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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Law & Justice Committee Minutes
April 25, 2016**

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order. Those present were Mr. Cribben, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, and Chairman Frieders. Ms. Askins was absent. A quorum was established with six Members present and one absent.

Others present were Margi Gilmour, Dennis Miller, and Glenna Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Ms. Little and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from March 28, 2016.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Tobias, seconded by Mr. Stoddard and it was carried unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made by the public.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Defender's Report for March 2016. No additional comments were made.

COURT SERVICES REPORT

DeKalb County Court Services Director Margi Gilmour presented and placed on file her monthly reports with the Committee. She additionally shared that they have one youth that remains in residential placement and she anticipated the status of that will not change until at least late summer. Ms. Gilmour reviewed her juvenile report with the Committee Members and shared that as far as costs go, they are currently at about the same cost as they were last year, maybe a little under year to date in detention expenditures.

Ms. Gilmour shared that she did receive good word from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Council that they were approved for another \$89,000 grant. This means that they will be able to continue the diversion program that is currently being operated. Some of the additional funds are hoping to be used to bring some national experts in to do some trainings and workshops on trauma.

Ms. Gilmour additionally shared that they just submitted a grant to the Bureau of Justice Administration for the HOPE Probation. This was the first Federal Grant Ms. Gilmour had ever written. It is a two year grant and only seven awards are going to be given out in the country. If awarded, the grant money would allow the department to hire a Project Coordinator and be able to offer that specialized type of probation. The program would be able to hold about 30 high risk

clients and it would significantly increase the amount of time someone would experience a consequence if they were to violate their probation. It is currently undetermined when the department may hear whether the grant is being awarded or not.

She lastly reported that her adult report and community services hours were pretty status quo for the month of March and that her and her staff will be joining the Committee in July to present their Annual Pretrial Report.

CONSOLIDATION WAIVER REQUEST FOR 911 DISPATCH CENTERS

DeKalb County E-911 Coordinator Glenna Johnson joined the Committee to review a purposed resolution with the Committee that would support the DeKalb County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) to file a consolidation waiver by June 1, 2016 for the four Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) or otherwise known as dispatch centers. DeKalb County currently has four centers that are hosted by DeKalb County Government, Northern Illinois University, the City of DeKalb, and the City of Sandwich. The State of Illinois

Ms. Johnson explained that a bill awaiting Gov. Bruce Rauner's signature could have some impact on the number of 911 dispatching centers in Illinois. The Senate and the House both passed a rewrite of the state's 911 laws recently, which was set to sunset on July 1. The proposal calls for a consolidation of any Emergency Telephone System Board that doesn't have a PSAP, or 911 dispatching center, into a board that does have a PSAP. Also, the proposal says any county with a population of less than 250,000 that has a single board and more than two answering points (like DeKalb County), the number of dispatching centers must be reduced by 50%. A board or entity may receive a waiver if it can show that consolidation would result in substantial threat to public safety, would be economically unreasonable or would be technically infeasible.

The Committee and Ms. Johnson discussed why consolidating these PSAPs would be a substantial threat to public safety, would be economically unreasonable and would be technically infeasible in DeKalb County. Ms. Johnson requested that the although there are no guarantees, the ETSB is requesting the support of the County Board to file a consolidation waiver in the hopes of DeKalb County being able to keep its current four PSAPs.

Chairman Frieders commented that this item would be hard not to support. The ETSB understanding the situation and if they strongly feeling consolidating PSAPs would not be in DeKalb County's best interest then the Committee and the County Board should support them.

It was moved by Mrs. Tobias, seconded by Ms. Leifheit and it was approved unanimously to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval.

CORONER'S ANNUAL REPORT

DeKalb County Coroner Dennis Miller joined the Committee to present his Annual Coroner's Report dated January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Mr. Miller began by reviewing page 13 of his annual report which outlined the total death investigations of DeKalb County from 2000 through 2015. Mr. Miller commented that all numbers are down a bit from the previous year although he is seeing more difficult/violent cases occurring now as opposed to recent past years. The 2015 numbers relating to natural, accidental, suicidal, and homicidal deaths were

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reviewed as well. Although, cremation permits were slightly down this year, Mr. Miller noted that cremation numbers are still higher in this area as opposed to traditional burials.

