

JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 25, 2017 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Dunn
Dave Drobisch
Jerry Potts
Bill Oliver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland
Jon Baxter
Greg Mattingley

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jay Scott, State's Attorney
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Steve Perbix, Public Defender
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept
Pat Berter, Probation
Jerry Lord, DPBC
Judge Webber
Carol Reed, Auditor
Mary Eaton, Recorder
Mike Day, Coroner
Lt. Root, EMA
Lois Durbin, Circuit Clerk
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

Chairman Jay Dunn called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mr. Drobisch, and the motion carried 4-0

CLAIMS

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Mr. Oliver and the motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk –

Ms. Durbin reported that the office is moving pretty fast on e-business & e-filing. The hope is that, by the beginning of Fall, they will be working with Pro Se' people on showing them how to do it. There have been a few people Pro Se' using it already. It is moving right along. This office has been #1 in the state as far as the number of filings. Since November, over 6,000 filings have been done. About a week ago, there were 195 in one day.

There were no questions. Chairman Dunn stated that Ms. Durbin is doing a great job.

Circuit Court –

Judge Webber reported that interviews to replace Judge Scott Diamond who retired would be done on Friday. There are 27 applicants. Only those that did not apply for Judge Hubbard's seat will be interviewed, but that still makes 16 new applicants. Many are from Champaign County. The hope is to have a decision, depending on how quickly the Administrative Office gets the ballots out and counted, by the end of June.

Coroner – No report

Court Services / Probation –

Mr. Berter reported that they are still going through the Specialty Courts certification. There are some individuals from the Illinois Center of Excellence doing training for the Specialty Court staff. The hope is that the Administrative Office will come back at the end of June or beginning of July to do another site observation. The hope is to continue moving forward with the certification process.

Mr. Berter reported that the State of Illinois currently owes Macon County \$926,139.40 in reimbursements for probation. The last payment received was for July. Some other counties have just received payments for June. Mr. Berter said he would be going before the finance committee next week to try to create a plan as to what to do to address this.

EMA –

On May 8th, the Buckeye Pipeline had a leak on Hackney Road just south of Warrensburg. There was a leak that spilled into the waterway and resulted in a full week of emergency operations because the spill was actually gasoline. Unlike the diesel fuel, which is a little easier to manage, they were able to fix the pipe and get everything back up and running. There was a reimbursement request submitted to Buckeye for costs associated with our response. The hope is that they will reimburse our wages and everything we used in regard to the spill. This is not the new pipeline. It is an old one installed in 1950.

There is going to be a grant opening up for IEMA. It is an EOC technology grant. Lt. Root requested permission to submit a grant application when it is announced in June. There is a possibility we can get some technology for the EOC renovation that is going to be completed by the end of the year.

Lt. Root reported that he had submitted a grant application for the Illinois Plan for Radiological Accidents. This grant is usually about a \$9,000 grant. This next year, starting July 1st, will include an additional \$38,000 for furniture for the EOC. The hope is to get the grant for the furniture so it won't have to come out of our own pockets for that.

Public Building Commission – No report

Public Defender –

Mr. Perbix stated that Mr. Forbes was in training, so he was reporting that the office has lost an employee effective June 16. Ken Cloyd, an Assistant Public Defender, is leaving. That position is being posted through the Decatur Bar Association and other sources.

Sheriff's Department –

Lt. Butts reported that they have hired two additional Court Security Officers. They have completed their required training, passed their state certifications, and are now in training at the courthouse. The hope is that there will be two officers at the County Office Building the week of June 5. Scheduling and rotation is not yet finalized. There is one senior officer who is interested in coming over and working the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift. The second officer will work a 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. shift and flex their hours based on meetings. Lt. Butts said he is pretty excited about having two new officers on board for this building for security purposes.

Chairman Dunn asked if they were still looking for more. Lt. Butts explained that Dale Tomlinson is leaving next Friday. Somebody else is on the eligibility list, so that position will probably be replaced. One other position has been filled. It was Officer Park's, who passed away last year, position. That will bring the department up to full staff.

State's Attorney's Office-

Mr. Scott stated that he is happy to report that they are finally back at full staff for attorneys. A couple have been hired this year. That makes things a little better. When short-staffed, it is hard to get everything covered and people have to take on additional work. The office is packed to the gills for the summer with 6 summer interns so far and two more coming on in June. They are being put to good use getting things done that there has not been time for.

Since January, there have been 12 felony / jury trials and all 12 have been won. People are doing a good job. These have been some tough cases. He commended Kate Kurtz and Nichole Kronke for doing a great job.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT – none

NEXT MEETING June 22, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Drobisch, the motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office