



Law & Justice Committee

January 22, 2024
6:30PM

Legislative Center's Gathertorium
200 N. Main Street
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes from October 23, 2023

4. Public Comments

Any member of the public may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes on any topic of their choosing. There will be no yielding of time to other members of the public and agenda time for public comments is limited to 30 minutes in total.

5. Presentations/Discussions

- a. Discussion of the SAFE-T Act in DeKalb County

6. Reports

- a. Sheriff's Office
- b. Court Services
- c. Public Defender

7. Considerations

8. Old Business

9. New Business

10. Adjournment

DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Law & Justice Committee Minutes
October 23, 2023**

The Law & Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, October 23, 2023, in the Legislative Center's Gathertorium in Sycamore, Illinois. Chair Kathy Lampkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those members present were Tim Bagby, Maureen Little, Michelle Pickett, and Chair Kathy Lampkins. A quorum was established with four members present and three absent. Others present included Public Defender Chip Criswell, Deputy Brad Sorenson, Sheriff Andrew Sullivan, Court Services Director Mike Venditti, and County Board Member Ellingsworth Webb.

Amber Quitno arrived at 6:41 p.m. and Mary Cozad arrived at 6:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Maureen Little moved to approve the agenda as presented. Michelle Pickett seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Tim Bagby moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 committee meeting and Maureen Little seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Electronic Home Monitoring Presentation

Deputy Brad Sorenson provided a review of the Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) program and stated that the program has been in place for many years. He outlined that program participants sign an agreement that details the terms specific to the individual's restrictions and circumstances. Deputy Sorenson added that some participants are required to remain in their homes, while others are provided with some liberties, depending on individual case circumstances.

Deputy Sorenson reviewed how the monitoring equipment is fitted as a bracelet that is worn by the participant. He passed around a bracelet for the committee members to examine. Deputy Sorenson explained that the bracelet will trigger an alert to law enforcement if the participant travels into a restricted area or if there is an unauthorized removal of the bracelet.

Deputy Sorenson mentioned that there are currently thirty-three (33) participants in the EHM program. He outlined that under certain circumstances, participants can request permission to travel outside of their assigned confines and he emphasized that the trips must be pre-

authorized. Deputy Sorenson added that requests can be made via a texting system/application and that the law permits certain activity, such as grocery shopping and medical care.

Several committee members asked questions regarding the operation of the equipment and about law enforcement monitoring. Deputy Sorenson stated that the monitoring is accomplished via a GPS receiver and that participants' activities are constantly monitored by law enforcement personnel.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Andy Sullivan provided an overview of the current overtime report. He stated that he is understaffed in several areas, including deputies and that he is actively recruiting for these roles.

Sheriff Sullivan provided a brief review of the current Jail Population Report and mentioned that the jail population has decreased slightly from last year.

Court Services

Court Services Director Mike Venditti shared that he is pleased to report his department will be receiving grant funding as part of the Swift Certain and Fair Initiative. He outlined that this is an intensive probation program that was developed as an alternative to incarceration. Venditti explained that the goal of this program is to help participants make positive behavioral changes.

Chair Lampkins inquired about providing committee members with training on the Swift Certain and Fair Initiative. She added that the training would be a refresher for some and would provide initial training to others on the committee. Director Venditti responded that he would be pleased to arrange for this training.

Director Venditti provided an overview of the current Adult Court Services and Juvenile Placement/Detention Reports, stating that the numbers remain fairly typical. He mentioned that there are two detained juveniles that are utilizing a substantial amount of the budgeted funds and that he has made necessary adjustments in planning for this expense next year.

Director Venditti mentioned that due to long established pretrial practices in DeKalb County, there has not been a substantial impact with the recent implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act.

Public Defender

Public Defender Chip Criswell complimented Director Mike Venditti and his staff for receiving grant funding. He emphasized that while some county jails have had their population cut in half following the implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act, DeKalb County has not realized a notable change because the county has been at the forefront of pretrial fairness for quite some time. He added that the Pretrial Fairness Act has placed increased demands on the Public Defender's office and has significantly increased the workload.

Criswell stated that challenges continue with recruiting, as the most recent offer he made to a potential new hire fell through after the individual received another offer with a higher salary. He reminded the committee that the difficulties in recruiting are due to a shortage of attorneys and the inability of DeKalb County to offer a competitive salary.

