

**DRAFT**  
**LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 15, 2013**

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, July 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, Anita Turner and Derek Tyson. Ms. Tobias was absent. Others present were Margi Gilmour, Thomas McCulloch, Sheriff Roger Scott, Detective Paul Mott and City of DeKalb Police Chief Gene Lowery.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mr. Tyson, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from June 2013.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**GANG UNIT PRESENTATION**

City of DeKalb Police Chief Gene Lowery and Detective Paul Mott made a brief presentation about the Gang Unit in the community. Detective Mott said that there are 2 members in the Gang Unit, himself and Detective Erke. He explained that in 2009 85% of the members in the gangs in DeKalb County were adults. In 2013 that figure is now 99% of the members in the gangs in DeKalb County are adults. Detective Mott said that there are currently 569 gang members in the County with 59 Street Gangs and 43 different street gangs that reside in DeKalb County. He said that DeKalb arrested a lot of the leaders from the gangs, therefore the juveniles are stepping it up.

The number #1 gang in DeKalb County and the largest gang is Gangster Disciples. Mr. Mott said that fragments from Chicago over the Gangster Disciples resulted in 200 sub-groups now. Many of their alliances have changed DeKalb now. Now everyone is together because of drugs. He further explained that people are joining the gangs

because of drugs, money and power. He said that the Vice Lords are the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest gang in DeKalb County and they sell drugs also.

The gang business here is Drugs, money, girls, guns, dog fighting (Latin Kings). Prostitution is big here in DeKalb now. He said that in Naperville a pimp makes \$250,000 per year, per girl.

Chief Lowery said that they are trying to get to know a family where a kid may be in a gang and intervene. They are trying to get these kids out of the gangs as fast as they can.

The committee thanked Chief Lowery and Detective Mott for their very informative report.

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

Mr. McCulloch, DeKalb County Public Defender, said that his office is holding even with last month. He said that there were 125 inmates in the jail this morning. One year ago there were 15 inmates in the jail that had been in there for a year or more. There are now 8 inmates in there and the public defender's office is responsible for 2 of them.

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

Ms. Margi Gilmour, Director of the Adult and Juvenile Court Services Department, said that they are starting to see their cases go up a bit in the adult arena. The Administration cases went up to 960 cases, which is huge.

The Adult CRS hours show for June 2013 at 91 cases with a little over 9,298 hours ordered and 8,005 hours completed. The Juvenile CRS hours show 16 cases, with 650 hours ordered and 370 hours completed.

Last month Ms. Gilmour explained to the committee that there was one youth that was just ordered into residential placement. The youth is in a facility called O'Clare, which is in Wisconsin. The youth has serious theft issues and continues to steal. They have not spent anything out of their placement budget yet this year. They have about \$80,000 in there and this is a very costly placement. The per diem is \$228.44 per day which includes room and board, and therapy. If the youth remains in this facility for a year, it will cost us \$82,000. This youth is also a transgender youth who is struggling with identity issues. She continued by stating that in the Placement report it now shows that this youth has been placed in this facility in June, which will cost the County \$228.44 per diem or \$4,111.92 for the month of June.

Her office will be closing the Safehouse, which has been vacant for 6 months. They have really struggled with trying to find appropriate foster parents. The Chief Judge took a look at the entire Probation Fee budget and decided to close it.

Ms. Gilmour said that there was a meeting that she recently attended that Judge Stuckert called together. She said that Sheriff Scott was present along with County

Administrator Gary Hanson, State's Attorney Richard Schmack, Maureen Josh, Joan Hanson from IMO and a couple of other department heads, and herself. One thing that has been brought up about the jail overcrowding has been a pretrial program. This is where we could release certain individuals who meet certain criteria, like pre trial supervision. A pretrial officer from Court Services would do an interview, verify information, and do a risk assessment for the court. They are looking at that right now and how it may influence her budget. She said that they are interested in adding two new pretrial officers to her office for this program, so that request will be included in her budget request. She will include here rationale and justification for the request. She may be able to justify the savings for the money that is being spent.

### **JAIL REPORT**

Chairman Fullerton said that in the Jail Report for June 2013 the average daily population was 125 inmates.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Ms. Turner, 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