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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Law & Justice Committee Minutes
January 23, 2017**

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building's Conference Room East in Sycamore, Illinois. Chairman Leifheit called the meeting to order. Those present were Mr. Frieders, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. Plote, Mr. Whelan, and Chairman Leifheit. Ms. Askins and Mr. Luebke were absent. A quorum was established with five Members present and two absent.

Others present were Gary Hanson, Margi Gilmour, Tom McCulloch, Steve Reid, Greg Millburg, Michael Douglas, Rick Amato, Judge Robbin Stuckert, and the Media.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Frieders moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2016 Committee Meeting. Mr. Whelan seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented to the Committee.

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT

DeKalb County Public Defender Tom McCulloch introduced himself to the new Committee Members and presented his monthly report to be placed on file.

During discussions, Mr. McCulloch noted that one of his jobs as Public Defender is to manage the County's money within his department and he asked the Committee what they perceive their job to be when it comes to the Public Defender's Office. By asking this question, Mr. McCulloch shared that he hopes to create a more open dialog with the Committee.

The group additionally reviewed the Defender's Office's short staffing and staff retaining issues along with case lengths, types of cases the Public Defender gets appointed to, and future budget shortfalls.

COURT SERVICES REPORT

DeKalb County Court Services Director Margi Gilmour reported and placed on file her monthly Adult, Juvenile and Pretrial Reports. Ms. Gilmour noted that if there is any information that is not being reported that the Committee would like to see, she would be more than happy to make any revisions to her reports.

A couple highlights that Ms. Gilmour reviewed is that there was an average of 572 cases for her six Adult Officers which is manageable for them. The caseloads are currently being broke up by risk level. There were 294 reporting active cases in 2016 and on a positive note they had 207 successful terminations.

The Pre-trial Program had a very busy and successful year. They completed 983 bond investigations in 2016 and 446 individuals were released on Pre-trial Supervision. Ms. Gilmour additionally thanked the County Board for approving the additional third Pre-trial Offices which was filled on January 9th which was just in time because they hit a record-high for bond investigation reports last week. The next quarterly Pre-trial report is scheduled for April.

It was further noted that the juvenile detentions remain on the high-side. There were 11 juveniles detained during the month of December 2016. The Committee spent some additional time discussing the reports and the differences in placement and juvenile detention.

STATE'S ATTORNEY REPORT

Newly-elected DeKalb County State's Attorney Rick Amato joined the Committee to introduce himself and provide an overview of the seven weeks he has been in office. Mr. Amato shared that since becoming State's Attorney, he has been doing an evaluation of the office as a whole which included reviewing any current policies and procedure and working on implementing new ones. He has been meeting with a slew of judicial personnel, law enforcement, and other County Departments. When asked about staffing, Mr. Amato noted that he is still evaluating his office's staffing levels. In doing those evaluations he noted that he is looking at the Public Defender's Office and the Court Services Department as models in hopes to continue progressing and bettering the service level of the State's Attorney's Office.

SOBER LIVING HOME

Treatment Court Coordinator Michael Douglas joined the Committee to provide an update on the status of the Sober Living Home.

To review, in May 2015, the County bought the home at 491 E. State St. in Sycamore for \$145,000. The plan was to convert it to a Sober Living Home for up to seven men. Both furnaces failed over last winter. Because the home was empty, those failures led to water pipes inside to freeze, then burst, causing extensive water damage to the home. While looking into how much those repairs would cost, other problems, including lead-based water main, were discovered. In December 2016, Mr. Hanson made the decision to suspend further remodeling work on the project for 90 days to further assess whether it would be best for the County to vacate the project all together or if a possible alternative funding plans or creative solutions could be found.

Mr. Douglas reviewed that when the Committee last met there was a deficit to finish the home improvements of around \$25,000 which was raised through the generosity of private donors and now since that time, the number has again bloomed to approximately \$40,000 additional that is needed. Leaving them once again with a shortfall to complete the project.

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Mr. Hanson provided an updated spreadsheet that reviewed the more recent financial summary of the Sober Living Home. The summary outlined that the money needed to finish the project equaled \$45,476. That amount includes the most recent pledges, donations, and the County's additional \$75,000 the Board approved to finish the project.

Chairman Leifheit shared that the County Board would like the Sober Living Home to exist and be successful but the money continues to be a problem. There have been a lot of ideas thrown around that may help get the project completed and she knows that the Friends of Drug Court have been fundraising as much as possible.