Chairman Frieders spoke on behalf of the Committee and the County Board that they all appreciate the work that Mr. Miller does as DeKalb County Coroner and he maintains a very professional and well run Office.

EMERGENCY SERVICES & DISASTER AGENCY (ESDA) ANNUAL REPORT

In addition to being DeKalb County Coroner, Mr. Dennis Miller is additionally the DeKalb County ESDA Director. Mr. Miller presented his 2015 DeKalb County ESDA Annual Report to the Committee and began by noting that the main focus of 2015 was the April 9th tornado that devastated the unincorporated community of Fairdale. The tornado struck Fairdale at approximately 7 p.m. and crossed IL Rt. 72 and destroyed an additional 12-15 other homes and farms. Search & Rescue efforts started at once and continued through mid-day on April 10th. Two individuals lost their lives during the storm. Mr. Miller mentioned that large counties throughout the national and especially DeKalb County would not have been able to deal with this type of disaster on their own and he credited the numerous number of volunteers, organizations, and several surrounding jurisdictions that came to the aid of the Fairdale and surrounding-area residents. Mr. Miller shared that the Sheriff's Mobile Command Post was a great resource to have and was up in Fairdale the evening of the disaster and for a good month afterwards.

Following the events of last April, the County Board also requested that a Long Term Disaster Recovery Plan be developed. The purpose of the Plan is to guide the recovery efforts by DeKalb County officials, emergency personnel, disaster response organizations, and volunteers following a disaster declaration by the County, State, or Federal Governments for any declared disaster in any portion of unincorporated DeKalb County. After extensive research and coordination with the Emergency Preparedness Task Force, DeKalb County is one of the few Counties in the Nation that has a Long Term Disaster Recovery Plan. The DeKalb County Emergency Operations Plan was also updated, finalized and approved in 2015.

Mr. Miller reviewed the remainder of his annual report and was very happy to report that the Evergreen Village Mobile Home Park Mitigation Project was complete and was no longer a huge liability factor for the previous residents.

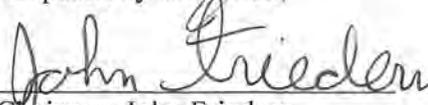
The full Coroner's Annual Report can be viewed at:
<http://dekalbcounty.org/Coroner/pdfs/annrpt2016.pdf>

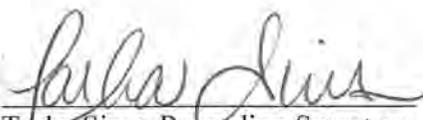
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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Tobias, seconded by Ms. Little, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman John Frieders


Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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2016 Pretrial YTD Information

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bond Investigations Completed												
Felony	28	39	52									
Misdemeanor	24	33	28									
Released on Pre-Trial Supervision												
Felony	19	20	27									
Misdemeanor	3	7	9									
Released with no Pre-trial Supervision (Including those who posted)												
Felony	13	29	31									
Misdemeanor	19	22	17									
Active Pre-Trial Supervision Cases												
Felony	122	136	155									
Misdemeanor	30	37	42									
Violations Reported												
Rules Violation	1	6	2									
Failure to Appear	0	0	0									
New Offense	3	8	6									
Violations Revoked												
Rules Violation	0	0	0									
Failure to Appear	0	0	0									
New Offense	0	2	0									
Successful Terminations	8	5	10									

Cost Avoidance

The Pre-Trial program was operational as of June 9, 2014.

From 6/9/14 - 4/15/16, 356 individuals were released from custody and placed on pre-trial supervision for a total of 55,417 days.

We can't definitively say the pre-trial program is the only element responsible for the release of those individuals, as other factors may be involved. However, prior to the implementation of the pre-trial program the court did not have the benefit of the bond investigation reports with verified information to include a risk assessment or the ability to order individuals released to report to the Pre-Trial Officers for supervision while out on bond.