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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Law & Justice Committee Minutes
August 28, 2017**

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East in Sycamore, Illinois. Chairman Leifheit called the meeting to order. Those present were Ms. Askins, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. Plote, Mr. Whelan, and Chairman Leifheit. A quorum was established with all seven Members present.

Others that were present included Margi Gilmour, Tracy Jones, Jim Scheffers, Bob Hadley and Barbara Samulowitz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Whelan moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2017 Committee Meeting. Mr. Plote seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Luebke, seconded by Mr. Pietrowski and it was carried unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented to the Committee.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT

The Committee briefly reviewed the Public Defender's Report for the month of July. To date, the office has opened 2,087 cases and closed 2,117.

COURT SERVICES REPORT

Court Services Director Margi Gilmour reported that there are currently no youth in residential placement. She continued that for a while now the juvenile detention numbers have been spiking and additionally reported that in the month of August there were seven. For a cost comparison, the monthly expenditures for juvenile detention are a couple thousand dollars less than they were last year and the placement expenditure are dramatically lower.

Ms. Gilmour shared that the monthly adult report reflects a normal average. All of the Case Managers are busy but their workloads are still manageable. There were 20 successful terminations in the month of July which was more than the number of new cases assigned.

The Pretrial Division continued to be very busy and they are currently supervising 362 cases, as the end of July. One piece of information Ms. Gilmour wanted to share with the Committee is that the first law Governor Rauner signed into Public Act was a Bill Reform Act (SB2034, Public Act 100-0001). Portions of that Bill take effect January 1, 2018 and one of the big pieces of that Bill are that individuals will have a mandatory right to council at Bail Hearings. Because there is weekend bond call, Ms. Gilmour is currently working with the Chief Judge and the Public Defender's Office to work on facilitating having a Public Defender and a Pretrial Officer

present at Saturday morning Bond Call Hearings. She added that it is a positive change but it is also a drain on resources.

Ms. Gilmour briefly reviewed a couple of other key components that go along with Illinois SB2034 such as non-monetary bail and automatic second looks at Bail Hearings for non-violent offenders.

The Swift, Certain, and Fair Probation Program Grant's budget from the Illinois Department of Justice was finally approved, Ms. Gilmour reported. She additionally submitted her first request for reimbursement and received it back right away. She added that they are ramping up the program and starting to interview clients for it and they are all very excited about getting the program up and running. It was reminded that this is a 100% grant-funded program and the grant is for a three-year term and receives \$200,000 for each of the three years.

Swift: SCF programs deliver a sanction immediately upon detection of a violation, which is critical in changing behavior. Responding swiftly also supports perceptions of the fairness of the program, reinforcing that element of SCF programs.

Certain: The consistency and predictability of punishments make the consequences of bad behavior clear to the offender, reinforcing the need to make better decisions and change behavior. An essential role is played by the clearly-defined behavioral contract with the offender—a tool that has repeatedly been proven to increase perceptions about the certainty of punishment.

Fair: The clear demarcation of the offenders' new supervision conditions and the opportunity for a fresh start allow the offender to regain their sense of self-control. The contract enhances the perceived fairness of any subsequent punishment; this perception of fairness is further supplemented by the sparing rather than harsh level of punishment upon violation, which additionally limits disruption of employment and other non-criminal routines and relationships.

Mr. Frieders noted that the County's jail population has been steadily increasing in the last number of months as well as the Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) population and Pretrial Program cases. He asked Ms. Gilmour if she had any comments as to why all these number have been continuing to increase. Ms. Gilmour noted that she wasn't able to answer why mentioned populations have increased but she confirmed that many of the individuals on EHM are pretrial and a large portion of those individuals are associated with domestic violence cases.

The Committee continued to discuss the population increases and Mr. Frieders questioned whether there has been just a large increase in arrests throughout the County or if their assumptions regarding the Pretrial Program and its goal to decrease the incarcerated population were wrong. Ms. Gilmour expressed how important it is for the program and the system to continue to educate themselves with these types of programs in order for them to see accurate long-term effects. She additionally offered her Pretrial Program Coordinator to present their next Pretrial Quarterly Report at the September Law & Justice Committee Meeting.

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COURTWATCH PRESENTATION

Bob Hadley and Barbara Samulowitz from the DeKalb County CourtWatch joined the Committee to provide information on what CourtWatch is and what they do. The representatives presented and the Committee viewed a 20 minute video that was produced by Laura Vazquez describing the DeKalb County Illinois CourtWatch Program. CourtWatch is a group of local citizens interested in court proceedings related to domestic violence cases. Formed in 2002, its official mission is "to influence court practices to increasingly conform to the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, to promote victims' safety and abuser accountability and to create a more informed and involved public." Members attend court once or twice per month to observe the proceedings and to evaluate whether victims of domestic violence are treated fairly in court. Monthly meetings feature speakers who educate members about community affairs ranging from policing to mental health. It was clarified that the program is 100% volunteers and they do not receive funds from any organization and they are not attached to any other entities. It is their hope that a program like this might be started in every county in the United States.