Mr. Douglas and DeKalb County Chief Judge Robbin Stuckert noted they were originally asked to come up with the last deficit of \$25,000 which they were able to do through multiple private donors in about a week's time. Since the deficit has increased to now over \$40,000, the private donors are not willing to put any more money into the project due to the numbers continually changing and increasing with no end in sight and she nor Mike can answer why the amounts keep increasing. Judge Stuckert shared that the spreadsheet before them is new and they had not seen it prior to the meeting. The Judge further noted that they are not in control of the numbers and have not been part of what the County is doing with the contractors or anything that has to do with the remodeling of the home.

Mr. Frieders commented that he understood that Judge Stuckert and Mr. Douglas were frustrated with the increasing numbers and that they should also see that the Board is as well but Drug Court, not the County was originally supposed to be in charge of this project and the only County involvement was to purchase the home.

Mr. Douglas explained that he, as a Department Head, have little outside experience with construction permit and issues like that but being a County-owned property, it seemed appropriate at the time to transfer the control of the remodel oversite to the County. Mr. Douglas added that he feels now that if he would remained in control of this project from the beginning, the house would be finished and occupied rather than unfished and vacant.

Mr. Hanson explained that Mr. Douglas wouldn't be able to do a project that is against City of Sycamore code requirements and that he could not do the project for the amount Mr. Douglas had originally said it was going to be. Mr. Hanson said his numbers go by prevailing wage laws and the code requirements that they legally have to abide by.

Mr. Douglas stated that the labor was originally going to be donated and that he stands by his original numbers and his comments.

Mr. Pietrowski noted that he would like to steer the conversation to more solution-based conversation and look for ideas on how they can proceed with finishing the project. Mr. Pietrowski shared that a possibly solution that they may want to explore is moving this project towards the non-profit sector.

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Mr. Pietrowski suggested that the Ben Gordon Center could be a potential partner. The County could draft an agreement for Ben Gordon to take over the project, cover the costs of completing it and run the program. The agreement would contain a provision that if Ben Gordon ever decided to discontinue the program at some point, ownership of the house would revert to the County. Under the proposed plan, he would still suggest that the County put in the additional \$75,000 it approved for the project. Mr. Pietrowski noted that there would be many details to work out but it may be a path forward.

The Committee inquired about how Judge Stuckert would feel about them exploring this suggested avenue with Ben Gordon. She noted that it was all new and she was processing it all but her only reservation is that currently under Ben Gordon, they have no say on the rules, regulations, and monitoring for the females that report there. The purpose of the Sober Living Home was to provide a transitional program for individuals needing a structured environment. It is preferable that the Court and Drug Court Team provide that structured environment so that they would be granting access to the house immediately and be able to drop in several times a day. She welcomed the Committee to look into Ben Gordon taking over the Sober Living Home but would strongly suggest that they find some way for Drug Court to still run the program as they see fit.

Chairman Leifheit noted that this is all new and reiterated that there would be many details to work out and look into but she asked her Committee if they all thought the Ben Gordon option was a path worth pursuing. There was a unanimous consensus from the committee to pursue looking into Ben Gordon taking over the Sober Living Home Project.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Frieders, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman Dianne Leifheit


Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

**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	8	5	4	2	1	36
PSI's Completed	1	1	3	3	3	3	1	3	6	3	8	3	38
New Active Cases	23	27	27	23	28	26	26	28	28	16	23	19	294
Felony	368	374	368	361	368	362	361	360	362	359	352	350	362*
Misdemeanor	136	134	133	136	135	142	144	148	141	135	130	130	137*
DUI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Active Caseload	504	508	501	497	503	504	505	508	503	494	482	480	499*
Pending Intakes	76	72	63	87	80	83	74	72	73	51	73	73	73*
Total Active Caseload	580	580	564	584	583	587	579	580	576	545	555	553	572*
Administrative Cases	967	963	973	965	971	967	957	947	952	951	973	983	964*
Transfer In Cases	6	15	6	11	5	7	12	12	11	4	5	6	100
Transfer Out Cases	9	8	9	9	8	8	9	5	15	6	10	9	105
Tech Viol. Reported	32	44	49	25	25	28	27	43	23	32	25	33	386
Crim. Viol. Reported	13	16	17	17	16	14	20	17	9	16	15	9	179
Tech. - No Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tech. - Finding Viol.	6	2	3	6	1	1	3	5	1	1	4	1	34
Crim. - No Violation	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Crim. - Finding Viol.	4	3	3	0	3	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	23
Successful Terminations	16	16	17	26	13	14	16	22	17	22	18	10	207

* monthly average

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	66	58	56	61	52	811
# Hours Ordered	8,525	7,110	7,780	9,359	7,839	5,133	6,961	8,134	7,537	6,247	8,843	5,801	89,269
# Hours Completed	6,245	3,736	6,411	7,388	5,586	3,940	4,793	5,356	4,195	3,333	3,057	2,891	56,931

