

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 24, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jay Dunn  
Jerry Potts  
Dave Drobisch  
Debra Kraft

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Grant Noland  
Bill Oliver  
Greg Mattingley

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Dave Ellison, Public Defender  
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office  
Lois Durbin, Circuit Clerk  
Lt. Kris Thompson, Sheriff's Dept - jail  
Jim Taylor, Probation  
Judge Webber  
Sheriff Howard Buffett  
Jon Perona, PBC  
Jay Scott, State's Attorney  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mr. Drobisch, and the motion carried 4-0.

**CLAIMS**

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

**REPORTS**

***Circuit Clerk –***

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Fee Cost Study for Circuit Clerk's Office***

Mr. Potts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve and the motion carried 4-0.

***Circuit Court –***

Judge Webber reported that the Court Reporter Supervisor, Joyce Galla, announced her retirement effective July 31. There are no resume's on file. Champaign County is down two court reporters and cannot fill the positions. It is a question of when and if we will be able to fill her position after she retires. People are just not going into that profession. Court Reporters are paid by the State, not the county. If we are down another reporter in addition to the one we lost when Kelly Geisler retired and her position was reassigned to Champaign County. If we can't replace Joyce, we will be down two reporters which will require our next supervisor to do a lot of juggling to keep our courtrooms and control room staffed.

***Coroner –No report***

***Court Services / Probation –***

Mr. Taylor had no report

***EMA –No report***

***Public Building Commission –***

Mr. Perona had no report

***Public Defender's Office –***

Mr. Ellison reported that Judge Webber has found a possible source of income on our sexually violent persons. The county is required to pay for the examination and report from the psychiatrist that examines them on our behalf. The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts has a funded reimbursement program that is going to deal with not only the psychiatrist, but also the hours that the attorneys put in on it. We were not aware of that. That is going to be coming down the road. We have some of those coming up now that the office is going to ask the county to pay the bill on and then the office is looking to get reimbursed for it. This is something we will be doing resolutions on. What happens is that the county pays for it and then we have to ask for reimbursement and the interesting thing is that we can get the hourly rate for every one of the attorneys handling those paid for the hours they spend on those cases.

Everything else is going well. There are no staffing changes.

***Sheriff's Department –***

***Chairman Dunn announced that there was a resolution on the agenda to modify the court service fee that he would be pulling in order to get a little more data before bringing it back.***

Sheriff Buffett had no report.

***State's Attorney's Office-***

Mr. Scott had no report.

**CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

**CLOSED SESSION – None needed**

**NEXT MEETING Thursday, June 28, 2018**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kraft, the motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office