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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

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

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order. Those present were Ms. Askins, Mr. Cribben, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Stoddard, Mrs. Tobias, and Chairman Frieders. A quorum was established with all seven Members present.

Others present were Margi Gilmour and Michael Douglas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Askins, seconded by Mrs. Tobias and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from January 25, 2016.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. Cribben 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 the Public Defender's Report for January 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 one juvenile that has been in residential placement was successfully released last week. Ms. Gilmour outlined some numbers in her juvenile and adult reports as well. She noted that she would like to come to the Committee in June or July to provide a Comprehensive Annual Report for the Pretrial Program. By that time it will be the 2nd Anniversary of the program and there will be additionally data and information collected in order to give a better overview of what changing the Bond Call to 1 p.m. has done for the system.

Ms. Gilmour additionally noted that briefly running Pretrial data it was noticed that since the 1 p.m. bond call the Pretrial Officers are now doing bond investigation before first appearances that that individuals are being released from custody in 1-2 days as opposed to about 4.5 days. Part of that 1-2 days is weekends because Ms. Gilmour noted she does not staff weekends. That data is currently being analyzed to determine what the costs savings of the program may be.

DETENTION COSTS ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Gilmour reported that this is the fifth Intergovernmental Agreement with the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). The first IGA was in 1997 and Ms. Gilmour shared that she believes it has been a very fruitful relationship. The transportation is not terrible and her Department has seen significant cost drops and over numbers have decreased, especially from 2014 to 2015.

Ms. Gilmour shared that the juveniles are in good care while at the facility and there is a good working relationship with the JJC and there is excellent communication and reports shared. It was clarified that the Juvenile Justice Center is located on IL Route 38 on the south-side of the road by the Courthouse, not to be confused with the State facility on the north-side.

The Committee agreed that from the sounds of the location, great communication, and cost that Kane County JJC is the best location to house DeKalb County Juveniles. Ms. Gilmour reiterated as well that detaining a youth is only used as a last resort.

The Committee lastly discussed the possibility of tracking the outcome of the youth that are being detained as juveniles and/or if they are receiving their high school diplomas or GED. Ms. Gilmour shared that the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts has talked about entering into a partnership with the Illinois State Police in order for probation offices to be check outcome data.

SOBER LIVING HOME UPDATE

DeKalb County Drug/DUI Court Coordinator Michael Douglas updated the Committee on the Sober Living Home located at 491 E. State Street in Sycamore. He shared that the second week of January both furnaces in the home went out and within a week of no one visiting the home, pipes burst and froze and unfortunately the kitchen is a total loss. That is now going through the insurance claim process.

Mr. Douglas noted that he is working with Sharp Architects Inc. out of DeKalb on the remodel and accessibility code portions of the project. They have suggested to fix the kitchen back the way it was prior to the water damage instead of applying this new project on top of the damages to save money. After the water damages are cleared up the plan is to go back out for bid on the accessibility compliances for the home, which is the original project that they were trying to get done months ago.

Originally after a couple of contractor looked at the home Mr. Douglas noted that they had a ballpark figure in mind that they would need about \$40-45,000 to complete the project. Instead, they received two bids back from two different local contractors ranging from \$87-90,000. Because the bids were so high, they wanted to go back and better advertise and re-bid the project. It was noted that the architects agreed that the bids that came back were on the high-side as well. The bids for the project contain a ramp that needs to be built on the front of the home and a remodeled ADA compliant kitchen and bathroom.

As of right now, there are carpenters working on replacing drywall and flooring and putting the house back the way it was prior to the damages on the first floor. Also anything that they can avoid doing to prepare for the ADA upgrades they will do as well.

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Chairman Frieders noted that the Committee and Board Members have been receiving questions about the project so it was important that they received facts regarding the progress of the home to ensure that the right information was being relayed.

As far as the timetable of the project goes, Mr. Douglas estimated that in order to get the shell space of the first floor back to the way it was prior to the damage will take about 3-4 weeks. From that point they will begin the re-bid process which is 2 weeks and then a decision will be made about 6 weeks after that. The project to do all of the ADA modifications is estimated to take 4-6 weeks. The hope is to have the home ready to be moved in by early summer.

Mr. Douglas shared that he has been able to secure some additional funding from the DeKalb County Community Foundation in the sum of \$12,500 and they had a private donor who matched those funds which left them with a total of \$25,000 in funds. Currently that will cover the architect fees. He reiterated that any other additional costs for the home will be coming out of the Drug/DUI Court Fund.