Criswell reviewed the current Report of the Public Defender, stating that the caseload is still quite high for the number of people he has on staff. He added that on the positive side, they are closing more cases than they are opening and that his staff continues to work extremely hard to keep up with demand. Criswell stated that his office will soon be understaffed by two attorneys, which will make it much more difficult to maintain the caseload, especially with the new requirements under the Pretrial Fairness Act.

Criswell mentioned that an Illinois task force is pushing for oversight of public defenders and as part of this effort, a Northwestern University Study was conducted that analyzed staffing needs. He explained that the study outlines that a county the size of DeKalb should have a Public Defender staff of eighteen (18) attorneys and that DeKalb County has nine (9) or half of what the model recommends. He stated that this validates his office is significantly overworked and understaffed.

CONSIDERATIONS

There were no considerations.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Bagby inquired about the Sycamore resident's concern regarding hunting activity that was discussed during the August meeting. Chair Kathy Lampkins stated that she has left a voicemail and sent an email to Illinois Department of Natural Resources Officer Nathan Murry to obtain an update on the situation and that he has not yet responded. She mentioned that one of the hunters in the group has moved, another stated that he will no longer hunt in that location and that the other two hunters stated they will approach the hunting ground from the opposite side of the property, so they are not as visible to the family. Mary Cozad mentioned that she thought she saw a "for rent" or "for sale" sign on the family's home and thought it may be due to the family relocating, as relocation was discussed as a potential solution.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Amber Quitno and seconded by Mary Cozad to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Klein, Recording Secretary

DEKALB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JAIL POPULATION REPORT

DECEMBER 2023

Average Daily Population

116

Number of Bookings

122

Reactivated Bookings

0

<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>
200	42	168	74	28	214	0	0

MONTHLY TRANSPORTS

	Number of Transports	Total Man Hours
<i>General</i>	19	83
<i>Medical – Mental</i>	8 / 0	18 / 0
<i>Juvenile</i>	3	11
<i>Totals</i>	30	112

DOC

	Male	Female
<i>Sentenced</i>	8	0
<i>Parole</i>	0	0
<i>Totals</i>	8	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>	78	3158	9	159	0	0	0	0	-	-
<i>Female</i>	32	242	3	30	0	0	0	0	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	110	3400	12	189	0	0	0	0	35	1081

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.

Number of Bookings: All new arrestees booked into the Jail for this specific month.

Reactivated Bookings: All those sent to jail by the Judge for a violation of drug court, MH court, SCF and EHM Violations that are not a new arrest. Their original booking is reactivated when they are processed into the jail.

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 so would have no impact on jail population.

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200	34	169	65	16	218	0	0

MONTHLY TRANSPORTS

	Number of Transports	Total Man Hours
<i>General</i>	10	54
<i>Medical – Mental</i>	2 / 0	3 / 0
<i>Juvenile</i>	0	0
<i>Totals</i>	12	57

DOC

	Male	Female
<i>Sentenced</i>	3	0
<i>Parole</i>	0	0
<i>Totals</i>	3	0

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<i>Male</i>	81	3483	6	112	0	0	0	0	-	-
<i>Female</i>	25	236	3	10	0	0	0	0	-	-
<i>Totals</i>	106	3719	9	122	0	0	0	0	76	2354

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Law and Justice Committee
 Monthly Corrections Overtime Mandatory Report

As of 12/30/2023
 Payrolls Paid 26.0
 Payrolls in Year 26.1
 Percent of Year 99.6%

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 Corrections Division

Line-Item	Account	FY 2023 Budget	12/30/2023 Y-T-D	12/30/2023 Percent
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6005	Salaries	3,647,900	3,378,419	92.6%
6111	Overtime	295,000	420,787	142.6%
	Total	3,942,900	3,799,206	96.3%
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Actual Dollars & Percentage Should Not Exceed (For Salaries and Overtime)			3,927,128	99.6%
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**DEKALB COUNTY ADULT COURT SERVICES
MONTHLY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

PROBATION

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
Pre-Sentence Investigation Ordered	4	2	3	1	1	6	3	2	2	2	2	0
Pre-Sentence Investigation Completed	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	2	3	3	2	3
New Reporting Probation Cases	23	17	28	26	24	25	20	23	18	25	13	22
*Felony	20	17	26	20	18	20	16	21	14	21	7	16
*Misdemeanor	23	0	2	6	6	5	4	2	4	4	6	6
Total Reporting Probation Cases	413	433	409	408	411	415	418	416	403	409	403	430
Non-Reporting Cases (Administrative)	770	765	760	763	730	733	730	726	723	719	728	737
Cases Received from Outside Jurisdiction	11	10	9	8	11	9	6	9	9	8	4	3
Cases Transferred to Outside Jurisdiction	7	8	8	8	6	7	8	6	6	4	6	6
Technical Violation Reported	7	10	9	10	11	6	11	8	11	4	9	8
Criminal Violation Reported	9	8	9	13	13	16	3	15	7	6	9	3
Tech. - No Violation Found by Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tech. - Violation Found by Court	3	1	4	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
Criminal - No Violation Found by Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal - Violation Found by Court	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Successful Probation Terminations	15	6	13	16	9	8	9	12	13	12	12	6