# Juveniles Referred	5	1	7	6	6	5	4	4	15	5	3	7	68
# Hours Ordered	120	30	340	170	175	220	190	150	495	200	170	240	2500
# Hours Completed	78	62	17	65	100	29	164	68	8	0	21	54	666

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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	0	0	0	0	0
Minors placed during the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Minors released during the month	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minors in residential placement at end of mo.	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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	3	4	5	6	6
Minors detained during the month	7	5	6	7	10	16	9	11	12	14	9	11
Minors released during the month	9	3	5	8	11	11	13	10	11	13	9	8
Minors in detention at end of month	1	3	4	3	2	7	3	4	5	6	6	9
Average daily population for mo.admissions	<1	2	1.5	1	1	3	2	1.5	3	3	2	3
Average length of stay for mo. admissions	2.5 days	13 days	8 days	4.5 days	4 days	6 days	7 days	4 days	8 days	6.5 days	7 days	9 days

2016 Pretrial YTD Information

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS
Bond Investigations Completed													
Felony	28	39	52	39	46	48	34	59	46	70	40	43	544
Misdemeanor	24	33	28	43	32	46	48	50	31	45	34	25	439
Released on Pre-Trial Supervision													
Felony	19	20	27	26	24	20	27	27	28	35	22	24	299
Misdemeanor	3	7	9	13	12	14	9	13	27	19	11	10	147
Released with no Pre-trial Supervision (Including those who posted)													
Felony	13	29	31	27	26	36	15	44	25	35	20	25	326
Misdemeanor	19	22	17	27	19	27	33	28	20	25	21	12	270
Active Pre-Trial Supervision Cases													
Felony	122	136	155	171	185	196	210	222	234	250	261	269	2411
Misdemeanor	30	37	42	51	62	74	77	82	86	97	101	104	843
Violations Reported													
Rules Violation	1	6	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	1	17
Failure to Appear	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Offense	3	8	6	6	9	18	15	21	26	18	18	16	164
Violations Revoked													
Rules Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to Appear	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Offense	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	7
Successful Terminations	8	5	10	14	10	10	16	21	14	28	15	19	170

SOBER LIVING HOME FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Description	Amounts	Totals
A	Initial Funding		
A-1	County - Acquisition Monies	157,737	
A-2	Drug Court	75,000	
A-3	County Insurance Deductible - Water Damage	9,000	
A-4	Insurance Reimbursement - Water Damage	35,528	
A-99	Initial Money Available		277,265
B	Monies Spent or Owed to Date		
B-1	Property Acquisition	145,000	
B-2	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	9,969	
B-3	Closing Costs	1,333	
B-4	Fencing	1,435	
B-5	Sharp Architects (plus \$3,182 in B-10)	34,357	
B-6	Asbestos & Mold Survey and Remediation	4,095	
B-7	Radon Remediation (Survey)	175	
B-8	Renovation - Paid	12,595	
B-9	Renovation - Incurred, Not Yet Paid	0	
B-10	Broken Pipe - Water Damage	25,138	
B-11	Water Line Replacement (Lead)	12,057	
B-12	Water Line Replacement - Related Parking Brick Work	2,254	
B-13	Public Notices	133	
B-14	Utilities & Operating Costs - Paid	5,847	
B-99	Spent or Owed to Date (01-04-2017)		(254,388)
C	Expenses to be Incurred While Awaiting Full Funding		
C-1	Re-install Brick Parking Area from Water Line Work	2,300	
C-2	Utilities & Operating Costs	1,500	
C-99	Future Expenses		(3,800)
D	Spendable Monies Available Until Full Funding Secured		19,077
F	Monies Held Until Full Funding Secured		
F-1	County - Renovation	75,000	
F-2	Insurance Reimbursements	0	
F-3	Donations - Received	25,000	
F-4	Donations - Pledged	24,000	
F-99	Monies Available for Final Work		124,000
G	Planned Expenses - once all funding is secured		
G-1	General - Base Work	69,016	
G-2	Added Compliance Work - Change Order # 1	55,168	
G-3	Added Compliance Work - Change Order # 2	40,889	
G-4	Radon Remediation	2,500	
G-5	Handicap Ramp	7,500	
G-6	HVAC	9,000	
G-7	Garage Electrical	3,000	
G-8	Flooring & Painting (work by Drug Court)	5,000	
G-9	Architect	2,500	
G-10	Contingency	5,000	
G-11	Planned Expenses - Paid or in Line B-9 above	(11,020)	
G-99	Planned Expenses - once all funding is secured		(188,553)
Z	Money Needed to Finish		(45,476)