

## COURT SERVICES COMMITTEE STATED MEETING – WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4, 2012

The stated meeting for the month of January was held in the Conference Room, of the Stewart Centre, on the above date with Mr. Newton, the Chairman, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Mr. Newton, Mr. Hilton, Mr. Brown, Ms. Dotson, Ms. Quiggle, Mr. Détente and Mr. Ludwig.

Assistant Public Defender Peska, Assistant Probation Director Eilders and State's Attorney Vogt were also present.

The minutes of the stated meeting of Wednesday, December 7, 2011 were approved, without reading, on a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded Ms. Quiggle.

The agenda was approved, on a motion by Ms. Dotson, seconded by Ms. Quiggle.

The claims were reviewed. Mr. Détente asked State's Attorney Vogt about the claim concerning the Appellate Prosecutor for \$13,000. State's Attorney Vogt explained that the Appellate Prosecutor handles all appeals, provides free training to the attorneys, appeals for Ron Kane's property assessments, and conflict-of-interest cases. Mr. Détente asked for a clarification of the claims for ARDC. Mr. Vogt explained that it is mandatory for all attorneys to pay dues to this organization. A claim to Rock County needs further documentation for services rendered. Claims of \$32,258.91 were approved on a motion by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Ms. Dotson.

Presiding Judge Ursin was not present.

The Public Defender's yearly and monthly reports were presented to the Committee. Assistant Public Defender Peska noted that the name of Fransen should be eliminated from the yearly report. The office is pleased with the yearly figures showing that the open versus closed cases were only 26 short of being 100%. Assistant Public Defender Peska feels there is a high level of efficiency in the office to maintain these open/closed case numbers.

The Committee noted that the Fines and Fees collections are up by \$62,000. The State's Attorney reported that the Circuit Clerk had done a lot of ground work, checking with Probation for any payments plans being set up. She is also sending out collection letters, with his approval.

State's Attorney Vogt reported his office will be holding seminars on Senior Abuse. The first meeting will be January 11, 2012, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Farm Bureau building. There will be seminars for six weeks, at six different locations.

The Probation caseload totals were presented: as of January 4, 2012 the total for the Adult Probation Division was 2,518. The total for the Juvenile Probation Division was 174. During the month of December, 2011 the Department completed 8 Pre-Sentence Investigations. The total Pre-Sentence Investigation for the year of 2011 is 88. A total of 1 Preliminary Conference and Social History Reports were ordered to be completed, during the month of December, 2011. The total Pre-Sentence

Investigations for the year of 2011 is 24. Public service work hours completed in December, 2011 were adult – 458 hours and juvenile 0 – hours. Public Service work hours completed for the year of 2011 were adult – 4,961 hours and juvenile – 20 hours. During the month of December, 2011, the Probation Department collected \$3,259.12 in restitution and paid out \$8,120.60. The total amount collected for the year 2011 is \$35,711.21 and the total amount paid out for the year 2011 is \$37,711.21.

Associate Probation Director Eilders reported that the placement costs were up in December, due to having a juvenile in placement.

The Youth Diversion Fee Account has a balance of \$21,135.86.

Chairman Newton will ask the Boys and Girls Club of Stephenson County to make a presentation next month.

Ms. Quiggle asked Mr. Hilton about the Millionaire's Club. Mr. Hilton explained that the group meets every Monday, when there is school, at Taylor Park School, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The group works with 7 to 15 year-olds, focusing on dress, health, hygiene, etiquette, self esteem and self awareness.

The Committee commended the Peer Jury on the work they are doing with local juveniles.

The Committee adjourned at 7:15 p.m., on a motion Mr. Hilton, seconded by Ms. Quiggle.

Approved: February 8, 2012

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Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012 6:30 p.m.  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Stewart Centre