The Committee thanked the CourtWatch visitors for what they do and coming to meeting with them to help provide an overview of what the program is doing.

COURT-RELATED REMODEL PROJECTS

DeKalb County Facilities Management (FMO) Director Jim Scheffers joined the Committee to update them on an issue in the basement of the Courthouse and to provide an update on the Sober Living Home Project.

Mr. Scheffers explained that his department responded to an OSHA letter that we received 8-14-17, in regards to the alleged hazards in the basement of the Courthouse (occupied by Treatment Court and Pretrial). The response included work orders that were assigned to maintenance personnel, and pictures of the light and areas above the ceiling that coincide with the leak from the toilets up above where the alleged hazard came from and the documents that you have requested. Including a signed statement from Jim Herrmann stating how he had responded for three of the work orders and how we knew this was a clean water issue and not a sewage issue. There were also copies of an invoice and service ticket received from Service Concepts, Inc. showing that FMO had them come and run a camera through the pipe chase to look for any leaks. None were found. Mr. Scheffers noted that with the problems they were having and then they started in the men's washroom also, this is the reason why he had Service Concepts come out. To make sure there were no other issues or there wasn't a leak and that water wasn't pooling up and causing a leak issue. Because of the duration of the time between leaks that were mentioned in Jim Herrmann's statement we thought we had the problem resolved.

Mr. Scheffers added that they removed all toilets and made sure of no cracks and have installed all new wax seals on both the men's and women's side. They checked all of the O-rings and any other kind of seal on the flushing mechanisms in the men's and women's bathrooms. In the women's bathroom where they feel the leak originally started, they added 2 coats of sealer to the flooring around the toilet. Since this time they have not noticed any water leaking from the women's bathroom. As far as the men's bathroom there were no signs of leakage in the light or in the bucket. On July 24th they received a call that the toilet in the men's bathroom was plugged and water was on the floor. As before, they followed the same steps in cleaning up this area. On July 25th he had Scott Catron and Len Ludtke check all piping for any kind of leakage from the

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men's bathroom being flooded the day before. And everything in the ceiling including the bucket was completely dry and there was no apparent leak at this time. With all the leaks they have inspected and checked out, they have never found any of the sewer pipes leaking anywhere. FMO was also asked to do an air quality evaluation of the air in Drug Court by Adam Christensen. Mr. Christensen also requested that all the carpets be cleaned but after speaking with Rich at Aires Consulting, he suggested that FMO hold off on the carpet cleaning until after the testing. Once testing is done and Aires removes their equipment they will then set up a time for carpet cleaning the following weekend or as soon as their schedule is open.

Mr. Scheffers noted that with the complaint there was also a bug issue complained of and a smell issue. He shared that as far as the multiple insects, drain gnats, centipedes and mosquitos, as of the date of the OSHA notice, this was the first time anyone from FMO heard about any pest issues. They called into their Pest Control Company (Eco-lab Pest Elimination) to come out and evaluate this problem. In talking with other offices in the basement, no one else has said anything about a bug problem. As far as the smell issue, it was reported that there were currently five fish tanks in the basement of the Courthouse in offices.

The Committee questioned as to why the complaint went to OSHA so quickly before FMO had a chance to assess everything thoroughly. A majority of the Committee also expressed they did not think it was appropriate to have any type of fish tanks in any County buildings or offices, especially in a basement.

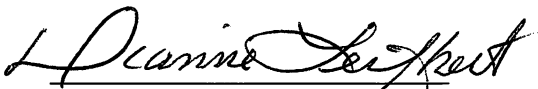
Mr. Scheffers additionally reported that the Sober Living Home remodel is in full swing. There is working currently being done on plumbing, mechanical (duct work), and installation of a new furnace and water heater, floor joists, and ramps. The first code inspection went really well and the hope is that substantial completion will be the first or second week of October.


Lastly, he added that briefed the Committee that everything with the Jail Expansion Project was going well and that they are on schedule with substantial completion in January.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Askins, seconded by Mr. Pietrowski, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman Dianne Leifheit


Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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**DEKALB COUNTY ADULT COURT SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2017**

