

COURT SERVICES COMMITTEE STATED MEETING – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2008

The stated meeting for the month of December 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. Hilton, Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Brown, Mr. Newton, Mr. Willging and Mr. Senn.

State's Attorney Vogt and Associate Probation Director Eilders were also present. County Board member Sol Détente was also present.

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

The agenda was approved, after amending the removal of the first item, on a motion by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Brown.

Chairman V. Hooper welcomed new County Board members, Peter Willging and Thomas Gilmour to the Committee.

The Probation caseload totals were presented: as December 3, 2008 the total for the Adult Probation Division was 2,856. The total for the Juvenile Probation Division was 258. During the month of November, 2008, the Department completed 13 Pre-Sentence Investigations. The total Pre-Sentence Investigations for the year of 2008 is 152. A total of 01 Preliminary Conference and Social History Reports were ordered to be completed, during the month of November, 2008. The total Pre-Sentence Investigations for the year 2008 is 26. Public service work hours completed in November 2008 were adult – 1,130 hours and juvenile – 0 hours. Public Service work hours completed for the year 2008 were adult – 12,131 hours and juvenile – 190 hours. During the month of November 2008, the Probation Department collected \$8,502.56 in restitution and paid out \$3,217.80. The total amount collected for the year 2008 is \$68,210.25 and the total amount paid out for the year 2008 is \$76,831.21.

The Committee reviewed the placement and detention costs. Associate Probation Director Eilders reported that the Mary Davis facility did not submit a bill for this month and to anticipate a double bill next month. The Probation Department does not have any one in placement at this time.

Associate Probation Director Eilders gave the new members an overview of the workings of the Probation Department.

Chairman V. Hooper questioned Associate Probation Director Eilders about the Work Release fees. Presently the Work Release fees are processed by the Probation Department and are received into the Fund 020 (Probation Service Fee) by the Circuit Clerk. The work release fees are used to off set costs that were transferred into Fund 020 from Fund 001 (General Fund) 803 (Probation).

The Public Defender sent a letter about the hiring of Anthony Peska as an Assistant Public Defender, with start date of December 1, 2008. The Public Defender's monthly report was presented.

Mr. Détente reported to the Committee on the HOPE meeting held November 19, 2008. Mr. Détente gave new members an overview of the HOPE program. Mr. Détente will continue to chair the HOPE sub committee and Mr. Willging has been appointed to the HOPE sub committee to replace Mr. Hadley. The next meeting will be December 17, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

State's Attorney Vogt gave an extended presentation to the Committee with reports on the monthly caseloads, the Victim/Witness coordinator, the Teen Court and cases that have been revoked. State's Attorney Vogt would like the office to be proactive on the collection of fees assessed.

The Youth Diversion report was presented with a balance of \$24,612.38 for November 30, 2008.

Chairman V. Hooper would like to have Michael Sowell, Chaplain of Winnebago and Stephenson County Jails, and James Rhyne, the director of the Freeport/Stephenson County Boys and Girls Club, make presentations at the January 7, 2009 meeting.

Claims of \$16,794.92 were approved, on a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Hilton.

The Committee adjourned at 7:40 p.m., on a motion Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Gilmour.

Approved: January 7, 2009

Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:
Wednesday, January 7, 2009 6:30 p.m.
County Law Library