

COURT SERVICES COMMITTEE STATED MEETING – WEDNESDAY APRIL 2, 2008

The stated meeting for the month of April was held in the Stephenson County Courthouse Law Library on the above date with Ms. V. Hooper, the Chairman, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. Committee members present were Ms. V. Hooper, Mr. Senn, Mr. Détente, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Newton. Mr. Hadley and Mr. Hilton were absent.

State's Attorney Vogt and Associate Probation Director Eilders were also present.

Minutes of the stated meeting of Wednesday, March 5, 2008 were approved, without reading, on a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded Mr. Détente.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Détente, seconded by Mr. Brown.

Matt Gargano, from Youth Becoming Leaders, gave the Committee a presentation of the YBL program and made a funding request of \$6,000. Mr. Gargano thanked the Committee for last year's support. Mr. Gargano explained that this year's request would cover the part-time salary for a Youth Advocate. Youth Becoming Leaders has a waiting list for its diversion program and this request would allow more youth to participate in the program. The diversion programs concentrates on 12 to 17 year-old males. Youth Becoming Leaders works with the court system, probation and parole departments and school districts. Mr. Gargano told the Committee that Youth Becoming Leaders would be opening a center at 15 east Stephenson Street.

Mr. Newton made a suggestion for modifying the request to Youth Becoming Leaders to \$3,000 now and another \$3,000, after the County's new fiscal year in December. A motion by Mr. Détente, seconded by Mr. Senn, to table the discussion of the \$6,000 funding request for Youth Becoming Leaders failed; the a voice vote was 2 ayes and 3 nays. After an extended discussion, on a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Newton, the Committee approved funding of \$3,000 now, from the Youth Diversion Fees, to Youth Becoming Leaders and \$3,000 after the County's new fiscal year in December, 2008.

The Public Defender's report was presented.

Mr. Détente gave the HOPE subcommittee report. The subcommittee has agreed upon a name, a schedule of meeting dates and time, and the Committee members were assigned to bring a list of possible of advisors, to next month's meeting.

The Circuit Clerk's report, dated March 31, 2008, was presented to the Committee; SC Services has collected \$74,901.19. The delinquent amount, as of March, 2008, is \$2,437,177.84, from 5,111 cases. E-pay has collected \$224,247.47, for the period from January, 2004 to March, 2008. The Youth Diversion Fees Expenditure and Revenue report was presented with a balance as of March 31, 2008 of \$21,818.11.

The Probation caseload totals were presented: as April 2, 2008 the total for the Adult Probation Division was 2,710. The total for the Juvenile Probation Division was 259.

During the month of March, 2008, the Department completed 23 Pre-Sentence Investigations. The total Pre-Sentence Investigations for the year of 2008 is 59. A total of 2 Preliminary Conference and Social History Reports were ordered to be completed, during the month of March, 2008. The total of Preliminary Conference and Social History Reports for the year of 2008 is 10. During the month of March, 2008, the Probation Department collected \$6,466.75 in restitution and paid out \$3,833.96. The total amount collected for the year 2008 is \$26,558.86 and the total amount paid out for the year of 2008 is \$29,175.86. Public service work hours completed in February 2008 were adult – 544 hours and juvenile – 0 hours. Public Service work hours completed for the year 2008 were adult – 2,318 hours and juvenile – 0 hours.

Associate Probation Director Eilders explained to the Committee that juvenile offenders are not being assessed public service hours, instead they are being charged with fees.

Associate Probation Director Eilders presented the detention and placement costs. The Committee noted that these costs are staying within the budget, at this time. There is one juvenile at Focus House, who will have a status hearing in April and the Court may recommend further placement. The detention costs were higher this month because of three juveniles.

State's Attorney Vogt reported to the Committee on the increase of fines over last year. State's Attorney Vogt is putting together a report separating the types of cases and the ethnicity and age of the people committing the crimes.

The Victim Witness Coordinator Jackie Cooley has been to the high schools, looking for volunteers for the peer court jury.

There was a discussion concerning the possibility of noise complaints when the sally port floor is repaired.

Claims of \$24,113.07 were approved, on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Détente.

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 p.m., on a motion Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Brown.

Approved: May 7, 2008

Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:
Wednesday, May 7, 2008 6:30 p.m.
Stephenson County Law Library