requested of Deputy Chief Romeo and Undersheriff Nowak that Mr. Piwowarski, who was not in attendance today, to please provide a written monthly update.

Assistant State's Attorney Tatroe advised that RFP has been given to Purchasing Director Rita Weiss to update the dates and would be sent out shortly if it has not already been sent out.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Appropriate ARRA Grant Award in Juvenile Detention Budget

Ms. Miklic stated they received \$154,000.00 from the ARRA grant which will extend services under the Probation Continuum of Care Program. The Continuum of Care was begun in 2003. We have improved the program since 2003 as it is quite viable at this point. We would like to expand some services because we will be losing some services to youth once they leave our facility. We want to provide that continuum of care by getting those kids to come and fulfill those activities that we suggest. Under this new grant we will be able to coordinate with Probation Departments in both Will and Kankakee Counties to utilize their office space to continue outpatient therapy to those youths that need it. In addition we will looking toward a parenting group. This will create more presence in the aftermath of the detention with the youth to try to divert them from reoffending. We will have weekly site visits to Kankakee Probation and the grant will

cover a clinical psychologist and a post-doctoral resident. Kankakee Probation has offered us additional space to meet with the Kankakee youth who need additional therapy after they leave our facility. We are hoping to get this started by May 1st and it is a two year grant.

Mr. Stewart asked what the population breakdowns of the students were.

Ms. Miklic advised that the population was 45 and Kankakee only has 25 beds. Kankakee did have a problem at one point where they were at 24.

Mrs. Dralle stated the population of 45 is down and did she know the reason.

Ms. Miklic replied that it is usually down in the summer although we don't know the reason. We are at 58 last week and are currently at 45 this week. We do a mental health evaluation on everyone that comes in. However, with court order evaluation we do that. This grant will enable us to do full psychiatric evaluations on everyone and not just the court ordered ones.

Mrs. Dralle inquired if every youth receives the continuum of care services once they leave.

Ms. Miklic replied right now, no but under the ARRA grant they will be.

Mr. Stewart inquired if they will continue to receive the continuum of care as the grant permits but won't the psychology eat up most of the money.

Ms. Miklic replied that we have funding into 2; the psychologist portion for 24 months and the post doctoral resident who will save money because it is a student. We have been able to save money by utilizing these students and coordinating with the Health Department. The Health Department has been helping with the youth on the outpatient evaluations but there is a backlog.

Ms. Smith inquired what was the budget and staff at the River Valley Detention Facility.

Ms. Miklic replied she did not know the budget amount. There are approximately 68 employees which include 42 detention officers; 6 shift supervisors; 5 coordinators; office manager; superintendent, assistant superintendent, business manager, operation manager, 2 full time administrative clerks and 2 part time.

Mr. Stewart inquired about the mental health court and would this be something to bring into the juvenile department.

Mr. Sangmeister and Ms. Miklic replied that court does not include children.

Ms. McPhillips inquired who writes the grant for probation.

Ms. Miklic replied she does it but the second one was a team effort.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, second by Mr. Anderson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda appropriating the ARRA Grant Award in the Juvenile Detention Budget. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request to Authorize Transfer of Appropriations to Fund Matching Grant Portion of Probation Continuum of Care Grant from IL Criminal Justice Authority

Ms. Miklic advised that this is the matching funds for the Continuum of Care Grant which comes out of Probation Fees. There was one item missing which was the long term juvenile study. We will team with the Criminal Justice Authority who has a group of statisticians who will help us do a longitudinal study. One of the areas they are going to concentrate on is the court order psychological evaluations that were ordered versus evaluations we do in house without a court order which is just a mental health assessment. There are about 4 areas.

Mrs. Dralle inquired if they track the juveniles into adult justice system.

Ms. Miklic replied that is not one of the areas but she could look into it. We have an exit survey but they would like to have a satisfaction survey which is geared more toward the mental health. That is the next tool we will be working on. We will incorporate what the Criminal Justice team wants into the current survey. This is a component of the other study and we will start back at 2006 to receive the full effect.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Mr. Stewart, to place a resolution on the Court Board Agenda to authorize transfer of appropriations to fund the matching grant portion of the Probation Continuum of Care Grant. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Transfer of Appropriations in Public Defenders Budget

Mrs. Dralle advised that this request has been withdrawn from the agenda.

Request for Appropriation of Grant Funds in Sheriff's Budget

Deputy Chief Romeo stated that the Sheriff's Department in October 2009 received 2 federal grants. They are from IDOT for law enforcement detail throughout the summer particularly around holidays and to enforce the DUI laws. One grant is for \$175,761.00 and the second grant is for \$29,116.56. I am requesting that those funds be increased and appropriated into the Sheriff's Budget.

Mr. Rafac advised that these funds were not budgeted so we are budgeting the revenue and expenses related to the grants.

Mrs. Dralle stated that if you look at the last page, there is a list of the holidays and inquired what the SBEZ stood for

Deputy Chief Romeo advised there is an increase in patrol and includes safety belt enforcement zone.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Kusta, to place a resolution on the Court Board Agenda to authorize appropriations of grant funds in the Sheriff's Budget. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Dralle advised that there is an invitation from Sheriff Kaupas for the Will County Sheriff's Awards being held on May 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New Lenox VFW.

Other New Business

Mr. Palmer provided an update on the Integrated Justice System.

Mrs. Dralle advised that she will be requesting that any update be provided in writing to be included as part of the meeting agenda packets.

Mr. Palmer agreed and stated that the first meeting of the Integrated Justice Committee and all the Criminal Justice partners had been held. Chief of Staff Bruce Friefeld represented the board. We are working on drafting a governance document and an MOU so that everyone feels some level of comfort that there is a plan. We have received the paperwork on the \$100,000.00 grant which will be used toward hiring a consultant to assist in drafting of a blueprint to drive us forward so we have a plan. We will be setting up some sub-committees as part of this group to work on specific issues such as technology, governance, etc.

Mr. Palmer advised we have put in our federal agenda requests and that Congresswoman Halvorson has put in a full request for the total \$690,000.00 that we requested. We won't necessarily get all of that money but if she didn't put it in we wouldn't receive any money.

Mr. Palmer stated the next meeting for the Integrated Justice Ad-Hoc Committee will be on April 22nd.

Mr. Kusta requested a list of those involved.

Mr. Palmer replied the offices involved are the Chief Judge, Circuit Clerk, State's Attorney, Sheriff's, County Executive, County Board, Public Defender, ICT, 9-1-1, Probation and a representative of the Will County Chiefs of Police. We will also be pursuing any grants that may be available. There would also be an administration adjudication with the RFP's.

Mrs. Dralle stated that we have been working on the Administrative Adjudication process for almost a year now, we have a new member and we will be having new information coming forward.

Mrs. Dralle requested that staff, contact Elizabeth Dunn or whoever and compile all distributed information on the entire process into a master binder so that the all committee members can have it one when it is necessary to refer back to previously distributed information. Staff should also retain a copy in the office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, second by Ms. McPhillips to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.