

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, June 6, 2005

Meeting Rm. 1, Brookens Administrative Center

1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Carter, Greenwalt, Hogue, James, Putman, Schroeder, Tapley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sapp

OTHERS PRESENT: Deb Busey (County Administrator), Joel Fletcher (Office of the State's Attorney), Joseph Gordon (Court Services/Probation), Stephanie Joos (Animal Control), Kathleen Liffick (Head Start), Susan McGrath (Office of the State's Attorney), Duane Northrup (Coroner), Nancy Richardson (Nursing Home), Marilyn Garmon, Tim Odom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Recording Secretary called the roll. Declaring a quorum present, the Chair proceeded with the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by James to approve the agenda; seconded by Hogue. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by James to approve the regular session minutes of May 2, 2005 and May 19, 2005; seconded by Carter. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one person for public participation.

Tom Odom spoke on personnel at the Champaign County Courthouse. He said Sheriff's deputies prevented him from entering the Courthouse. He handed out papers regarding his situation and felt his constitutional rights under the Fourth Amendment may have been violated. James asked how this issue related to the Justice & Social Services Committee. Fletcher stated he had not had a chance to review the documents Odom passed out, but could not determine what action the County Board would have the power to take relevant to this claim. He said Odom would be well-served to speak with a private attorney. Odom said he was bringing this matter to the attention of the County Board because he knew the Board has "some kind of control over County property and personnel." Putman was willing to speak with Odom as a County Board member and requested his phone number. Odom stated he did not have a phone, though he listed an address on the public participation form. Putman would take it upon herself to get in touch with Odom by using the address he listed.

Tapley and Greenwalt entered at 7:03 p.m.

MONTHLY REPORTS

MOTION by Tapley to receive and place on file the Animal Control report for April 2005, Circuit Clerk report for April 2005, Court Services report for April 2005, Children's Advocacy Center report for April 2005, Developmental Disabilities Board report for May 2005, Emergency Management Agency report for May 2005, Public Defender report for April 2005; seconded by Hogue. Motion carried.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GRANT MONTHLY REPORTS

MOTION by Tapley to receive and place on file the CASA report for April 2005, Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club report for April 2005, Family Conference Program report for April 2005, Mental Health Center/Family Intervention Program report for April 2005, RPC-Court Diversion Services report for July 2004 through April 2005 Outcomes, and the Urban League report for April 2005; seconded by Carter.

Hogue asked why RPC-Court Diversion Services sent a yearly outcome report. Garmon noted Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club included a yearly outcomes report with their monthly report in May. She could not explain why the programs sent an end year report because it is not yet time for these final reports to be submitted. Motion carried.

CORONER

Departmental Annual Report 2004

The Coroner was present for any questions concerning the annual report. Putman thanked Northrup for preparing an impressive, informative report. She asked some questions about the inquest juror selection and instruction. Northrup explained the inquest jurors are randomly selected from the same jury pool the Courthouse uses for grand juries. Jurors are not chosen by the Coroner, they are assigned from the jury pool. The jurors are given instructions when selected. Northrup further described the inquests to Putman's satisfaction.

MOTION by James to accept the Coroner's Departmental Annual Report for 2004 and place it on file; seconded by Tapley. Motion carried.

COURT SERVICES

Departmental Annual Report 2004

MOTION by James to accept the Court Services Departmental Annual Report for 2004 and place it on file; seconded by Hogue. The report was handed out to the committee at the start of the meeting. Gordon pointed the committee's attention to the section on the Juvenile Detention Center. Court Services has been working with the University of Illinois on programs for the JDC. U of I interns have been utilized for JDC programs to help stretch the department's resources. Gordon described some of the department's other programs. Hogue thanked Gordon for including a mental health component in his report. Motion carried.

Request Approval of Application for and, if awarded, Acceptance of Juvenile Information Sharing Grant in the amount of \$23,661

MOTION by Putman to approve the application for and, if awarded, acceptance of Juvenile Information Sharing Grant in the amount of \$23,661; seconded by Tapley. Gordon stated this was an ongoing grant application. This would be the fifth year Court Services has worked with the authority on this grant. Motion carried.

