

## COURT SERVICES COMMITTEE STATED MEETING – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2009

The stated meeting for the month of December was held in the Stephenson County Board Room 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. Senn and Mr. Newton. Mr. Willging was absent.

State's Attorney Vogt, Circuit Clerk Curran, and Assistant Probation Director Eilders were also present.

Minutes of the stated meeting of Wednesday, November 4, 2009 were approved, without reading, on a motion by Mr. Hilton, seconded Mr. Brown.

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

The HOPE Committee did not have a report.

Circuit Clerk Curran distributed a report with a break down on the distribution of the \$3.1 million in outstanding delinquent fines and fees. The Committee reviewed the report and Chairman V. Hooper asked that the report be presented to the full County Board. Circuit Clerk Curran explained that these delinquent fines go back to 1989, making the \$3.1 million an accumulative figure. The Committee was interested in what percentage of these fines would be collectable, with the Circuit Clerk estimating around 25%. Public Defender Schorsch is working on an amnesty program. Circuit Clerk Curran reported that the local collection service company has not made any contact with her office and there have not been any monthly reports. The Committee, the State's Attorney, Associate Probation Director Eilders, and Circuit Clerk Curran discussed the advantages of a Financial Compliance Officer. State's Attorney Vogt would like to visit Lee County, to see how their Financial Compliance Officer operates.

The Circuit Clerk noted that the County Board indicated that revenues and expenses would be closely watched this fiscal year. The question was asked, "How does the Committee want this information reported?" Circuit Clerk Curran has indicated she would be setting targets amounts on the revenues and will be watching the numbers, on a monthly basis.

There was a discussion on the allocation of office space in the Courthouse. Chairman V. Hooper asked about the files being stored in the Courthouse. County Treasurer Becker has contacted Northern Illinois University regarding storing County records in their archives.

The Public Defender's report was presented.

State's Attorney Vogt presented the Committee with his monthly reports. State's Attorney Vogt reported that the office collected \$471,199 in fines for criminal and traffic cases for fiscal year 2009. State's Attorney Vogt reminded the Committee of

the retirement party for Jan Shenberger, December 4, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan has been with the County 17 years.

The Probation caseload totals were presented: as December 2, 2009 the total for the Adult Probation Division was 2,866. The total for the Juvenile Probation Division was 206. During the month of November, 2009, the Department completed 10 Pre-Sentence Investigations. The total Pre-Sentence Investigations for the year of 2009 is 110. A total of 2 Preliminary Conference and Social History Reports were ordered to be completed, during the month of November, 2009. The total Pre-Sentence Investigations for the year 2009 is 21. Public service work hours completed in November, 2009 were adult – 1,003 hours and juvenile – 0 hours. Public Service work hours completed for the year 2009 were adult – 21,905 hours and juvenile – 170 hours. During the month of November, 2009, the Probation Department collected \$1,458.50 in restitution and paid out \$1,830.02. The total amount collected for the year 2009 is \$52,383.08 and the total amount paid out for the year 2009 is \$50,663.36.

The Committee reviewed the detention and placement costs. Associate Probation Director Eilders said that the office is seeing an increase in juvenile detentions, making the detentions costs increase.

The Youth Diversion report was presented with a balance of \$35,005.69 as of November 30, 2009.

Claims of \$21,302.36 were approved, on a motion by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Brown.

The Committee adjourned at 7:25 p.m., on a motion Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Gilmour.

Approved: January 6, 2010

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Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:  
Wednesday, January 6, 2010 6:30 p.m.  
Stephenson County Board Room