

JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 22, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Dunn
Bill Oliver
Dave Drobisch
Jerry Potts
Grant Noland
Debra Kraft

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Mattingley

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sheriff Howard G. Buffett
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Sherry Doty, Circuit Clerk
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept
Pat Berter, Probation
Lt. Jim Root, EMA
Judge Webber
Mike Day, Coroner's Office
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

Chairman 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 January 25, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mr. Drobisch, and the motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Mr. Oliver and the motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk –

Ms. Doty reported that as of July 1st, according to rumors at the Circuit Clerk's meetings, because nothing official has been received yet, the criminal, juvenile, & traffic will all go to e-filing. She said they will be totally paperless by next year.

Circuit Court –

Judge Webber reported that he had seen an article last week that the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, that's Federal, in Texas had found that the cash bail system in Harris County, TX which is Houston unconstitutional. They basically, apparently had a set schedule for most all offenses. We don't have that here, although we do have some scheduled bail for petty offenses such as traffic offenses or conservation offenses. The momentum keeps gaining across the country. It is a pretty conservative Circuit down there that is frowning on many forms of cash bail. It is going to be coming to Illinois soon enough in one form or another. He advised they keep an eye on it.

Coroner –No report

Court Services / Probation –

Mr. Berter reported that the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts are here this week reviewing our Specialty Courts programs. They interviewed Judge Bollinger on Tuesday, they are interviewing the rest of the team members today, and then they will be at Drug Court tomorrow

observing that. Then we should have a report in the next couple of weeks on what we need to do. We will go from there on the certification process.

EMA –

Lt. Root reported that on March 6th at 10 a.m. there will be a statewide tornado drill and all the NOAA weather radios would be going off. If anyone wants to participate and exercise their procedures, now would be the time to do that. Everyone needs to be aware of it because sometimes people misunderstand that as an actual tornado. It will be a drill, it is statewide, and all the NOAA weather radio outlets will broadcast it. Chairman Dunn asked if all the offices should go through the drill. Lt. Root said it would be a good time to do it so they can refresh their procedures on what they need to do. Chairman Dunn asked Lt. Root to send the information so it could be broadcast to everybody. He said we would send it out as an FYI and encourage them to take that time to have a drill.

Public Building Commission – No Report

Sheriff's Department –

Lt. Butts reported that for the March 22nd Justice Committee meeting, former Sheriff Schneider is inviting committee members or any other board member or elected official or department head that would like to tour the new Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center to come out at 1 p.m. It is at the corner of Route 51 & Grove Road. It should only last about 45 minutes. Lt. Butts said that if there is any interest after that, everyone could come to the Law Enforcement Center for a tour. Chairman Dunn asked Lt. Butts to send the information so it could also be sent out to everyone.

State's Attorney's Office- No Report

Public Defender's Office – No Report

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT – none

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

CLOSED SESSION – None needed

NEXT MEETING Thursday, March 22, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Potts, the motion carried 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office