

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

October 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present were Members: Gould, Rozak, Anderson, Kusta, Jr., and Dralle.

Absent were Members: Woods.

Also Present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Kusta, Jr., to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2008 meeting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

OLD BUSINESS

Update Re: Jail Management System & Warrant & Order of Protection System

Mr. Piwowarski gave the committee an update regarding the JMS, the Warrant and OP system.

Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Award Bid for Food Service at River Valley Justice Center

Mrs. Dralle stated please give the committee a brief history of how meals were served.

Mr. Prinzi stated prior to last year's remodel of the kitchen, all the meals were prepared at the ADF and frozen for three days at a time. This was an inefficient way to move the meals. It was a cumbersome system, as well as a wasteful system because we had to order extra meals. We started to explore building our own kitchen. We began to look at cost with all of the food prep ourselves or contractually. We came up with a close guesstimate of what the cost would be. It is slightly more expensive but this allows us to control the nutrition value. We began to remodel the kitchen and for the last eight months we have been doing the food prep ourselves. Things are pre-cooked and we are re-heating things. We now have a full service kitchen. There were three bids and Aramark came back as the lowest bidder. We took into account the actual cost of the food, what we are paying for the meal, and the salaries that were involved. Through the ADF it cost \$2.78 a meal; in the last year it cost \$3.05 a meal and with the Aramark contract it will be \$2.95 a meal. We took into account all of the reimbursements that we get and subtracted that out. We have \$150,000 for the Milk and Meals Program and a 25 percent reimbursement from Kankakee. If you look at the cost of the contract, and subtract the \$200,000 for reimbursements the cost to the County is \$36,656.66. We are basically feeding the kids for \$100 a day.

Mr. Anderson stated I do not quite agree with the math. The employees that were doing this we still will be paying them for something. What are they going to be doing?

Mr. Prinzi stated they are kitchen and laundry, they do both functions. There are three employees, and one is out on disability. There are a lot of functions they are doing. This is a 24 hour a day, 365 day a year operation. We have ended up supplementing them with the correctional staff and paying out overtime to get the work done. They will be doing more of that and they will be doing the inventory for the Milk and Meals Program. There is a lot of ancillary work to be done.

Mr. Anderson stated then this would be costing \$237,000. Is that a fair statement?

Mr. Rafac stated the \$114,000 for salaries needs to be added in to the \$237,000.

Mr. Prinzi stated it is added in there.

Mr. Rafac questioned then the Aramark contract is less than \$237,000.

Mr. Prinzi stated I am sorry, we added it in when we did the per meal cost.

Mr. Rafac stated you are counting the salary reimbursement but there still is \$114,000 that we are paying that is being reimbursed again.

Mr. Prinzi stated yes.

Mr. Anderson questioned Mr. Rafac would you agree that this will not cost us \$37,000, but \$237,000.

Mr. Rafac stated it will cost \$151,000 at a minimum. I am not sure what we are getting for meal reimbursements from the state.

Ms. Miklic stated we get a breakfast and lunch reimbursement, plus food commodities, plus the Kankakee revenue of 25 percent.

Mr. Rafac questioned what is the new increase in revenue by doing this ourselves.

Mr. Prinzi stated it is a modest increase from the Milk and Meals.

Ms. Miklic stated we will now get additional commodities because of the new kitchen that we were not able to get before.

Mrs. Dralle questioned what is the bottom line for this.

Mr. Rafac stated we do have an increase in cost but we have an improvement in quality. That was the motivation for moving forward with the kitchen. That is the motivation for the outside contract.

Mrs. Dralle questioned what do you see as the increase in cost.

Mr. Rafac stated it should be something smaller, but we do not know how much, than the actual contract with Aramark.

Mrs. Johannsen stated that is about \$151,000.

Mr. Rafac stated it should be more than that. We are keeping the same people. The food subsidies, we were getting most of those already. The new thing is the Aramark contract which is offset only by the additional commodity and milk stuff subsidies. The quality differential is the driving factor. The \$237,000 is the maximum under the contract and that number will fluctuate with the population. We only budgeted for \$225,000.

Mrs. Dralle stated I need a realistic number for County Board on Thursday.

Mr. Kusta, Jr., stated for salaries they are listed at \$38,000 for the three people but the bulk of their work will be transferred over with this contract. I would like to have a better handle of what they are going to do to maintain their salary.

Ms. Miklic stated there is one at \$38,000; the other is \$29,000; and the other is \$31,000.

Mr. Prinzi stated I have a list of things for them to do. There are a lot of things that we have paid them overtime to do. We do a ton of laundry. It is somewhat of an unknown but I am anticipating zero with the overtime for that function.

Ms Miklic stated we have a massive inventory.

Mrs. Dralle stated this project was undertaken by the Public Building Commission who was approached by the Chief Judge. This was not something that was brought to the County Board. The project is done and the kitchen is ready. This would be the next step.

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Kusta, Jr., to place a resolution on the County Board Agenda to award bid for food service at River Valley Justice Center, in the amount of \$237,650.70. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIES.

Mrs. Dralle stated we will be watching the cost on this.

Mr. Prinzi stated this is a year contract.

Mrs. Dralle stated we can go there for lunch. Let's pole the board members to come out in December.

Other New Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Gould, seconded by Mrs. Rozak, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.