

**WILL COUNTY BOARD**  
**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

8:30 a.m.  
302 North Chicago Street  
County Board Committee Room  
Joliet, Illinois 60432

**June 2, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Kusta, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present were Members:** Kusta, Jr., Anderson, Deutsche, Riley, L. Smith, and Stewart.

**Absent were Members:** Dralle.

**Also Present:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Riley led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Riley, to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Update Re: Men's & Women's Recovery Home from Drug Court Fees**

Ms. McCabe stated I have met with Chief Judge Kinney and Mr. Thanas. I did sent a list of potential properties to Mr. Thanas.

Mr. Anderson arrived at this juncture.

Ms. McCabe stated I have also met with Mr. Rull.

Mr. Rull stated we are at the direction of the County. We are ready, willing and able.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated you can plan on it going in your direction.

Mrs. Tatroe stated I have spoken with Mr. Tidwell about adding the property to the general liability policy. He did say that we can do that but cannot give me a price until he knows what property it is.

Ms. McCabe questioned can I move forward and look at property.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated the committee gave you that direction last month.

### **Results of ADF Operational Audit RFP's**

Mr. Rafac stated I have not had a chance to move forward yet. I have spoken with Undersheriff Nowak and Warden O'Leary. Our goal is to review the proposals in the next few days to determine if we need to bring people in for interviews. If we bring them in to interview we would do that on June the 12<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We need to save a space at committee we can go forward with a recommendation.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. questioned all the necessary paperwork would be forwarded to staff for review to be placed in the packet.

Mr. Rafac stated either that or we push this back to July.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated I do not have a problem with it being on the June agenda as long as it does not rush you.

Mrs. Johannsen stated it would not be in the County Board packet. The resolution would be on your desk.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. questioned what is the harm if we push it back to July.

Mr. Stewart arrived at this juncture.

Mr. Rafac stated it would just delay the process by another month. The audit will take about 4 to 6 months and extend that an additional month for the final report.

Mrs. Riley questioned is there a time stipulation.

Mr. Rafac stated no. We do want to use FY09 money to pay for it. This will be a complete review of their staffing needs.

A motion was made by Mrs. Riley, seconded by Ms. Smith, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for the ADF Operational Audit. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

**Adult Probation GPS Tracking RFP**

Mr. Costigan stated we are still testing the tracking devices. We will need the rest of this month to finish.

**Update on Legal Self-Help Centers in Illinois**

Mr. Sangmeister stated I went to Kankakee County to see their self-help center. We will be looking to implement this here and put it into the law library. The Chief Judge is on board.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. questioned what is the yearly cost.

Mr. Sangmeister stated there is no yearly cost other than the cost of the computers that we already have.

Ms. Smith questioned how user friendly is it.

Mr. Sangmeister stated it is very user friendly.

Mr. Kusta Jr. stated I do see a potential problem with using the law library because of where it is located in the courthouse.

Mr. Sangmeister stated that is a design issue with the building. Down the road the law library space is something that needs to be considered.

Ms. McGuire stated we have public access terminals and we can set something up on those terminals.

Mr. Sangmeister stated we also talked about putting something at River Valley.

**Update on Will County Hearing Officer and Recommendations from Land Use**

Mr. Paddock gave the committee an update regarding the hearing officer process.

Mr. Paddock stated we will need to start to draft text for an actual ordinance on this subject.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated I will let Mrs. Dralle know that we are ready to move forward.

Mrs. Riley stated I support this.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated there is the issue of the scope of what a Land Use employee can and cannot do. I want there to be strong oversight and complaint writing training.

**Other Old Business**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Juror Parking Lease**

Mr. Sangmeister stated on April 24<sup>th</sup> the city of Joliet purchased the building where we have juror parking. The city plans to knock down that building and our parking will be displaced. This is more of an informational issue for the committee. I have a meeting with the city of Joliet to see if they can help us with a sight for parking. We rent the parking from the city now and we are paying the same rent that we paid to the previous owner.

Mrs. Riley questioned how many jurors do we have on a daily basis.

Mr. Sangmeister stated it depends but it is usually between 200-300.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. questioned are they dismissed in intervals.

Mr. Sangmeister stated that depends on how many trials there are.

Mrs. Tatroe stated we need a resolution because in the lease with the previous owner there was a provision that required the County to approve the assignment of the lease to the new owner.

A motion was made by Mrs. Riley, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda amending the juror parking lease to reflect the new owner of the property. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

**Other New Business**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Deutsche, seconded by Ms. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.