Judiciary & Circuit Clerk / Juvenile & Probation Committee Meeting

March 10, 2009

Tentative Minutes

1) Call to Order: Chairman Maggie Nye called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Present: Skip Kenney, Bobbie Colbert and Bob DeArvil. Others: Ed Rice, Director of Court Services Greg Martin and Focus House Director Mike Dale. Absent: Kim Stahl, Kim Gouker and Mel Messer.

2) Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2009: Motion by DeArvil, 2nd by Colbert to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

3) Monthly Invoices: Motion by Colbert, 2nd by Kenney to approve the Focus House bills in the amount of $1,023.43. Motion carried.

   Motion by Kenney, 2nd by Colbert to approve the Probation bills in the amount of $5,853.86. Director of Court Services Martin brought it to the Committee's attention that the detention line is exhausted. Motion carried.

   Motion by DeArvil, 2nd by Kenney to approve the Circuit Clerk bills in the amount of $4,272.35. Motion carried.

   Motion by Kenney, 2nd by DeArvil to approve the Judiciary bills in the amount of $6,137.95. Motion carried.

4) Department Reports:
   a) Probation: Director of Court Services Martin briefly explained his department's computer system and the connection to the Sheriff and Circuit Clerk computer systems, monitoring clients, warrants, and jail. With the new system in the Sheriff's Dept., the Probation lost access. After research, the approximate cost for software and license for the Probation Dept. would be $21,000 for 10 computers.

   b) Focus House: Focus House Director Dale distributed the monthly totals, 14 county residents and 9 out-of-county. The annual spaghetti supper will be April 8th and the May 19th County Board Meeting will be held at the Focus House.

   c) Ogle County Reporting Center: No report given

   d) Circuit Clerk: Chairman Nye stated the Circuit Clerk request for additional funding is being referred to the Executive Committee.

5) New Business: Director of Court Services Martin informed the Committee about a Juvenile Diversion Program which funds the GED program and an alcohol program for minors. For every conviction, a $2 fee is collected and put into this fund. The law has a maximum collection fee of $5 per conviction. Director of Court Services Martin is asking the fee be raised due to the demand of the two programs that benefit from the fees collected. Motion by DeArvil, 2nd by Colbert to recommend to the County Board that the Juvenile Diversion Program fee be raised to $4 per conviction opposed to $2. Motion carried.

6) Old Business: None

7) Public Comment: County Board Chairman Rice updated the Committee about the County Administrator interview process.

8) Adjournment: No further business was before the Committee; Chairman Nye declared the meeting adjourned. Time: 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany O'Brien