

JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 23, 2017 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Dunn
Jerry Potts
Dave Drobisch

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland
Jon Baxter
Greg Mattingley
Bill Oliver

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Rodney Forbes, Public Defender
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept
Pat Berter, Probation
Jerry Lord, DPBC
Judge Webber
Jay Scott, State's Attorney
Carol Reed, Auditor
Jessie Smalley, HR

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

There was no quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

NO Quorum – minutes were not approved. Chairman Dunn announced that with no quorum no action could be taken, but reports would be heard.

CLAIMS

NO Quorum – claims were not approved.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk – No report

Circuit Court –

Judge Webber reported that they would be getting new computing equipment in the courtrooms and for the judges. This will come out of the automation fund the court has in the Circuit Clerk's office. It does not cost the county anything. A lot of the equipment has been there since Judge Webber has been in the courthouse, so it is over 15 years old and needs to be replaced. That will be done throughout the next month or so. Melenie Milliman, IT, got a good price and Josh Tanner is going to purchase some computers for 141 as part of the package as well due to the good deal she was able to negotiate with Striglos.

Judge Webber said that they are currently in negotiations with the Decatur Bar Association in an attempt to turn the Courthouse into a WIFI hotspot. The younger lawyers like this because they do everything on their tablets. Hopefully, most of the cost of that will be paid by the Decatur Bar Association. Since the public cannot bring equipment into the Courthouse, security issues should not be a big problem.

The donation of the nice photograph of Abraham Lincoln from Mark Sorensen is now installed on the 3rd floor. Yesterday the presentation made the USA Today 50 State News Roundup. It went from local to national.

Coroner – No report

Court Services / Probation –

Mr. Berter reported that he had received an email from Dan Hunt, Director of Peoria County, on the increased bed space for detention. They are going through some financial difficulties. He wrote that the County Board is going through a cost reduction process that is scheduled to be implemented by April 1st. Once they find out what that is going to look like, they will create a proposal for us.

As of today, the Probation Department still has not received any state reimbursements for FY2017. Currently the state owes the Probation Department \$716,147. Mr. Berter said he was at a meeting last week in Champaign with the Field Coordinator and all the vouchers have been submitted. They are just waiting on the Comptroller to make the payments.

Chairman Dunn asked Mr. Baggett if there would be any legal action that could be taken on it. Mr. Baggett said that the last time this happened, there were some successful cases out of St. Clair/Madison County areas and maybe Cook County. He was not sure how successful they would have ultimately been. At the trial level, there was some success. Ultimately, there was a legislative resolution. It made it to the Appellate level, but not the Supreme Court. He said he was unsure as to whether it would have been successful or not, but at least if that path has to be gone down, there is some brush that has been cleared. He said he would start looking into where we might need to go from here.

Chairman Dunn asked Mr. Berter if it is just us or if other counties are having the same problems. Mr. Berter said that nobody, no Probation Departments, have received any payments for FY2017. Mr. Dunn asked if any of the other counties are planning to do anything. Mr. Berter said he was not aware of anything.

EMA – No Report

Public Building Commission – No report

Public Defender –

Mr. Forbes passed out and reviewed the monthly report for January which showed that 270 cases were closed while 244 were opened. That is closing more than were opened, but the previous month there were more closed than opened. The numbers are staying pretty steady month after month.

A couple of weeks ago, a jail snapshot was prepared where everybody in the jail was looked at to see what the charges are, how long they've been in jail, who the attorneys are, etc. and circulated it to the State's Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office. They are looking at ways to move cases for defendants that have been in jail for a long time. This is a nice way to remind people that somebody is looking and helps remind how long some of these people have been in custody.

The jail population today is 279. Those numbers are staying down.

Currently there are two interns in the office. There is one law student who comes in on Wednesday mornings and an intern through Millikin who has to put in 120 hours to receive credit. She has been in the office almost daily and has been a big help going through old files and closing old files in an effort to put some of those to rest.

