

Approved 7/28/20
MINUTES
Public Safety and Justice Committee
June 23, 2020
@ 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Rosenbohm – Chairman; Eden Blair (<i>via teleconference</i>); Brandy Bryant (<i>via teleconference</i>); Linda Daley (<i>via teleconference</i>); Brian Elsasser ; Kate Pastucha (<i>via teleconference</i>); Steven Rieker ; Phillip Salzer (<i>via teleconference</i>)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Rob Reneau – Vice-Chairman; Sharon Williams
OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Betty Duncan – County Board Member; Angela Loftus – Asst. Director of Human Resources; Gretchen Pearsall – Director of Strategic Communications; Mark Bronke – Juvenile Probation; Kristen Collins – Public Defender

Call to Order

Chairman Rosenbohm called the meeting to order at 2:13 pm.

A motion to allow the participation of Ms. Blair, Ms. Bryant, Ms. Daley, Ms. Pastucha, and Mr. Salzer via teleconference was made by Mr. Elsasser and seconded by Mr. Rieker. The motion carried unanimously (3-0) via roll call vote of those members present.

A motion to suspend the Rules was made by Mr. Elsasser and seconded by Mr. Rieker. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) via roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of May 26, 2020 was made by Mr. Rieker and seconded by Ms. Daley. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) via roll call vote.

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- PCAPS Monthly Department Report

Mr. Sorrel directed committee members to the monthly report included in the packet. There were no questions or comments from committee.

- ETSB

No report. No questions or comments from committee.

- Emergency Management Agency

Mr. Sorrel directed committee members to the monthly report included in the packet. There were no questions or comments from committee.

- Public Defender Report

Ms. Collins directed committee members to the monthly report included in the packet and stood for any questions. Mr. Rieker asked if the public defenders are able to meet the

increased case demand due to the backlog of delayed cases, and Ms. Collins responded that the office has adequate contractual staff to manage the increased workload.

- **SFY21 Access & Visitation Grant**

Ms. Parker advised that the renewal grant received from the IL Department of Healthcare and Family Services provides funding for a court mediator who assists with mediating cases for self-represented litigants. She stated that the grant provides funding for an initial year with a three year renewal.

Resolutions

- **Tenth Judicial Circuit Online Dispute Resolution Grant**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Elsasser and seconded by Mr. Rieker. Ms. Parker advised that Courts received notification of a \$25,000.00 grant award from the American Arbitration Association-International Centre for Dispute Resolution Foundation to expand and enhance Peoria County's current Online Dispute Resolution Program. She stated that the grant covers the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Mr. Elsasser noted that conferences, travel, and lodging costs are included in grant expenditures and asked for a clarification of those expenses. Ms. Parker advised that the requested expenditures would cover travel costs to other jurisdictions who have already implemented the process in order to become more familiar with the new technology and the process of implementation.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (8-0) via roll call vote.

- **SFY21 Family Violence Coordinating Council Grant**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Elsasser and seconded by Mr. Rieker. Ms. Parker advised that the Tenth Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council was established under the Office of the Chief Judge to create a forum to share and discuss information to promote a coordinated response to family violence in the community. She stated that the \$38,800.00 grant award provides funding for one part-time Local Council Coordinator as well as coordination of committee work, training, and other related activities. She remarked that the grant covers the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (8-0) via roll call vote.

Committee Action

- **Review of Executive Session Minutes**

A motion to approve the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office was made by Mr. Rieker and seconded by Mr. Elsasser. Ms. Cordis Boswell advised that it is the recommendation of the State's Attorney's Office that all previously held executive session minutes continue to be held closed as the need for confidentiality still exists, and to destroy executive session audio recordings more than two years old, except those that relate to pending litigation.

The motion carried unanimously (8-0) via roll call vote.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rosenbohm at 2:31 p.m.