

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jay Dunn  
Bill Oliver  
Dave Drobisch  
Greg Mattingley

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jerry Potts  
Debra Kraft

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Dave Ellison, Public Defender  
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office  
Lois Durbin, Circuit Clerk  
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept  
Pat Berter, Probation  
Judge Webber  
JonPerona, PBC  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, 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 had no report

***Circuit Court –***

Judge Webber reported that they had the certification team from the Administrative Office visit the Specialty Courts. The reports have come back. The Judge said he thought they were in very good shape. In both courts, one of the team members from Heritage has not gone through training. When that is completed, the expectation is that both programs will be certified by the AO.

The grant support for the mortgage mediation program will end in May. It will have to be entirely self-supporting. The process has been started with the Administrative Office to increase the fee from \$75 to \$100. The University of Illinois, Community Preservation Clinic, that started this have made some projections which the AO wants. Once they approve it, Judge Webber said he would be back before the committee and full board to see about bumping it up next year to \$100 for filing to make the program completely self-supporting. The Law Librarian & Navigator, Sundi Barrett, will be the program manager. Chairman Dunn asked if there was going to be a gap where some funding would have to be provided. Judge Webber said no, he had told everyone all along that it must be a self-supporting program. He said he did not expect to ask nor get any support from the board for it.

***Coroner –No report***

***Court Services / Probation –***

Mr. Berter reported that the Adult Supervisor, Clint Walters, last day will be April 30<sup>th</sup>. He is taking the Teen Justice position with Millikin. His goal is to eventually teach at Millikin. **The position will not be filled. Mr. Berter said they would continue to do their transition according to their 5 year plan to not fill positions as staff is lost. Mr. Berter said that as far as budget, the need is to lose 6. The hope is to lose those 6 through attrition.**

There are currently three juveniles in detention.

***EMA –No report***

***Public Building Commission –***

Mr. Perona had no report

***Public Defender's Office –***

Mr. Ellison reported that they had lost their office manager, Terri Tate who has passed away. Beth Nihiser, former receptionist, will be taking over the position of office manager. The receptionist position is being advertised on the website and the hope is to have it filled within the first two weeks of April.

Karen Root has left the office. Michelle Sanders came back in a full time position. The office is now fully staffed as far as attorneys go.

***Sheriff's Department –***

***Macon County Board Resolution Recognizing April 2018 as "National Donate Life Month"***

Lt. Butts reported that this is something that is done every year to recognize the importance of organ and tissue donation. Currently in Illinois, there are approximately 5,000 people waiting for donated organs and tissue and 100,000 people across the country that are waiting. The City will recognize this at their April 2 Council meeting. Lt. Butts said he sits on the board and at a recent meeting learned about a tragedy that happened in Normal where a 17 year old lost her life in a car accident last week. In Illinois, 16 & 17 year olds cannot become tissue /organ donors with intent, but parents / guardians can. At least 5 of her organs went on to be used by people on the waiting list. This is something that can turn tragedy into a lifesaving situation for someone else.

Mr. Oliver made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and the motion carried 4-0.

Lt. Butts announced that Dave Hambrecht, the department's accountant is leaving May 4<sup>th</sup>. That position will be posted. Mr. Hambrecht has been with the department 6 or 7 years and does an excellent job. He will be missed.

***State's Attorney's Office- No Report***

**CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Chairman Dunn said he had gone to the tour led by Ed Culp at the new Law Enforcement Training Center and it was excellent. It is a great facility and he encouraged anyone that got the chance to take the tour because it is just amazing. This will be a boon for Decatur and Macon County for a lot of different reasons.

**OLD BUSINESS -** None

**NEW BUSINESS –** None

**CLOSED SESSION –** None needed

**NEXT MEETING** Thursday, April 26, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Drobisch, the motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office