HEAD START
Monthly Report

MOTION by Putman to receive and place on file the Head Start monthly report; seconded by Greenwalt. Liffick explained Head Start's summer schedule to committee members with questions and noted Head Start is seeking to eliminate specific funding for transportation at the national level. Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL
Approval of Contract with PETsMART for \$10,000.00 PETsMART Charities Grant

MOTION by Tapley to approve the contract with PETsMART for \$10,000.00 PETsMART Charities Grant; seconded by James. Fletcher stated he has placed a call to PETsMART's attorney to iron out a few of the contract's details regarding language. Therefore, he requested the contract not be placed on the County Board Consent Agenda until he had the opportunity to resolve his concerns. Joos answered various minor questions from the committee pertaining to the contract. Tapley requested a friendly amendment to his motion making the approval of the contract subject to Fletcher's satisfaction that his concerns with the contract's language are resolved. James agreed to the friendly amendment. Motion carried.

SHERIFF
Approval of Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Public Aid and Champaign County Sheriff's Office for Child Support Enforcement

Fletcher reminded the committee that an intergovernmental agreement with the Sheriff was approved by the County Board in February to help provide support services for the Child Support Enforcement Program. This agreement is a renewal of the previous intergovernmental agreement for the next year. Fletcher had spoken with the Sheriff, who said there were no operational reasons to object to the agreement. Fletcher stated the agreement presented for approval is identical to the agreement approved by the County Board in February, it is just for the next year.

MOTION by Greenwalt to approve the renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Public Aid and Champaign County Sheriff's Office for Child Support Enforcement; seconded by James. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Anderson commented that the Nursing Home Administrator Search Subcommittee is in the final interview process for the new Champaign County Nursing Home Administrator. The subcommittee could have a final candidate's name to present to the County Board later this month, but that decision was not ready for tonight's meeting. Anderson said the Justice & Social Services Committee will probably need to meet prior to the County Board meeting on June 23rd at 6:30 p.m. to approve the subcommittee's recommendation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Schroeder asked Putman for a report on the meeting held by citizens about the library situation at the County Jail. Putman said she would present a written report to the County Board at their next meeting. Putman gave an overview of the plan to have professional librarians team with volunteers to set up a library in a room off a classroom in the Correctional Center. Inmates will have assistance in selecting a book. At this point, volunteers are being recruited and screened and books are being collected for donation.

Fletcher introduced Susan McGrath as the new attorney in the Civil Division of the State's Attorney's Office. McGrath is a former County Board member and an attorney who has practiced locally for many years. Another new attorney in the Civil Division, David DeThorne, will start within a week.

The committee discussed the letter sent to County Board members from the Sheriff regarding the jail population milestone. Tapley said a study done when the Satellite Jail was built in 1995-96 determined more space would be required in ten years. Busey concurred the jail population is hitting the population target from the study, indicating the jail needs to be enlarged.

Putman thanked Busey and Anderson for their efforts in responding to the Mahomet Area Youth Club's correspondence concerning the juvenile delinquency grants.

Carter asked Fletcher where money confiscated from dope raids goes. Fletcher replied that he had not had an issue relating to that matter. However, he recalled the money is divided between the state, various law enforcement agencies, and the County. He could not give the percentage division breakdown off the top of his head. Carter wanted a report listing where the money goes. Busey stated the information is already available in the County budget, listed as drug asset forfeitures received by both the State's Attorney and the Sheriff.

DETERMINATION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair designated all approved items, except for the PETsMART contract, for placement on the County Board Consent Agenda.

NURSING HOME

Monthly Report

Putman asked if Richardson had any progress report on the mold situation at the new facility. Richardson did not have any information on that subject.

MOTION by James to receive and place on file the monthly Nursing Home report; seconded by Greenwalt. Motion carried.

Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)11 to consider litigation pending against Champaign County

The Chair determined a closed session was not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork
Administrative Secretary

Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.