

WILL COUNTY BOARD
JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

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

November 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Dralle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Kusta, Jr., Anderson, Deutsche, L. Smith, and Dralle.

Absent were Members: Riley and Stewart.

Also Present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sangmeister led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, Jr., seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Dralle stated we will move the item regarding the adjudication court to the end of the agenda.

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

Ms. McCabe stated we had a neighborhood meeting to talk with the neighbors about their concerns. We will meet with Joliet's zoning board of appeals on November 19th at 1:30 pm. They will then have ten days to give us an answer regarding the administrative occupancy permit.

Mrs. Dralle stated I was at the community program meeting and Ms. McCabe did an excellent job.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. questioned what were the major concerns.

Ms. McCabe stated there were three main issues which were: they did not want to bring drug addicts into the community; why do I want to bring drug addicts into a community where there is already drug addicts; and parking.

Update on Establishing an Adjudication Court in Will County

This item was moved to the end of the agenda.

JMS Project Update

Mr. Piwowarski gave the committee an update regarding the JMS project.

Other Old Business

Ms. Deutsche arrived at this juncture.

NEW BUSINESS

2009 Justice Assistance Grants and Stimulus Funds

Mr. Palmer stated we have \$15,000 of old JAG money and \$56,000 of FY09 money plus \$230,000 from the federal stimulus money. That totals to a little over \$300,000 which we have committed to the in-car cameras in the Sheriff's squads.

Deputy Chief Romeo stated we did test three cameras and have decided to go with the Panasonic which is officer friendly and compatible with the laptops. The cameras cost approximately \$5,400 each.

Mrs. Dralle questioned does that include installation.

Deputy Chief Romeo stated yes. This would pay for approximately 54 cameras.

Update on Establishing an Adjudication Court in Will County

Mrs. Dralle stated there are a number of entities that should be involved when we talk about an adjudication court. They include the Land Use Department, Animal Control, the Health Department and the Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Dunn, Mrs. Bilotta and Sergeant Schaefflein came before the committee to go over the proposed adjudication court study.

Mrs. Dralle stated I would like the type of violation to be as inclusive as possible. Has the Chief Judge looked at this?

Mr. Sangmeister stated I have not seen this or spoken with the Chief Judge about this. I do know that the Village of New Lenox and Mokena have an adjudication court and we have no objection to them. The one concern is where the meeting will be

held especially if you are looking for a metal detector. I do not know if we can accommodate that.

Mrs. Dralle stated they are held in the evening.

Ms. Dunn stated I did not attend any in the evening.

Mrs. Dralle stated I would like to see one in the evening and one during the day.

Ms. Smith stated having one in the evening would impact our cost.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated we do have a similar program in Bolingbrook that works. I would suggest that we watch that fee. I do not see the need for a metal detector.

Mr. Anderson questioned the program that you use, what do you do about the repeat offender.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated we bump them up to Circuit Court.

Mr. Anderson questioned do we have that option in the ordinance for that.

Other New Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, Jr., seconded by Ms. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.