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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Law & Justice Committee Minutes
May 22, 2017**

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East in Sycamore, Illinois. Chairman Leifheit called the meeting to order. Those present were Ms. Askins, Mr. Frieders, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Pietrowski, Mr. Whelan, and Chairman Leifheit. Mr. Frieders was absent and Mr. Plote arrived at 6:35 p.m. A quorum was established.

Others that were present included Margi Gilmour, Tom McCulloch, Laurie Emmer, Greg Millburg, Sheriff Roger Scott, Chief Deputy Andrew Sullivan, Chief Joyce Klein, and Deputies Brad Sorenson and Bethany Rowan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Whelan moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 Committee Meeting. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Pietrowski, seconded by Ms. Askins 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 presented and placed on file his monthly report. Mr. McCulloch additionally shared that looking back at the April Report of last year they had opened 1,020 cases and this year's April Report reports that they have opened 1,216 cases. That is about a 20% increase from last year and this year. A great deal of the increase is attributed to domestic violence cases, Mr. McCulloch shared. He additionally added to the Committee that he is always open to emails and to answer any additional questions the Members may have.

COURT SERVICES REPORT

DeKalb County Court Services Director Margi Gilmour briefly reviewed and placed on file her monthly Adult, Juvenile and Pretrial Reports. Ms. Gilmour shared that the month's Adult Reports does not report anything out of the ordinary and that there were 16 cases successfully terminated and 23 new active cases. The community service hours seem to be low but her staff remain busy, Mr. Gilmour shared. There were 5,910 hours ordered and 3,295 hours completed for community restitution services.

For the Pretrial Report, 80 bond investigations were completed in April with 38 successful terminations. Pretrial is also actively supervising 370 cases right now.

Lastly, Mr. Gilmour noted that the juvenile detention numbers continue to be on the low-side, which is the direction that she likes to see those numbers go.

SHERIFF'S ANNUAL REPORT – (Full Report)

Sheriff Scott presented his 2016 Annual Report to the Law & Justice Committee. He reviewed many of the past year's highlights and statistics including the progress of the County Jail Expansion Project. The Sheriff and Deputy's mandates were reviewed and the revenue/reimbursements earned by the Sheriff's Office in 2016 were reported on as well.

In 2016, the DeKalb County Jail averaged 113 inmates per day. This is a slight decrease from 2015 when the jail population was 116. It was additionally noted that this year along the daily average population has been significantly higher than 2015 and 2016.

The group spent some time reviewing the average response time examples and the five year comparison data within the Patrol Division as well as the traffic crash statistical summary from 2016.

Sheriff Scott noted that his favorite section of his annual report is the New Horizon section and he was proud to announce that 2016's New Horizon is the long anticipated Jail Expansion Groundbreaking that took place June 15, 2016. The section additionally provided photos and the progress of the Expansion Project that is set to open in late 2018.

An additional New Horizon was DeKalb County Cares. In 2016, the Sheriff's Office working in conjunction with the family of retired Sergeant Harold Overton #7 started a book sharing program dedicated to the memory of Harold. The book donation program, started by the Overton family provides gently used books for the deputies to give to children who might be involved in a car accident or domestic violence situation. The books can be used in any type of situation that the deputy believes the child would benefit from the program. Each deputy was provided a duffel bag, pre-loaded with different type of books along with a draw-string bag to present to any child in need. Later in 2016, the Sheriff's Office was awarded a grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation ensure the program continues into the future.

Other major stories that were reviewed was during an accident where DeKalb County Sheriff's deputies and firefighters from Sycamore and DeKalb fire departments responded to the scene where a 3-year-old girl was trapped in a car seat underwater. The other story that was brought up was the ongoing investigation by the Major Case Squad regarding the Wilson Homicide in rural Sycamore.

The Committee thanked Sheriff Scott for his very informative Annual Report.

