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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Law & Justice Committee Minutes
March 27, 2017**

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the west side of the Legislative Center's Gathertorium 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, Dennis Miller, Tom McCulloch, Margi Gilmour, and Greg Millburg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pietrowski moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Committee Meeting. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Luebke, seconded by Ms. Askins 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

DeKalb County Public Defender Tom McCulloch presented and placed on file his monthly report. He also shared that he recently read about proposed legislation that would limit the amount of reports the Public Defender would have to produce annually. Mr. McCulloch continued that his office is already set up to produce monthly reports and he wouldn't see any reason why they would ever not continue to produce them monthly regardless. Mr. McCulloch and the Committee additionally spend a short time discussing the Public Defender's client and inmate demographics.

COURT SERVICES REPORT

DeKalb County Court Services Director Margi Gilmour reported and placed on file her monthly Adult, Juvenile and Pretrial Reports. Ms. Gilmour noted that if there is any information that is not being reported that the Committee would like to see, she would be more than happy to make any revisions to her reports.

Ms. Gilmour shared that the Adult Court Services Report was pretty standard and for the month of February there were 570 active caseloads and 13 successful terminations.

Ms. Gilmour reiterated to the Committee that they would be receiving the quarterly Pretrial presentation at their next meeting. Her staff is currently running statistics and getting all their

information together to share with the Committee next month. The Pretrial caseload continues to grow and Ms. Gilmour expressed her appreciation to the County Board for allowing the additional third Pretrial Officer to be added to her staff because all there of the officers are very busy.

During the Juvenile report, Ms. Gilmour was happy to announce that they no longer had any youth in residential placement. The residential placement turned out to not be a good fit for the youth and that they were exploring other avenues. Additionally, the juvenile detention numbers were down in February from where they have previously been at and March seems to be looking even better yet, Ms. Gilmour shared.

Ms. Gilmour additionally reported that her Department is working on their “Thinking for Change” program and training for that will begin in May for staff members and 4-5 therapists from the Youth Service Bureau. The Committee additionally discussed childhood trauma and the different programs and plans the Juvenile Justice Council is working on.

Mr. Frieders additionally asked about how the Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) was going. Ms. Gilmour reported that their contract with One Hope United would be up on May 31st and they have decided to opt out of continuing on with them. They will be looking for a new provider to provide that intense-type of therapy for youth and are possibly looking towards Family Service Agency to help with that, if possible.

ESDA ANNUAL REPORT – ([Full Report](#))

Mr. Dennis Miller, Coordinator for the DeKalb County Emergency Services & Disaster Agency (ESDA) and County Coroner, joined the Committee to present both his ESDA and Coroner’s Annual Reports. He shared that in 2017, they will be seeing another revision of the DeKalb County Emergency Operations Plan. The plan with its annexes defines how DeKalb County analysis, prepares for, and responds to an emergency even, whether natural or man-made. He also shared the Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) continues to meet quarterly. The purpose of the committee is to register and record all the facilities within the county that manufacture, use or store hazardous materials. As in previous years, much of the severe storm spotting responsibly was aided by a dedicated group of volunteers (Sherriff’s Auxiliary, and the Amateur Radio Operators) in the DeKalb County Area. With the aid of support staff, the office was able to arrange and conduct two different weather spotter training programs throughout the County. Over 68 people were trained in storm spotting.

Mr. Miller last noted that the agency was notified and responded to 14 separate incidents this past year. Most were fuel leaks, while the other involved train verse car mishaps, power outages, high winds, and a boil order.

Chairman Leifheit reiterated that Mr. Miller was the only paid ESDA staff member. Every other person is volunteer.

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CORONER'S ANNUAL REPORT – (Full Report)

Mr. Miller additionally provided his 2016 Annual Coroner's Report to the Committee. He shared that last year he had 609 total death investigations. He added that what was very very disturbing to him is the large amount of drug overdoses in the County. There was 25 reported last year and already this year (March 2017) there have been 6. He added that his a very large number for this size County but talked with other surrounding Coroner's throughout the State they are seeing the same issues. The most common overdose drug that he is seeing is Heroin and other common opioids. Mr. Miller additionally shared that the suicidal deaths increased from 11 to 18 in 2016 which is the highest rate in at least 15 years. Motor vehicles deaths have also been on the rise, Mr. Miller shared that they had 8 last year and already 6 this year and they are only 3 months into the year.

Mr. Miller also added that as of today there have been 171 deaths and 12 autopsies have been performed. He also addressed that the reason he went over budget last year was a large increase in autopsies that needed to be performed. A large contributor to those increases were due to drug-related deaths.

Mr. Miller shared that he was on the State Committee when they originally increase the cremation permits to \$50 a permit and he would really like to see that increased again to \$100 a permit. He noted that he sees more and more cremations over full burials now. Any type of increase would have to be done through legislation and would be done state-wide. Mr. Miller was also asked and he noted that he stands very firm that for liability purposes he would never cremate an unclaimed body. All unclaimed bodies are buried at the DeKalb County Cemetery.

Mr. Pietrowski praised that the amount of work that Mr. Miller puts in is staggering and a lot of times it goes unnoticed. He added that Mr. Miller puts a lot of hours in and does the job of at least 4 people. The Committee thanked Mr. Miller for his work and presenting his reports to them.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Leifheit gave a very brief update on the status of the Sober Living Home. She shared that the Friends of DeKalb County Drug Court are gathering names for a Board of Directors and were in the processes of filing for their 501c3.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman Dianne Leifheit


Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL POPULATION REPORT

FEBRUARY 2017

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

131

Average Number Housed Out

51

<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>
268	53	192	129	60	261	7	3

MONTHLY TRANSPORTS

	Number of Transports	Total Man Hours
<i>General</i>	15	52
<i>Medical - Mental</i>	6 / 1	7 / 6
<i>Jail Overcrowding</i>	59	142
<i>Juvenile</i>	7	24
<i>Totals</i>	88	231

DOC

	Male	Female
<i>Sentenced</i>	6	0
<i>Parole</i>	0	0
<i>Totals</i>	6	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>	126	2758	19	509	6	40	3	71	-	-
<i>Female</i>	37	234	5	54	1	3	0	0	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	163	2992	24	563	7	43	3	71	61.5	1846

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.