

COURT SERVICES COMMITTEE STATED MEETING – WEDNESDAY May 7, 2008

The stated meeting for the month of May 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 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Ms. V. Hooper, Mr. Senn, Mr. Détente, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Hadley and Mr. Newton.

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

Minutes of the stated meeting of Wednesday, April 2, 2008 were approved, without reading, on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded Mr. Hilton.

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

Ms. Demetra Robinson and Mr. Quincy Fair gave the Committee a presentation on the Millionaire's Club and requested a donation of \$2,000. Mr. Fair is one the originators of the Millioaire's Club. The program averages 35 to 40 students. The Millionaire's Club has had positive news coverage and will be participating in local events. The Committee commended the Millionaire's Club on their program helping the youth in the community. Mr. Hilton asked to abstain from any vote on the funding request from the Millionaire's Club, because of his involvement with the club. The Committee approved Mr. Hilton abstaining from a vote on the request by the Millionaire's Club, on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Newton. The Committee approved the request of \$2,000 to the Millionaire's Club from the Youth Diversion Fees, on a motion by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Brown.

State's Attorney Vogt presented the Committee with his monthly report, with an additional report on types of offense, by age, sentence, and class of felony.

The Peer Jury will have their first jury May 14, 2008, starting at 5:30 p.m. The Peer Jury has 5 adult volunteers that screen the juveniles with interviews. Three schools: Freeport High School, Aquin High School, and Dakota High School, have volunteers serving as jurors. Ms. Cooley has done a lot of preparation for starting this Peer Jury and has scheduled 3 cases for the first session.

The Circuit Clerk's report, date April 30, 2008, was presented to the Committee; SC Services has collected \$77,901.19. The delinquent amount as of April, 2008 is \$2,481,906.36, from 5,185 cases. E-pay has collected \$237,585.47 for the period from January, 2004 to April, 2008. The Youth Diversion Fees Expenditure and Revenue report was presented with a balance for April, 2008 of \$23,422.19. Chairman V. Hooper had questions about the dates of cases submitted to SC Services for collections. The State's Attorney is now responsible for the collection of these delinquent fines.

The Public Defender's report was presented.

Mr. Détente gave a report on the Hope subcommittee approving a list of advisors. Mr. Détente would like to contact the people on the list and confirm their acceptance to participate in the Hope program. Mr. Détente is interested in the reentry program that the city of Aurora has and hopes to have someone speak about that program at the next meeting. The next meeting is May 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

The Probation caseload totals were presented: as May 7, 2008 the total for the Adult Probation Division was 2,723. The total for the Juvenile Probation Division was 260. During the month of April, 2008, the Department completed 27 Pre-Sentence Investigations. The total Pre-Sentence Investigations for the year of 2008 is 86. A total of 1 Preliminary Conference and Social History Reports were ordered to be completed, during the month of April, 2008. The total of Preliminary Conference and Social History Reports for the year of 2008 is 11. During the month of April, 2008, the Probation Department collected \$6,654.09 in restitution and paid out \$9,876.58. The total amount collected for the year 2008 is \$32,773.95 and the total amount paid out for the year of 2008 is \$39,052.04. Public service work hours completed in April, 2008 were adult – 1,175 hours and juvenile – 0 hours. Public Service work hours completed for the year 2008 were adult – 3,493 hours and juvenile – 0 hours.

Associate Probation Director Eilders presented the detention and placement costs, and noted that the costs are under budget. There is 1 juvenile at Focus House, who will end the program in August.

Probation Director Pauley and Associate Probation Director Eilders attended a meeting concerning a program called Deploy Illinois. The Probation Department will be receiving \$10,000 to study viable alternatives to Department of Corrections. This study will be informational only. The State would like to reduce their evaluation process and pass it to the Probation Department. The Committee had a discussion on the diversion programs used by the County.

The Committee recommended approving an ordinance change that would not longer require the Court Services Chairman to serve on the Board of Health and would allow any County Board Member to serve on the Board of Health, on the motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Newton.

Mr. Hadley expressed his concerns on the request by the Youth Becoming Leader for \$6,000, \$3,000 this fiscal year and \$3,000 next fiscal year. Mr. Hadley felt that the information on the use of the \$2,000 given last year was not fully explained. Chairman V. Hooper was comfortable with explanation on the use of the request, while other Committee member had concerns with the explanation. The Committee agreed to stop the second payment of \$3,000 in December, 2008, until Youth Becoming Leaders supplied the Committee with a proper break down on the use of the first payment of \$3,000, on a motion by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Senn. The voice vote was 5 ayes and 2 nays.

Mr. Newton informed the Committee of a conference in Springfield, Illinois, June 3 and 4 concerning different topics related to Court Services. Chairman V. Hooper will bring this information about this conference to the Finance Committee to see if there is any available money to send people to this conference.

Claims of \$25,222.49 were approved, on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Hilton.

The Committee adjourned at 8:10 p.m., on a motion Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Newton.

Approved: June 4, 2008

Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:
Wednesday, June 4, 2008 6:30 p.m.
County Law Library