

**DRAFT**  
**LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**April 15, 2013**

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 6:30p.m. in the DeKalb County Administration Building's Conference Room East.

Chairman Julia Fullerton called the meeting to order. Members present Anthony Cvek, John Frieders, Ruth Anne Tobias and Derek Tyson. Anita Turner was absent. Others present were Margi Gilmour, Thomas McCulloch, Rob Carlson, Capri Smith, Laura Miller and Richard Schmack.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Cvek, seconded by Mr. Oncken, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from March 2013 as amended.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Mr. Cvek, seconded by Mr. Oncken, and it was carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**ILLINOIS YOUTH STUDY RESULTS – MS. MARY HESS**

The committee heard from Ms. Mary Hess who presented the Illinois Youth Survey (attached to these minutes) to the committee. Some of the concerns that the committee had was about the marijuana usage increase and bullying issues at the schools. The grades that took part in this survey were 6, 8, 10 and 12<sup>th</sup> in public schools. The study showed a high alcohol use and marijuana is showing a higher use in these grades than cigarettes.

The committee thanked Ms. Hess for her very informative report.

## **STATE'S ATTORNEY'S QUARTERLY REPORT – MR. RICHARD SCHMACK**

Mr. Schmack, DeKalb County State's Attorney, presented his quarterly report to the committee. He said that his office is almost fully staffed.

Mr. Schmack said that there has been from felony arrest procedure in terms of how charging works. In the past if the police made an arrest let's say at night or on the weekend, they would call the on-call assistant from the State's Attorney's Office to get authorization to make the felony arrest. Then they have to stay, write up the complaint, and take the person to the Jail with the complaint and the authorization from the State's Attorney's Office. Try to adopt the police make the arrest, they make the decision about the charges, they give the SAO the file, they bring the person to the Jail, the SAO then picks up the documents in the morning at the jail and then our office makes the charging decision. We feel that this will get the police on the road faster by doing it this way.

The Juvenile Justice Council will be meeting in June. He said that his office will be working with the strategic planning sessions for the Juvenile Justice Council.

Mr. Cvek asked if Mr. Schmack could give a list of pending litigation to the county board.

Mr. Schmack said that he should talk to Mr. Gary Hanson, DeKalb County Administrator, about holding an executive session to release the list.

Ms. Fullerton said that she would call Gary tomorrow.

## **COURT SERVICES REPORTS – MS. MARGI GILMOUR**

Ms. Margi Gilmour, Director of the Adult and Juvenile Court Services Department, gave her annual report to the committee. She said that in FY'12 expenditure for detention beds at the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center totaled \$48,860.00. There were 49 admissions for 602 service days. The average length of stay was 12 days and the average daily population was 1.5. Detention costs and service days decreased 22% in FY2012 compared to FY2011. The number of detention admissions decreased from 60 in FY2011 to 49 in FY2012 (18% decrease). Please see report attached to these minutes.

Ms. Gilmour said that in the CRS hours ordered increased last month.

## **PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT – MR. THOMAS McCULLOCH**

Mr. McCulloch, DeKalb County Public Defender, said that his office closed just about the same amount that they opened last month.

### **JAIL REPORT**

Chairman Fullerton said that in the Jail Report for March 2013 the average daily population was 122 inmates.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Cvek, seconded by M. Oncken, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julia Fullerton, Chairman

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Mary Supple, Secretary

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