

WILL COUNTY BOARD
JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

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

April 7, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Smith.

Also Present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Deutsche led the committee in the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Kusta, Jr., arrived at this juncture.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Riley, seconded by Mr. Kusta, Jr., to approve the corrected minutes from the February 3, 2009 combined Judicial & Capital Improvements meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mrs. Riley, seconded by Ms. Deutsche, to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2009 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Report from Sheriff's Department Re: Squad Cars

Deputy Chief Romeo stated there are a total of 252 squads. Overall, 68 percent of the fleet are 2005 or older, 69 percent of the fleet have over 100,000 miles. It is a priority of the Sheriff's office to replace them with a regular program. We would like to replace forty cars per year for a period of five years.

Mrs. Dralle stated there are 117 patrol cars with laptops out of 252 but you need 40 additional to complete the laptop installation. Of the 117, how many are new and come from the grant?

Deputy Chief Romeo stated 67; the remaining are older models. The remaining 80 laptops are in the process of being installed or ordered.

Mrs. Dralle questioned when you get the additional 80, will those old laptops be refurbished.

Deputy Chief Romeo stated the majority will not be functional. Approximately 20 are salvageable and will be redistributed.

Mrs. Dralle stated thank you for your report.

ADF Staffing Requirements

Deputy Chief Nudera came before the committee to discuss the staffing requirements for the ADF.

Deputy Chief Nudera stated we need 185 people to staff the ADF as it stands, we are currently at 175. We anticipate opening three of the six new pods and to do that we would need 175 ½ bodies, the half being the relief factor plus the detail staff of 31. That brings the total 202 ½ to operate the ADF and that brings us to a shortfall of 21 ½.

Mrs. Dralle stated part of the County Board's commitment was to make sure we continued to staff correctional officers at the ADF.

Mr. Rafac stated we have anticipated the jail opening this year and added some contingencies for funding of additional staffing. Our recommendation is to move forward and hire 19 correctional officer deputies to staff the new facility. The complication is the staging of those employees.

Mrs. Dralle stated do you feel this will help with the overtime.

Warden O'Leary stated yes, but we will not see these people for some time. When they come on board, you will see a difference.

Deputy Chief Romeo stated I would like to emphasize the importance of our support staff at the ADF. The Sheriff's office needs are not just correctional officers as

the facility comes on line. We also need additional support staff that includes janitorial, technical computer technicians, plumbers and electricians.

Mrs. Dralle stated that was discussed. I have no problem with an additional plumber.

Mr. Anderson questioned how many people do you think you need.

Deputy Chief Romeo stated that is a difficult question to answer. We are coming on line in stages and currently there is a day and afternoon shift.

Mr. Kusta, Jr., questioned is there anything being done by the inmates.

Deputy Chief Romeo stated inmates are charged for the damage done to County property. When efforts have been made to use inmates to assist with the maintenance of the facility, we have met with resistance from the union. We do utilize inmates with moving furniture, cutting grass, and working in the kitchen. It is done within the restraints of the collective bargaining agreement.

Warden O'Leary stated there is a security issue with the inmates. We have expanded the use of inmates in certain areas.

Undersheriff Nowak stated the building has doubled in size and video visitation has no additional staffing. We can use an electrician, a plumber, an IT person and probably four grounds keepers.

Mrs. Dralle stated I can see that there is a need for 19 correctional officers and one plumber. As your needs continue to grow, there will be further discussions regarding budgeting for that staffing.

Continued Discussion Re: Will County Hearing Officers

Mr. Paddock and Mr. Pullman presented to the committee their views on a hearing officer.

Mrs. Dralle stated this is something we will continue to look at. Mr. Glasgow's office has submitted an opinion that we will discuss next month.

Other Old Business

Ms. Blackman from Pace stated Pace has instituted a call and ride program for River Valley Juvenile Detention Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Re: New Bischof Law

Mr. Sangmeister stated this law has been in affect since January 1st. There is no funding for this law. There is a \$200 fee that is collected that is put in a fund by the

state. The offender also pays \$8-10 a day to wear the GPS tracking device. The expense burden will fall on the County. The offender would wear this for a period of time and pay for it while they are wearing it. We have concerns of who will be able to afford to pay.

Mrs. Dralle stated the intent of the law is to establish a safe zone for the victim.