PROBATION

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Total
PSI's Ordered	5	2	6	5	9	2	4						
PSI's Completed	0	1	6	4	5	5	6						
New Active Cases	24	19	25	23	20	19	18						
Felony	349	353	355	351	349	343	340						
Misdemeanor	132	134	126	123	116	112	111						
DUI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Traffic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Active Caseload	481	487	481	474	465	455	451						
Pending Intakes	77	83	63	76	85	93	85						
Total Active Caseload	558	570	544	550	550	548	536						
Administrative Cases	972	966	948	959	954	957	963						
Transfer In Cases	20	9	17	7	10	4	9						
Transfer Out Cases	6	1	4	12	10	6	7						
Tech Viol. Reported	40	32	34	17	30	28	20						
Crim. Viol. Reported	20	17	22	10	23	17	15						
Tech. - No Violation	0	0	1	0	0	1	0						
Tech. - Finding Viol.	2	0	5	4	3	4	0						
Crim. - No Violation	0	0	0	0	0	1	0						
Crim. - Finding Viol.	2	0	2	1	1	6	3						
Successful Terminations	19	13	34	16	15	23	20						

COMMUNITY RESTITUTION SERVICE

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
# Adults Referred	54	72	77	55	77	71	57						
# Hours Ordered	6,155	6,858	8,143	5,910	8,998	7,169	5,965						
# Hours Completed	4,359	5,088	4,693	3,295	3,837	3,002	4,145						

# Juveniles Referred	3	3	16	8	5	6	5						
# Hours Ordered	110	90	1,025	500	260	235	170						
# Hours Completed	56	27	152	35	99	43	162						

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JUVENILE PLACEMENT/DETENTION REPORT

PLACEMENT

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Residential placements at beginning of mo.	1	1	1	0	0	0	0					
Minors placed during the month	0	0	0	0	0	1	0					
Minors released during the month	0	0	1	0	0	1	0					
Minors in residential placement at end of mo.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0					

DETENTION

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Minors in detention at beginning of month	9	6	3	2	2	3	5					
Minors detained during the month	3	2	2	2	3	9	7					
Minors released during the month	6	5	3	2	2	7	9					
Minors in detention at end of month	6	3	2	2	3	5	3					
Average daily population for mo.admissions	1	<1	1	<1	<1	2	1					
Average length of stay for mo. admissions	11 days	8 days	18.5 days	3.5 days	8 days	6.5 days	4 days					

2017 Pretrial Stats

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bond Investigations Completed												
Felony	58	38	58	37	68	37	58					
Misdemeanor	48	38	43	43	50	45	43					
Released on Pre-Trial Supervision												
Felony	32	4	25	17	21	21	21					
Misdemeanor	10	9	3	1	5	4	10					
Released with no Pre-trial Supervision (Including those who posted)												
Felony	30	30	15	9	17	12	19					
Misdemeanor	30	28	33	31	29	31	24					
Active Pre-Trial Supervision Cases												
Felony	284	280	293	288	283	271	280					
Misdemeanor	105	107	99	82	79	76	82					
Violations Reported												
Rules Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Failure to Appear	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
New Offense	12	19	19	18	23	14	14					
Violations Revoked												
Rules Violation	0	0	0	0	1	0	0					
Failure to Appear	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
New Offense	1	0	0	0	1	1	0					
Successful Terminations	21	17	22	38	32	38	15					

DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL POPULATION REPORT

JULY 2017

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

146

Average Number Housed Out

59

<u>SEX</u>		<u>TYPE OF CRIME</u>		<u>COURT STATUS</u>		<u>PERIODIC IMPRISONMENT</u>	
<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Felony</i>	<i>Misdemeanor</i>	<i>Sentenced</i>	<i>Pre-Sentenced</i>	<i>Week-ends</i>	<i>Work Release</i>
305	67	224	148	51	321	11	11

MONTHLY TRANSPORTS

	Number of Transports	Total Man Hours
<i>General</i>	24	95
<i>Medical - Mental</i>	4 / 3	20 / 3
<i>Jail Overcrowding</i>	55	114
<i>Juvenile</i>	10	29
<i>Totals</i>	96	261

DOC

	Male	Female
<i>Sentenced</i>	8	0
<i>Parole</i>	0	0
<i>Totals</i>	8	0

MONTHLY INMATE POPULATION STATISTICS

	NON-SENTENCED		REGULAR SENTENCED		WEEK-ENDERS		WORK RELEASE		EHM (ADULTS)	
	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Average For Month	Total Days Held
<i>Male</i>	160	3572	10	277	9	66	9	110	-	-
<i>Female</i>	42	436	6	38	2	7	2	33	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	202	4008	16	315	11	73	11	143	65.7	2099

Average Daily Population: The average number of inmates in the jail for the month. Counts each day a person was in the Jail and includes all people booked into the jail.

Monthly Transports: "Jail Overcrowding" represents transports related to jail overcrowding which would include the transport to and from the other facility, transports for court if they are a pre-sentenced inmate, and any other transport which may be necessary.

DOC: 1) Sentenced: Represents the number of inmates transported to the Department of Corrections because they were sentenced to prison for a period of time.

2) Parole: Represents the number of inmates transported to the Department of Corrections because they were arrested on a new charge, on parole and returned to DOC to face their parole violation.

EHM: The numbers reflect only adults on Electronic Home Monitoring for the month. Juveniles would not be housed in the County Jail.