Mr. Douglas also shared that the process of finding and interviewing for a Sober House Manager is currently happening right now so that when the house is complete, there will be no delays in moving in and be ready to operate.

The Committee noted that they were glad that Mr. Douglas was able to come and update them on the Sober Living Home because they had many unanswered questions. The Committee agreed that they would like to invite Mr. Douglas back to the Committee in a couple months to hopefully provide a report filled with good news.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Askins, 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											
Misdemeanor	24											
Released on Pre-Trial Supervision												
Felony	19											
Misdemeanor	3											
Released with no Pre-trial Supervision (Including those who posted)												
Felony	13											
Misdemeanor	19											
Active Pre-Trial Supervision Cases												
Felony	122											
Misdemeanor	30											
Violations Reported												
Rules Violation	1											
Failure to Appear	0											
New Offense	3											
Violations Revoked												
Rules Violation	0											
Failure to Appear	0											
New Offense	0											
Successful Terminations	8											

Cost Avoidance

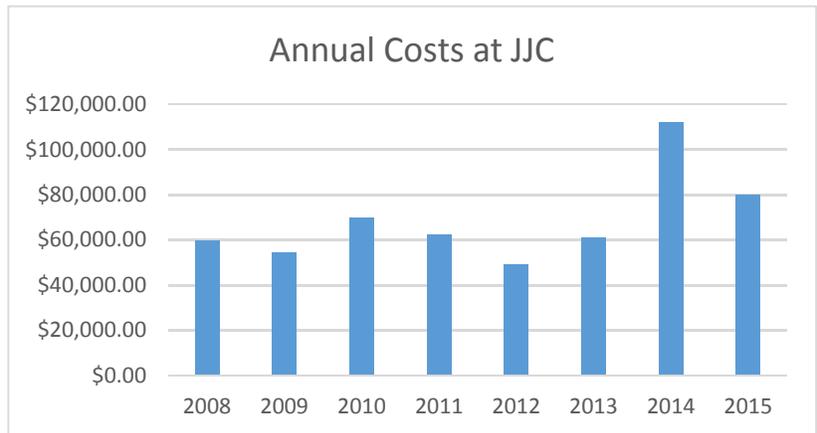
The Pre-Trial program was operational as of June 9, 2014.

From 6/9/14 - 2/11/16, 256 individuals were released from custody and placed on pre-trial supervision for a total of 44,201 days.

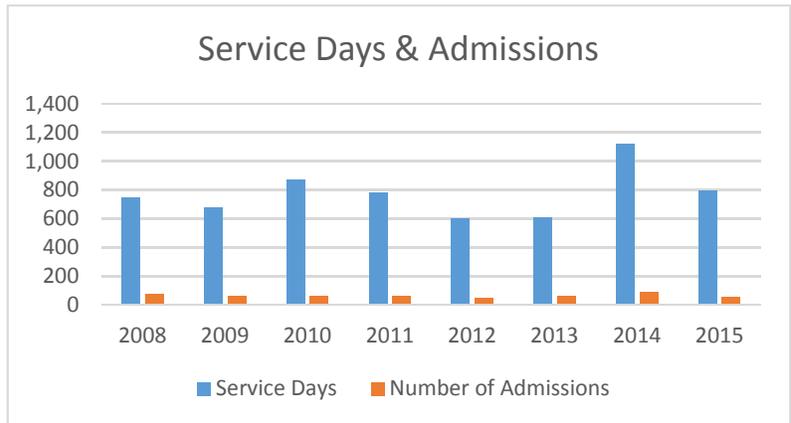
We can't definitively say the pre-trial program is the only element responsible for the release of those individuals, as other factors may be involved. However, prior to the implementation of the pre-trial program the court did not have the benefit of the bond investigation reports with verified information 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.

Kane County Juvenile Justice Center
 Costs, Service Days, Admissions
 2008 - 2015

Annual Costs at JJC	
Year	Costs
2008	\$59,520.00
2009	\$54,240.00
2010	\$69,760.00
2011	\$62,409.00
2012	\$48,860.00
2013	\$60,900.00
2014	\$111,840.00
2015	\$79,800.00



Service Days & Admissions		
Year	Service Days	Number of Admissions
2008	744	76
2009	678	62
2010	872	64
2011	780	60
2012	602	49
2013	609	62
2014	1,118	91
2015	798	52



Year	Average Daily Population	Average Length of Stay
2008	2	10 days
2009	2	11 days
2010	2	14 days
2011	2	13 days
2012	1.5	12 days
2013	1.5	10 days
2014	3	12 days
2015	2	15 days