Mr. Costigan stated there are zones of where the victim lives, works or has family. If a person breaches that zone, the company notifies the victim that that person is on their way. We have an implantation group, the RFP group, law enforcement sub committee and the assessment committee. All of these committees are working together on this. We may have between 50 and 100 offenders on this program during the first year. This bill was brought about without any funding and very little time to prepare, plan and implement. Most counties in the state are not in compliance.

Mr. Kusta, Jr., questioned how will we pay for it.

Mr. Costigan stated there is a \$200 fine that is imposed once there is a conviction on the charge. The system can be placed on the offender during bail and also after conviction. It comes into affect after conviction and we will have that person on before that. We have a lot of indigents on probation.

Mrs. Dralle stated this is not a fail safe system, it is a warning.

Mr. Anderson stated it seems the only benefit is that the offender knows that someone is watching.

Mrs. Dralle stated we will continue to monitor this.

Discussion of Adult Probation GPS Tracking RFP

Mrs. Johannsen stated this will go forward in May.

ADF Operational Audit

Mr. Rafac stated this went out March 20th and responses are due Monday. We may extend the deadline to the end of next week. We are hoping we have something for the May meeting.

Acquisition of Men's and Women's Recovery Home from Drug Court Fees

Ms. McCabe presented to the committee her proposal for a men's and women's recovery home from drug court fees.

Mrs. Dralle stated the reason for the fees were to make drug court self sustaining and to purchase a recovery home. I am going to ask Ms. McCabe to sit down with Mr.

Rafac regarding the proposed cost. I would like to have a handle on the operational costs.

Mr. Kusta, Jr., stated I have a problem with the County becoming a landlord. There are liability issues as well as location issues.

Ms. McCabe stated staff will be there as well as a senior resident. It is not just a sober living environment. We have also spoken with Mr. Thanas from the city of Joliet. I would not put this in a neighborhood where they would fight it. We would go door to door and ask the neighbors.

Mrs. Dralle stated have you spoken with the Chief Judge. Do you have his support?

Ms. McCabe stated yes.

Mrs. Dralle questioned Mrs. Tatroe, are there any other issues. Do you see any problem with it? I am requesting in writing from the State's Attorney their opinion regarding the opening of a recovery home.

Mrs. Tatroe stated the liability is part of a discussion that I have had with Mr. Glasgow. I do have to review the insurance policy. It is a concern that we had.

Mrs. Dralle stated Mr. Rafac look at what is in that fund and give us a projection of the fees. We may need an outside consultant.

Mr. Kusta, Jr., stated if you put this next to industry, I would support this.

Mr. Anderson left at this juncture.

Public Hearing: 2009 Allocation of Justice Assistance Grant Program

Mrs. Dralle stated we have to work with Joliet regarding these funds.

Mr. Anderson returned at this juncture.

A motion was made by Mrs. Riley, seconded by Mr. Kusta, Jr., to go into public hearing at 10:08 a.m. for the purposes of the 2009 allocation of the Justice Assistance Grant Program. On a roll call vote: Kusta, Jr., yes; Anderson, yes; Deutsche, yes; Riley, yes; Stewart, yes; and Dralle, yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Rafac stated we recommend that we use the money from the JAG for video cameras in the squad cars. We have a verbal agreement from the city of Joliet to split the money 50/50 which would amount to \$229,910 for the County. We will finalize that with the city. We would also like a resolution to expend the funds on camera systems.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, Jr., seconded by Mrs. Dralle, to come out of public hearing at 10:16 a.m. for the purposes of the 2009 allocation of the Justice

Assistance Grant Program. On a roll call vote: Kusta, Jr., yes; Anderson, yes; Deutsche, yes; Riley, yes; Stewart, yes; and Dralle, yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Memorandum of Understanding with City of Joliet Re: 2009 Allocation of Justice Assistance Grant Program

Mrs. Dralle questioned what is the cost for a camera.

Sergeant Mike Giels stated we are looking at a few vendors, the cost is \$4,500 to \$5,000 each and this amount will cover 35-40 squad cars.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Riley, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the city of Joliet for the 2009 allocation of Justice Assistance Grant Program being a 50/50 split in the amount of \$229,910. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda expending the funds from the Justice Assistance Grant Program for the purchase of video cameras for the squad cars. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other New Business

Mr. Piwowarski stated with regard to the JMS, I spoke with the vendor. There was a bonding issue that was resolved.

Mr. Kusta, Jr., stated I would like to see the issue regarding the courthouse and the line around the building on our agenda.

Mrs. Dralle stated we can put on our agenda in May or June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Riley, seconded by Ms. Deutsche, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.