Judiciary & Circuit Clerk & Juvenile & Probation
Tuesday, July 14, 2009 Tentative Minutes

1. Call to Order- Chairman Nye called the meeting to order at 3:25. Members present: Nye, Kenney, Colbert, Messer, DeArvil. Members absent; Gouker, Stahl. Also present: Greg Martin, Tricia Morrow, Marty Typer, Lynne Kilker, Jim Barnes, Meggon McKinley.

2. Approval of Minutes: Messer motioned to approve the June 9, 2009 meeting minutes. Kenney 2nd. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment - none

4. Consideration of Monthly Invoices:
   a. Focus House – Colbert moves to approve bills in the amount of $1305.09. Messer 2nd. Motion carried.
   b. Probation- Kenney motions to approve bills in the amount of $3670. 2nd by DeArvil. Motion carried.
   c. Circuit Clerk – DeArvil motioned to approve bills in the amount of $724.45. Messer 2nd. Motion carried.
   d. Judiciary- none presented. McKinley will see if there are any this month and bring them to the Executive Committee.

5. Department Reports:
   a. Probation – Greg Martin reported that numbers are down, especially for reporting center because it's summer and we get them mostly during school year. Things have been busy in the adult side. Detention item is over because we paid for the murder case with agreement from Coffman previously that we can still expend the $15,000 allotment for other cases. Martin would like the county to consider starting in August, to let probation pay for the overage for the kids we're placing like last year, when we ran things negative last year until November and then reconcile with monies set to cover this at the end of the year. Martin also reported that the cost of detention is going up from $110 per day to $115 per day this next fiscal year.
   b. Focus House – Greg Martin reported that out of county referrals continue to be low with Winnebego County having just 2 kids with us now, when we need 10 out of county kids to break even. This is why we laid some resources off and why we are making other cuts to stay on budget. Martin reports he will be meeting with Winnebego County soon to work on upcoming projections. There is an upcoming car show September 20, with the Foundation runs, with the funds going towards purchasing land when the time comes. Martin reported that one line item exhausted at end of the year will be the part time line item in focus house, which they will pay out of Discretionary funds until end of year. 2009 should be fine, but Martin is concerned about the plan for 2010.

   c. Ogle County Reporting Center – nothing new to report

d. Circuit Clerk – Marty Typer invited all to join the 2009 IIJIS Summit on Integrated Justice Systems September 10, 2009. RSVPs are required. He specifically requested Meggon McKinley to attend to learn of new ways to be more efficient in the way we do our business. Counties will be giving their experience. Everyone involved in the system is invited. Typer noted there are still 1200 "big books" needing to be refurbished in the courts and they continue to look for donations to fix those books. He also noted he has requested the second payment of $3,760 for the self help grant from Prairie State Legal.

6. New Business –
   a. 2009 & 2010 Budget updates – McKinley provided an update to the committee that after reviewing revenue projections, the Finance Committee has asked departments to cut 3% from their budgets yet in 2009 and 7% from 2010. Revenues are expected to be down $500,000 - $700,000 in 2009 and possibly $1,000,000 in 2010. McKinley will be working with departments to review budgets and bring the proposed budgets to the committees next month. She will focus also on highlighting what the impact of cuts will be on the services we provide to the county and our employees
   b. CASA - Greg Martin noted CASA funding was still in question, and asked Tricia Morrow to join and provide an update. CASA received $25,000 last through across a number of departments, and Tricia noted they are still asking for $25,000 again this year. They have expanded with help from start up grants and the departments and are now functioning without the start up grant money. This makes the $25,000 critical for continued operations. Tricia handed out stats noting CASA serves 45-50 kids/month. Financially, they are treading water each month with 8 cases were still waiting for assignment. They have received a 25% decrease from United Way and many other donation cuts. Martin noted he would be talking with the HEW committee about ideas on how to help ensure 708 money recipients are being managed appropriately and see if other agencies could approach them for funds even if they haven't done this in the past. Morrow noted she is working on other grant requests, although they are difficult to get. Martin noted that the judge will be considering covering the entire CASA fee this year. Messer commented that it is frustrating to cut support to kids, tell the Sheriff to cut safety through lay offs, and then fund $5.5 million on a courthouse. He indicated his desire to see the county take care of people first

7. Old Business – none

8. Adjournment – Chairman Nye called the meeting adjourned at 3:58

Maggie Nye – Chairman

Respectfully submitted,
Meggon McKinley, Ogle County Administrator

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