

Criminal Justice Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2011

Committee Members Present: Dave Boggs, Chris Balkema, Ken Iverson, Millie Dyer, Ann Gill

Also Present: Board Chairman Ron Severson, County Administrator Shawn Hamilton, Board Secretary Sandy Pommier, Coroner John Callahan, Judge Rob Marsaglia, Circuit Clerk Karen Slattery, Sheriff Terry Marketti, Public Defender JD Flood, States Attorney John Bates

A motion was made by Iverson, seconded by Balkema to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Claims Presented and Approved:

Coroner: Motion by Dyer, seconded by Gill. Motion carried.

Boggs asked Callahan if, since the last Finance meeting, he had looked into the budgeting for the Chief Deputy to start this year. Callahan replied that he would be at the next Finance meeting to further discuss the request.

Circuit Clerk: Motion by Gill, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried.

Public Defender: Motion by Balkema, seconded by Gill. Motion carried.

Sheriff: Motion by Gill, seconded by Dyer. Motion carried.

Sheriff Marketti told the committee that he had replaced his vehicle since the accident and is financing it through the lease with Standard Bank. Marketti stated that a squad had been totaled in an accident involving a semi truck that did not signal when turning in front of the squad. The committee discussed the law suit over an inmate's death while incarcerated in the county jail. Marketti stated that he is not legally able to discuss the suit due to pending litigation, however feels confident that all proper procedures were followed.

States Attorney: Motion by Boggs, seconded by Dyer. Motion carried.

John Bates discussed issues he had with the FY2012 budget that will be further reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting.

The committee had a lengthy discussion in regards to the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court Expenses line item that is in Judge Marsaglia's FY2012 budget in the amount of \$59,656.89.

Marsaglia told the committee that this funding system was decided on approximately thirty years ago under Judge Alex Bauer with no binding contract. The amount is Grundy's portion of shared expenses with LaSalle and Bureau counties for staff in the Chief Judges's office and Public Defender Investigators (PDI). JD Flood stated that he does not utilize the PDIs and proposed budgeting for a case by case investigator as well

as increasing his secretary's status and salary. The committee discussed no longer contributing to the expenses. Marsaglia asked that the county consider continuing the funding to the Chief Judges office (FY2012 amount \$28,399.92). The committee agreed to direct the County Administrator to send a letter to Judge Ryan making him aware of the change. Boggs stated that the matter will be further discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gill, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried.

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