

WILL COUNTY BOARD
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, LAW & JUDICIAL
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

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

December 9, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Dralle called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent were Members: Anderson and Riley.

Also Present:

Present from State's Attorney's Office: Phil Mock.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, Jr., seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2008 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Request to Award bid for Food Service at River Valley Justice Center (Remanded Back to Committee at October County Board)

Mrs. Dralle stated we have gone over this. I have talked with Mr. Prinzi, they have had a meeting. Mr. Rafac please give us a summary.

Mr. Rafac stated it is still open. We have until the end of the month to sign the contract. It is \$240,000, that is a cost of \$20,000 a month. It is a \$10,000 increase a month and it is something the Chief Judge supports. There is value to it. The Chief Judge looked at a cost neutral way to provide the service. At one time he looked at Joliet Junior College to provide the

food. With the kitchen now River Valley will be self-sufficient. I do think it is economical to outsource instead of hiring additional staff.

Mr. Prinzi stated we looked at other centers. We looked at Joliet Junior College. The problem is that our facility is a 24 hour facility.

Mrs. Dralle stated Mr. Anderson wanted to know what you are doing with the three staff people.

Mr. Prinzi stated we have duties for them that include: laundry, inventory and the storing of commodities. We were paying overtime to get those things done.

Mrs. Dralle questioned how much overtime.

Mr. Prinzi stated \$20,000 on the kitchen laundry staff.

Mrs. Dralle stated I want you to come back next year to give us an update.

Mr. Kusta, Jr., stated we can see this as being more efficient.

Mrs. Dralle questioned do you have the money in this year's budget.

Mr. Costigan stated yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, Jr., seconded by Ms. Smith, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda awarding the bid for food services at River Valley Justice Center to Aramark in the amount of \$237,650.70. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Implementation of Public Act 095-103 Funding for Children's Advocacy Center (Policy & Rules Approved Policy to Establish a Funding Mechanism on October 20, 2008)

Mrs. Dralle stated I did meet with Ms. Bloch and when looking at their budget they are \$87,000 to \$90,000 short. With this they are anticipating \$100,000 being new revenue.

Mr. Rafac stated it would be more accurate to say \$75,000.

Mrs. Dralle stated this needs to move forward. I do ask that when you go to the municipalities you have the appropriate County Board member go with you. We will have to have a public hearing at County Board for this.

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, Jr., seconded by Mr. Stewart, to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda for the implementation of Public Act 095-103 funding for the Children's Advocacy Center in the amount of \$20 for misdemeanors and \$30 for felonies with no fees placed on petty, traffic or business offenses. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Dralle stated Ms. McGuire please come back next month and give us a list and breakdown of the examples for the fees or the top twenty fees that are attached to the court costs.

Ms. McGuire stated I will bring the worksheet the girls in the office use.

Request to Discuss Continuation Funding for Encouraging Arrest Policies & Enforcing Orders of Protection

Mrs. Dralle stated Jen Cain is not here.

Discussion of Outstanding Warrants

Mr. Berry and Sheriff Kaupas came before the committee to discuss a newspaper article regarding outstanding warrants.

Sheriff Kaupas stated we have four deputies working on the warrants and from January to October they have served 1,450 warrants.

Mr. Berry stated when these warrants come down, they get on them. Will County has more people in the unincorporated areas than any other county in the state and we have seen a 10 percent decrease in the crime rate.

Mr. Kusta, Jr. stated I would like to see this information go out to the public.

Other New Business

Mrs. Dralle questioned do we have an update on the laptops.

Deputy Chief Romeo stated it is a reimbursement grant and those dollars were not in the budget.

Mr. Rafac stated we will use the capital improvements fund. The reimbursement can be from 5 days to a month. We are going to Finance Committee today for the vehicles and there are 6-8 weeks delivery for the laptops.

Mrs. Dralle questioned how many squads. Are you putting the laptops in to the newest first?

Mr. Rafac stated existing first. We have \$800,000 for new squads. It depends on what is put into the cars to determine how many we purchase.

Deputy Chief Romeo stated we can get 35 equipped.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kusta, Jr., seconded by Ms. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.