

**LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2006**

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, January 9, 2006 @ 6:30p.m. in the DeKalb County Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Sue Leifheit called the meeting to order. Members present were Anita Turner, Roger Steimel, and Pat LaVigne. Eric Johnson, Pat Vary and Rich Osborne were absent. Others present were Margi Gilmour, Ray Bockman and Greg Millburg.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Moved by Mr. Steimel, seconded by Ms. LaVigne, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from December 2005.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. LaVigne, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.**

**ORDINANCE FOR CHILD SUPPORT FEE**

Mr. Bockman, DeKalb County Administrator, explained to the committee that it appears that we do not have an original ordinance to authorize the collection of the administrative fee by the Circuit Clerk's Department. This fee is an annual one for the Circuit Clerk's Office to collect up to \$36 from the person making the child support payments for the purpose of maintaining the child support records and processing support orders.

**Moved by Ms. LaVigne, seconded by Ms. Turner, and it was carried unanimously to forward the Ordinance to the full board for approval.**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT**

Mr. Ken Johnson, DeKalb County Public Defender, was not able to make the meeting this evening due to a prior engagement, said Chairman Leifheit. If the committee should have any questions for him regarding his report, they are to contact Mr. Johnson at his office or wait until next month's meeting to ask questions, said Chairman Leifheit.

**COURT SERVICES REPORT**

Ms. Margi Gilmour, Director of DeKalb County Court Services, said that she is working on her annual report where she will be discussing trends and comparing this past 2005's numbers over the previous years. As always, the caseload has been consistent, said Ms. Gilmour.

They did receive the pre-sentence report on Mr. Spates and someone will interview him from her department next week and have the report ready for his pre-sentence hearing in February.

In her juvenile court services report it shows that the one male left in residential placement at Arrowhead is out now. They have one male in Focus House in Rochelle and he is doing well. They also have one female who was placed in Norman Sleezer in Freeport on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

In the month of November 2005 there were 15 kids detained with two for the second time. Out of the 15 kids detained there were 7 for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, 5 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, 3 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

She said that her department is doing well with the money for the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Kane County. They spent \$69,680 out of the IGA in 2005. We have approximately \$80,000 left in the account for 2006, said Ms. Gilmour.

Her CRS coordinator resigned a few weeks ago and Ms. Gilmour hired the intern from Western Illinois University. She has been trained to do the job during her internship and was well qualified to handle the duties.

#### **ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF REPORTS AND ANNUAL DATES FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The committee agreed with the annual meeting dates and the schedule of departmental reports to the committee.

#### **JAIL MONTHLY REPORT**

Chairman Leifheit said that the average population in the jail in December 2005 was 69 inmates. She did not know the reason for the lower number this month, but the committee members could call the Sheriff and ask him any questions that they may have.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. LaVigne, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Sue Leifheit, Chairman

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Mary C. Supple, Secretary

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