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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Law & Justice Committee Minutes  
August 22, 2016**

The Law & Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met Monday, August 22, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Administration Building's Conference Room East in Sycamore, Illinois. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order. Those present were Ms. Askins, Mr. Cribben, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Stoddard, Ms. Tobias and Chairman Frieders. All 7 members were present.

Others that were present included Margi Gilmour and Thomas McCulloch.

**APPROVAL OF THE MIINUTES**

**It was moved by Mr. Stoddard and seconded by Ms. Askins to approve the minutes from July 25, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was moved by Ms. Tobias and seconded by Ms. Askins to approve the agenda as presented. Chairman Frieders requested to amend the agenda by adding an item related to the sober living house under "Other Business". The motion carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT**

Thomas McCulloch, Public Defender stated that his office has more cases closed than open at this point and that although it's always difficult working around vacations during the summer, he feels things are moving along well.

Mr. Stoddard asked how many cases typically go to trial and Mr. McCulloch responded that out of 100 cases, more than 90 usually result in a plea of guilty. Ms. Askins inquired about the "other" category on the report for July. Mr. McCulloch stated that the "other" category includes fugitive cases as well as cases in which dangerous individuals are deemed to be a significant threat to the public and are remanded into custody after their sentences have been served. He also mentioned that adoption cases can also fall into the "other" category.

Chairman Frieders thanked Mr. McCulloch for his report.

### **COURT SERVICES' REPORT**

Margi Gilmour, Court Services Director reviewed the *Juvenile Placement / Detention Report* and stated that there is good news to report in that there are still no youth in residential placement. She stated that there were nine admissions to the detention center during the month and that this number is down from the previous month. Ms. Gilmour mentioned that the detention center admission number is still a bit high and referenced ongoing weapons-related offenses and community safety concerns that have added to the number of detentions and that this concern was reviewed in detail during the previous Law & Justice Committee meeting.

Several committee members expressed concern over the young ages listed for some of the youth detained at the Juvenile Justice Center and the number of times some juveniles have been detained. Ms. Gilmour explained that the situation is frustrating and that Court Services is taking a close look at cases in an effort to determine effective intervention strategies and that the process is very challenging. She also mentioned that unfortunately, there always seems to be a small percentage of youth that continue to violate orders. Chairman Frieders inquired about the residency program for youth that continue to violate orders and Ms. Gilmour explained that residency doesn't always yield the best outcome and is costly. She mentioned that the youth referenced in the report don't have the typical behaviors that would qualify them for residency and that the outcome is usually better if the youth is allowed to remain in the community.

Ms. Gilmour outlined that the Adult Court Services data includes 26 new probation cases. She mentioned that there are 957 administrative cases and that although this is a big number, these include "non-reporting" cases and cases that involve community service and other cases that don't require frequent monitoring.

Ms. Gilmour reviewed that there are 78 new adult community restitution service cases with approximately 4,800 hours completed and 4 new juvenile cases with approximately 160 hours completed. Ms. Gilmour mentioned that it is difficult to find worksites that will accept the youth, as supervision is an issue.

Ms. Gilmour reviewed the pre-trial data, stating that there were 82 bond reports in July with 48 resulting in release with no pre-trial supervision and 36 that were put on pre-trial supervision. She stated that there are now over 300 active pre-trial supervision cases and that 16 cases have been successfully terminated. Ms. Gilmour mentioned that there were 15 new offenses and that this figure includes violations reported for individuals already on pre-trial supervision. She stated that the number of violations reported for individuals already on pre-trial supervision remains relatively low. Ms. Askins inquired about the zeroes in the "failure to appear" columns for January through July and whether that data reflects the total number of individuals that fail to appear, or if the data just reflects those that are on pre-trial supervision. Ms. Gilmour responded that the data just reflects the number of individuals that are on pre-trial supervision that fail to appear. Ms. Gilmour mentioned that the incidence of "failure to appear" among this group remains at zero due to the call program that has been implemented to remind individuals of their court dates.

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Ms. Tobias inquired about potential bail reform measures and their impact on the pre-trial program. Ms. Gilmour responded that bail reform is a good thing and that she doesn't anticipate anything changing with pre-trial services, as the program is mandated by statute and the risk-assessment component of the program has become a key element in screening for high-risk individuals. Ms. Gilmour added and that this risk-assessment component would continue to play a key role in a cashless bail system. Ms. Gilmour also stated that research shows posting a cash bond has no impact on the probability of an individual failing to appear or committing additional crimes. She added that she hopes legislation will be implemented to prevent very high-risk offenders from having the ability to bond out of jail.