Sheriff –

Lt. Butts distributed and reviewed the attached report on the Macon County Sheriff's Office 2016 stats.

Mr. Drobisch questioned the types of arrests are made by the City DPD. Lt. Butts explained that they have a lot of felony arrests. They pick up a lot people on County warrants. They have a lot of domestic violence calls, traffic, DUI's, some retail thefts, kind of the same thing as the County, but in larger numbers. They are busier than the County is because they have a lot more people.

Chairman Dunn asked if they could get the report on a yearly basis and if it could be cumulative with the next one showing 2016 numbers alongside the 2017 numbers. Lt. Butts agreed saying he would try to do it for the January meetings.

State's Attorney's Office-

Mr. Scott reported that they have a new employee starting Monday who took the Bar Exam this week. He is a former police officer with the U of I Police. He should be pretty good. He has a 711 license so he can handle cases in court under the supervision of a licensed attorney. As of March 6, one of the attorneys returns from maternity leave and the office will be back to full staff in the Criminal Division. There have been a lot of problems getting everything covered due to being short handed. There is one full time intern from ISU and three part time interns from Millikin. They are helping out a lot and getting some things done.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT – none

NEXT MEETING – March 23, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

There was no quorum / no meeting. Chairman Dunn thanked everyone for the reports.

Notes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office

**Macon County
Sheriff's Office
2016
Stats**



**STATS 2016
MSO**

Total Calls For Service/32,115

DVA Calls/355

Total Accidents/563

Fatalities/3

Citations/2,854

Written Warnings/3,721

Verbal Warnings/5

Trespass Warning/96

Racial Profiling/4,867

Total DUI Arrests/169

Total Felony Arrests/904

Total Misdemeanor Arrests/408

Warrants

Active 475

Quashed 468

Persons Wanted 72

Returned to Court Served 1,407

Civil Process

8,865 MSO

655 Out of County

9,520 Total Papers

Civil Process/OP

401 MSO

78 Out of County

479 Total Papers

Total Bookings For Jail/1,655

Total Charges/1,909

**STATS 2016
Cannabis
MSO**

Charges	Arrests
Possession of Drug Equipment	136
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia/Citaion	20
Calculated Cannabis Conspiracy	9
Delivery of Cannabis 30GM and Under	4
Delivery of Cannabis Over 30GM	9
Possession of Cannabis 2.5GM Not More Than/Citation	38
Possession of Cannabis Over 30GM	4
Total Cannabis Arrests	220

**STATS 2016
Controlled Substance
MSO**

Charges	Arrests
Contraband in Jail	3
Possession of Controlled Substance	60
Manufacture or Delivery of Controlled Substance	3
Use, Sale or Delivery of Intoxicating Compounds	1
Unlawful Disposal of Methamphetamine Manufacturing Waste	1
Manufacturing Methamphetamine	9
Poss Delivery of Materials (Not Meth Precursor) With Intent to Manufacture	6
Meth, Meth Precursor or Anhydrous Ammonia Trafficking	1
Delivery of a Controlled Substance Within a 1000 Ft of Church	1
Possession or Delivery of Meth Precursors	2
Possession of Methamphetamine	7
Using or Allow Use Property For Methamphetamine Offenses	3
Sale or Possess Hypodermic Needles	2
Sale or Possess Look-A-Like Cont Substance	1
Total Cont/Sub Felony/Arrests	100

**Macon County Sheriff's Office
Outside Agencies Booked In
Macon County Jail
2016**

Decatur Police Department	3,050/5,735
Decatur Park District	23
ISP District 10	34
Macon County Probation	24
Macon County Sheriff's Office	1,655/1,909
Macon County States Attorney	3
Maroa Police Department	18
Millikin University	4
Mt. Zion Police Department	39/107
Natural Resources	5
Niantic Police Department	0
Oreana Police Department	0
Task Force Decatur	0
U.S. Marshal Springfield	0
Warrensburg Police Department	9