COMMUNITY RESTITUTION SERVICE (community service)

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
New Adult Cases	17	12	14	17	13	22	25	32	29	35	39	31
# Hours Ordered	2,425	1,685	1,845	3,040	1,504	3,680	2,290	3,063	4,005	3,689	4,484	2,286
# Hours Completed	2,851	2,035	2,747	1,281	1,109	1,454	3,129	2,149	4,292	1,918	1,250	1,873
New Juvenile Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
# Hours Ordered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0
# Hours Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pre-Sentence Investigations

Illinois Statutes require the preparation of offender background reports for the judiciary prior to a sentence being imposed. The reports include: (1) investigation of the offender's criminal history, including previous terms of community supervision or incarceration, past or present gang involvement, and history of violence and use of weapons; (2) the offender's personal information, including family of origin, current residence and family relations, educational and employment histories, financial situation, and military history; (3) the offender's health information, including physical health, mental health, drug and/or alcohol addiction histories, and any previous treatment history. The officers analyze the data they have collected and make specific recommendations as to the potential for rehabilitation, risk to the community, and sentencing options available to the Courts.

Non-Reporting Probation Cases

Defendants sentenced to Conditional Discharge are typically not required to check in directly with Probation, however officers monitor conditions of sentencing and perform functions such as preparing court reports, random drug testing, DNA collection, etc. Probation cases that are transferred to another jurisdiction for supervision are also monitored administratively by Court Services staff.

Technical Violation

A technical violation is when a defendant under an order of Probation violates one or more conditions set by the court in their sentencing order. Common examples include failing a drug test, not reporting to scheduled probation appointments, not completing court ordered treatment, etc.

Criminal Violation

A criminal violation is when a defendant under an order of Probation is charged with a new criminal offense.

FY 2023

JUVENILE PLACEMENT/DETENTION REPORT

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Residential placements at start of mo.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minors placed during the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minors released during the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential placements at end of mo.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<u>DETENTION</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Detained minors at start of month	3	4	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	5
Minors detained during the month	12	2	1	8	4	8	8	3	6	3	6	1
Minors released during the month	11	5	2	6	5	8	7	3	6	2	4	5
Detained minors at end of month	4	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	5	1

Monthly Detention Expenditure	\$22,800	\$11,850.00	\$2,400.00	\$11,700.00	\$9,750.00	\$7,350.00	\$13,650.00	\$10,800.00	\$13,500.00	\$10,950.00	\$23,850.00	\$11,100.00
Year to Date Expenditure	\$22,800	\$34,650.00	\$37,050.00	\$48,750.00	\$58,500.00	\$65,850.00	\$79,500.00	\$90,300.00	\$103,800.00	\$114,750.00	\$138,600.00	\$149,700.00
Percent of Budget Expended to Date FY2023 budget: \$130,000	17.5%	26.6%	28.5%	37.5%	45.0%	50.6%	61.2%	69.4%	79.8%	88.2%	106.6%	115.1%

Total number residential placements	0
Total number of minors detained	62

2023 Pretrial Stats

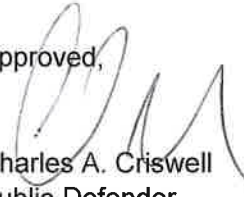
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bond Investigations Completed												
Felony	46	36	42	44	55	46	44	47	43	26	27	19
Misdemeanor	37	27	32	31	42	34	39	36	37	33	32	37
Released on Pretrial Supervision												
Felony	20	18	20	13	20	16	25	16	21	8	6	8
Misdemeanor	8	2	8	5	6	7	6	3	6	3	3	5
Released with no Pretrial Supervision												
Felony	10	2	6	13	13	12	10	11	8	3	5	3
Misdemeanor	18	17	16	20	23	21	21	23	22	22	25	24
Active Pre-Trial Supervision Cases												
Felony	317	317	313	299	300	282	290	291	299	285	274	266
Misdemeanor	155	149	142	138	132	127	124	121	114	106	98	101
Violations Reported												
Rules Violation	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
New Offense	16	14	17	11	17	16	12	12	12	7	4	6
Pretrial Release Revoked												
Rules Violation	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
New Offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Successful Terminations	42	26	39	36	30	44	26	20	25	32	28	18

