

WILL COUNTY BOARD
JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

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

October 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Dralle called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Stewart.

Also Present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Tatroe 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 September 1, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Ms. McCabe stated we do have to go in front of the city of Joliet. There is a Cornerstone home near by and we are in the density requirements. We go before the zoning board of appeals on November 19th. We were able to extend the contract until December 1st. We have had some calls from the neighbors and we are addressing those concerns. We are planning on having a neighborhood meeting with them soon.

Mrs. Dralle stated let me know when the meeting is.

Mrs. Riley arrived at this juncture.

Update on Legal Self-Help Centers in Illinois

Joseph Dailing, Executive Director of the Illinois Coalition for Equal Justice and Teri Ross, outreach coordinator of Illinois Legal Aid Online came before committee to present the Will County Self-Help Center website.

Mr. Anderson arrived at this juncture.

Update on Establishing an Adjudication Court in Will County

Mrs. Dralle stated Mr. Paddock will be here next month with an update.

JMS Project Update

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

Mr. Piwowarski stated we are going through a lot of detail on this upfront to avoid any problems at the end. The bonding issue has been resolved.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Transfer of Funds in Probation's Budget

Mr. Costigan stated we are using probation fee dollars for matching funds for our grant we receive in Juvenile Detention and Probation to provide psychological assessments and counseling. This is a transfer of dollars.

Mr. Rafac stated this is a matching amount for the grant.

Mr. Costigan stated this is our fourth or fifth year of this grant.

A motion was made by Mrs. Riley, seconded by Mr. Kusta, Jr., to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for the transfer of funds in the Probation Department's budget in the amount of \$18,667. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Request for Appropriation Transfer in Children's Advocacy Budget

Mrs. Tatroe stated there is an appropriation in the anticipated new revenues. Ms. Bloch has transferred funds from the 501(c) to the county account. The transfer needs to be made from anticipated funds to employee salaries. Excuse me, that is for councilors not employees which are an outside contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, Jr., seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for appropriation transfer in the Children's Advocacy Budget in the amount of \$11,000. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

IDOC's Annual Inspection for ADF

Mrs. Dralle stated we are in compliance and will put this on file at County Board.

Request for Extension of Medical Services Contract for Inmates

Mr. Rafac stated we are using some of the money that we have saved up over the last couple of years to drive down the cost at the ADF and River Valley for medical services for the first year of contract. We will then have increases going forward. The problem is that the number they were using for population at the ADF was a target of 700 people and we have actually had levels closer to 800. I have been working on building in a higher census for the numbers. The preliminary estimate is that it will cost another \$57,000 to \$58,000 in years two and three of the contract. We expect our census to rise and I prefer to build in those costs up front so that we have a fixed target. I expect those numbers to go up by \$60,000. For the River Valley Detention Center I anticipate a 9 percent decrease in the first year and 4 percent increase in the subsequent years. For the ADF I anticipate a 4 percent decrease in the first year and then the increases will be related to the targeted increase in the headcount.

Mrs. Dralle questioned we are going into our fourth year.

Mr. Rafac stated yes.

Mrs. Dralle stated I have not heard any complaints about CCS.

Mr. Rafac stated the staff at River Valley and the ADF are very happy with CCS. I do not think it is necessary to go out to bid. In another three years it will make sense to do so.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Kusta, Jr., to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for extension of medical services for River Valley Justice Center and the Adult Detention Facility. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, Jr., seconded by Mrs. Riley, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.