Chairman Frieders thanked Ms. Gilmour for her report.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Frieders suggested that the Law & Justice Committee members visit the sober living house either before or during the next scheduled meeting. Ms. Leifheit agreed that a visit to the sober living house is a good idea. Chairman Frieders stated that he will speak with Gary Hanson to arrange the visit and that scheduling details will be communicated, once available.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Tobias moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Ms. Little. The motion carried unanimously.**



Christie Klein, Recording Secretary



John Frieders, Chairman



**FY 2016**

**JUVENILE PLACEMENT/DETENTION REPORT**

**PLACEMENT**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Residential placements at beginning of mo.	2	2	1	1	1	1	0					
Minors placed during the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Minors released during the month	0	1	0	0	0	1	0					
Minors in residential placement at end of mo.	2	2	1	1	1	0	0					

**DETENTION**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Minors in detention at beginning of month	3	1	3	4	3	2	7					
Minors detained during the month	7	5	6	7	10	16	9					
Minors released during the month	9	3	5	8	11	11	13					
Minors in detention at end of month	1	3	4	3	2	7	3					

Average daily population for mo.admissions	<1	2	1.5	1	1	3	2					
Average length of stay for mo. admissions	2.5 days	13 days	8 days	4.5 days	4 days	6 days	7 days					

**DEKALB COUNTY ADULT COURT SERVICES  
MONTHLY REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**PROBATION**

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Total
PSI's Ordered	2	2	3	4	1	2	2						
PSI's Completed	1	1	3	3	3	3	1						
New Active Cases	23	27	27	23	28	26	26						
Felony	368	374	368	361	368	362	361						
Misdemeanor	136	134	133	136	135	142	144						
DUI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Traffic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Active Caseload	504	508	501	497	503	504	505						
Pending Intakes	76	72	63	87	80	83	74						
Total Active Caseload	580	580	564	584	583	587	579						
Administrative Cases	967	963	973	965	971	967	957						
Transfer In Cases	6	15	6	11	5	7	12						
Transfer Out Cases	9	8	9	9	8	8	9						
Tech Viol. Reported	32	44	49	25	25	28	27						
Crim. Viol. Reported	13	16	17	17	16	14	20						
Tech. - No Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Tech. - Finding Viol.	6	2	3	6	1	1	3						
Crim. - No Violation	0	0	0	1	0	0	0						
Crim. - Finding Viol.	4	3	3	0	3	1	2						
Successful Terminations	16	16	17	26	13	14	16						

**COMMUNITY RESTITUTION SERVICE**

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
# Adults Referred	81	66	88	75	68	62	78						
# Hours Ordered	8,525	7,110	7,780	9,359	7,839	5,133	6,961						
# Hours Completed	6,245	3,736	6,411	7,388	5,586	3,940	4,793						

# Juveniles Referred	5	1	7	6	6	5	4						
# Hours Ordered	120	30	340	170	175	220	190						
# Hours Completed	78	62	17	65	100	29	164						

## 2016 Pretrial YTD Information

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Bond Investigations Completed</b>												
Felony	28	39	52	39	46	48	34					
Misdemeanor	24	33	28	43	32	46	48					
<b>Released on Pre-Trial Supervision</b>												
Felony	19	20	27	26	24	20	27					
Misdemeanor	3	7	9	13	12	14	9					
<b>Released with no Pre-trial Supervision (Including those who posted)</b>												
Felony	13	29	31	27	26	36	15					
Misdemeanor	19	22	17	27	19	27	33					
<b>Active Pre-Trial Supervision Cases</b>												
Felony	122	136	155	171	185	196	210					
Misdemeanor	30	37	42	51	62	74	77					
<b>Violations Reported</b>												
Rules Violation	1	6	2	0	0	2	4					
Failure to Appear	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
New Offense	3	8	6	6	9	18	15					
<b>Violations Revoked</b>												
Rules Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Failure to Appear	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
New Offense	0	2	0	0	0	1	0					
<b>Successful Terminations</b>	8	5	10	14	10	10	16					