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Gorham
Office Manager

Approved,

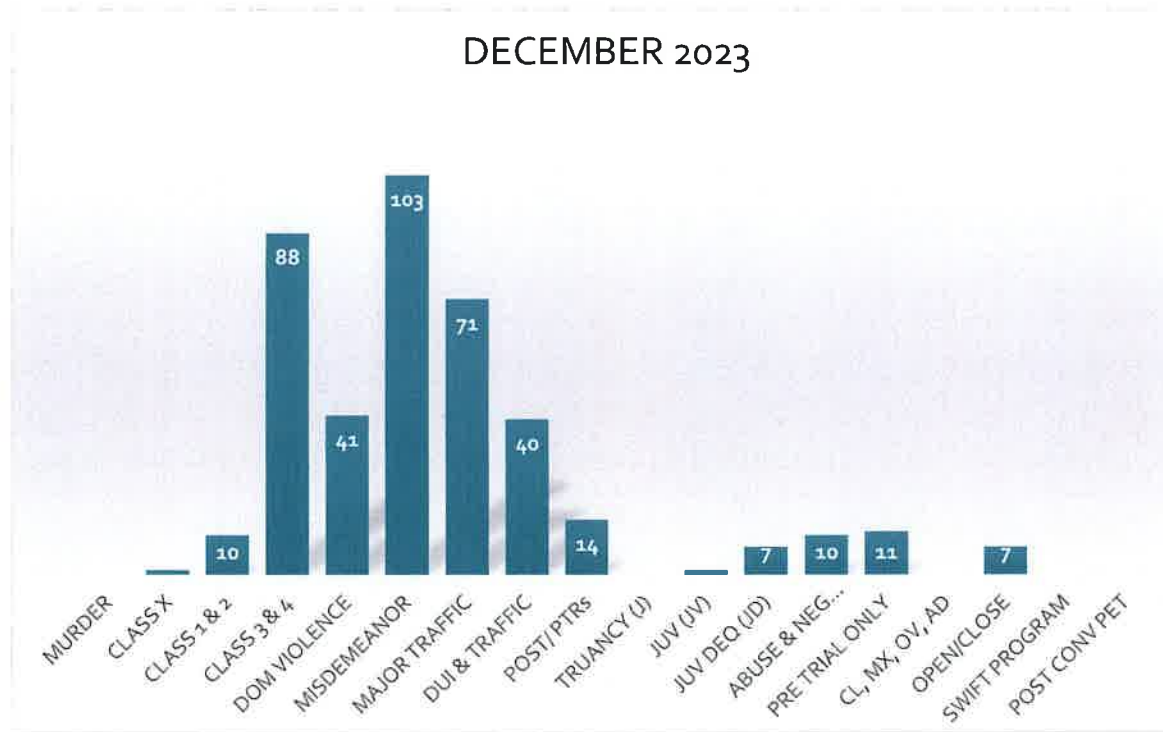


Charles A. Criswell
Public Defender
DeKalb County, Illinois

cc: Honorable Bradley J. Waller

CHARGES FILED

CASE TYPE	NUMBER OF NEW CHARGES FILED
MURDER	
CLASS X	1
CLASS 1 & 2	10
CLASS 3 & 4	88
DOM VIOLENCE	41
MISDEMEANOR	103
MAJOR TRAFFIC	71
DUI & TRAFFIC	40
POST/ PTRs	14
TRUANCY (J)	
JUV (JV)	1
JUV DEQ (JD)	7
ABUSE & NEG (JA)	10
PRE TRIAL ONLY	11
CL, MX, OV, AD	
OPEN/CLOSE	7
SWIFT PROGRAM	
POST CONV PET	



2023 DECEMBER

ATTORNEY	TOTAL COUNT
BACCAM CLIENTS	117
BACCAM CASES	233
CARLSON CLIENTS	66
CARLSON CASES	149
CRISWELL CLIENTS	129
CRISWELL CASES	236
CROWLEY CLIENTS	174
CROWLEY CASES	252
DIETRICH CLIENTS	96
DIETRICH CASES	186
FRANKLIN CLIENTS	99
FRANKLIN CASES	157
CLIENTS	30
CASES	59
OLSON CLIENTS	125
OLSON CASES	132
WILSON CLIENTS	192
WILSON CASES	267