ELECTRONIC HOME MONITORING PRESENTATION

Deputies Brad Sorenson and Bethany Rowan joined the Committee to provide a brief presentation on the County's Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) System. Deputy Sorenson and Deputy Rowan are two EHM Monitors for the County. It was explained that EHM offers an alternative to incarceration by monitoring the degree of compliance to house confinement. It also requires a participant to wear a global positioning satellite (GPS) receiver, which sends an encoded signal to a monitoring center. This allows the Sheriff's Office to continually monitor the

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participant's location, and also alerts them if they leave their home at an unauthorized time. The monitoring is supported by the periodic unannounced face-to-face home and work visits by Sheriff's Deputies. EHM in no way prevents an individual from leaving the residence if they choose to do so. However with GPS, it allows EHM deputies to see where participants are, and where they have been through the use of computerized maps. 52% of participants are Adult Pretrial, 4% are Adult Sentenced, 9% are Juvenile, 8% are Adult Drug Court, and 27% are Adult Domestic Violence participants.

The Sheriff's Deputies brought the EHM equipment with them to show and pass around to the Committee to give them a better idea of what is being currently used. The devices are for the most part waterproof and they need to be charged everyday like a cellphone. Being on restricted EHM is structured for an individual on the device to stay inside their residence at all times. If they need to go to the grocery store, work, or a doctor, they need to call the deputies and make an appointment and provide the time, location, purpose, and when they will return from that specific trip. There is very few reasons why the deputies would allow an individual on EHM to leave or go anywhere as well.

The Committee identified and inquired about why EHM has grown in the last 18 months. Deputy Sorenson explained that EHM can be used as a punishment in a cashless bond system and there are many individuals on the devices due to domestic violence and domestic battery charges. The deputies additionally explained the difference between restricted and unrestricted EHM and how their web-based monitoring system works. Lastly the deputies shared how they respond to participants that live outside of DeKalb County and briefly review the costs associated with the system and the fees collected.

The Committee thanked the deputies for coming and sharing the information on this unknown area for them.

SOBER LIVING HOME UPDATE

Chairman Leifheit reviewed with the Committee that back in December the Sober Living Home Project was put on hold due to there being insufficient funding to finish the repairs that were necessary. As of April 2017, the project was \$10,713 short and Chairman Leifheit shared that she went to the Mental Health Board and requested the funding to finish the project. The Community Mental Health Board awarded the project a one-time grant (Final Dollars) for the remaining \$10,713 to finish the Sober Living Home.

The timeline on the project is still unknown at this time and any further information on who is in charge of the project but Chairman Leifheit wanted everyone to be aware that progress is being made at least for the construction portion of the Home.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Askins, seconded by Mr. Pietrowski, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Dianne Leifheit

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary

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DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JAIL POPULATION REPORT

APRIL 2017

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

141

Average Number Housed Out

60

<u>SEX</u>		<u>TYPE OF CRIME</u>		<u>COURT STATUS</u>		<u>PERIODIC IMPRISONMENT</u>	
<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Felony</i>	<i>Misdemeanor</i>	<i>Sentenced</i>	<i>Pre-Sentenced</i>	<i>Week-ends</i>	<i>Work Release</i>
280	64	215	129	34	310	8	2

MONTHLY TRANSPORTS

	Number of Transports	Total Man Hours
<i>General</i>	14	38
<i>Medical - Mental</i>	10 / 1	13 / 4
<i>Jail Overcrowding</i>	73	165
<i>Juvenile</i>	7	18
<i>Totals</i>	105	238

DOC

	Male	Female
<i>Sentenced</i>	4	0
<i>Parole</i>	0	0
<i>Totals</i>	4	0

MONTHLY INMATE POPULATION STATISTICS

	NON-SENTENCED		REGULAR SENTENCED		WEEK-ENDERS		WORK RELEASE		EHM (ADULTS)	
	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Number of Bookings	Total Days Held	Average For Month	Total Days Held
<i>Male</i>	140	3462	11	291	6	51	1	30	-	-
<i>Female</i>	50	330	2	36	2	16	1	5	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	190	3792	13	327	8	67	2	35	67.9	2116

Average Daily Population: The average number of inmates in the jail for the month. Counts each day a person was in the Jail and includes all people booked into the jail.

Monthly Transports: "Jail Overcrowding" represents transports related to jail overcrowding which would include the transport to and from the other facility, transports for court if they are a pre-sentenced inmate, and any other transport which may be necessary.

DOC: 1) Sentenced: Represents the number of inmates transported to the Department of Corrections because they were sentenced to prison for a period of time.

2) Parole: Represents the number of inmates transported to the Department of Corrections because they were arrested on a new charge, on parole and returned to DOC to face their parole violation.

EHM: The numbers reflect only adults on Electronic Home Monitoring for the month. Juveniles would not be housed in the County Jail.