Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 (November meeting) at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Renner; Members McIntyre, Harding, and

Cavallini

Members Absent: Members Rackauskas and Hoselton

Other County Board

Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry

Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; and Ms. Judith LaCasse, Assistant to the County

Administrator

Department Heads/ Elected Officials

Present: Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services;

Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center; Ms. Judy Renner, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; Sheriff Mike Emery; Ms. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner; Mr. Bill Yoder, State's Attorney; Mr. Will Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator-11th Circuit

Court; Judge G. Michael Prall, 11th Circuit Court

Others Present: Ms. Cindy Outlaw, Administrative Support Supervisor,

State's Attorneys Office

Chairman Renner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Renner presented the minutes from the October 7, 2008 Committee meeting and the September 16, 2008 Stand-Up Meeting to the Committee for approval.

Motion by Harding/Cavallini to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2008 Committee Meeting and the September 16, 2008 Stand-Up Meeting.

Motion carried.

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Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, presented the Court Services Department Monthly Report. She indicated that there was nothing significant to note on the report.

Ms. McCormick reminded the Committee that Court Services is hosting a presentation on electronic monitoring tomorrow from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Room 703 of the Law and Justice Center. She invited the Committee to attend the presentation.

Ms. McCormick advised that Court Services is one of the Counties chosen to receive a Redeploy juvenile initiatives grant. She stated that the four or five sites selected for the grant will meet with the State in Springfield on Thursday to discuss their budgets. Ms. McCormick noted that approval of this grant may need to be considered at a Stand-up meeting.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. McCormick.

Ms. Judy Renner, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, presented her Monthly Statistical Report for the Children's Advocacy Center and the CASA Report. She indicated that statistics are on target with last year. Ms. Renner noted that the CAC numbers are at 235 interviews thus far. She added that the CASA statistics are in line with last year as well.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Renner.

Chairman Renner presented the September 2008 Statistical Reports and the Third Quarter Reports as submitted by Ms. Sandy Parker, Circuit Clerk. He asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Sheriff Mike Emery reviewed the Jail Population Report. He reported that the average Jail population is 273-280 inmates. Sheriff Emery stated that he is very optimistic that the renovation project at the Jail will be completed by the end of this week. He indicated that the renovation of J Block is being completed, which will raise the bed count for females. Sheriff Emery advised that the Jail will be at capacity as soon as the renovations are completed. However, it will reduce the number of out-of-County prisoner housing.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Sheriff Emery.

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Chairman Renner presented the Coroner's Monthly Report for September 2008 as submitted by Ms. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner. He noted that Ms. Kimmerling is currently investigating a death in LeRoy. He asked if there were any questions on the report. There were none.

Mr. Bill Yoder, State's Attorney, reviewed his Monthly Caseload Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report. He indicated that there is nothing specific to point out in the report. Mr. Yoder stated that he had scheduled his Domestic Violence Unit to come to the meeting today to discuss domestic violence statistics. However, the Unit is also involved with the death in LeRoy and could not attend the meeting. Mr. Yoder advised that he will present the report next month.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Yoder.

Chairman Renner presented the Monthly Caseload Report for September 2008 as submitted by Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender. There were no questions regarding the report.

Chairman Renner introduced the review of the Fiscal Year 2009 Recommended Budget for the following departments:

<u>Circuit Court – 0001-0016</u> can be found on pages 54-57 of the FY'2009 Recommended Budget and pages 38-41 of the Summary. Chairman Renner pointed out that there is a 5.53% increase in the budget over last year.

Mr. Will Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator-11th Circuit Court, introduced Judge G. Michael Prall, 11th Circuit Court. Judge Prall indicated that they would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

Mr. Scanlon pointed out that the Jury expenses, including per dium rate, sequestering, and juror meals and parking, have increased. He indicated that this is due to an increase in defendants selecting jury trials for disposition and a 5% increase in filings.

Mr. Scanlon noted that the only other major increase is in travel expense and the Schooling and Conferences line item accounts. He advised that every ten years, the Court elects to attend the National Court Technology Conference. Mr. Scanlon indicated that the last conference attended was in 1997. He added that there will be a Conference in Denver, Colorado in 2009, which they plan to attend. Mr. Scanlon reported that the Schooling and Conference line item account increased from \$2,500.00 to \$6,700.00.

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Chairman Renner pointed out that, under Capital, the Circuit Court will be purchasing a data projector and cart, as well as the lease/purchase of copiers for the Circuit Court. Mr. Scanlon added that they are also replacing a set of desks that are original to the building (1977).

Mr. Scanlon projected that there will be some decrease in salaries due to a number of employees electing to take the early retirement option. When those employees are replaced, there will be a savings in salaries.

Mr. McIntyre asked for further information regarding the Conference. Mr. Scanlon replied that the bi-annual National Court Technology Conference, sponsored by the National Center of State Courts, features national speakers and a technology show. He reviewed some of the technology that will be covered, including electronic monitoring, conversion of records to electronic storage, etc.

Mr. McIntyre asked how long is the Conference and what is the fee to attend. Mr. Scanlon replied that there is an \$800.00 registration fee for each participant and the Conference is four days.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to recommend tentative approval.

Motion by Cavallini/McIntyre to recommend tentative approval of the Circuit Court – (0001-0016) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted.

Motion carried.

<u>Circuit Court IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program – 0156-0016</u> can be found on pages 58-59 of the FY'2009 Recommended Budget and pages 42-43 of the Summary. Chairman Renner advised that the Budget is \$33,400.00. The Circuit Court's IV-D Project Child Support Enforcement Program within Special Revenue Fund 0156 was established to account for the receipt of Illinois Department of Public Aid IV-D Child Support Enforcement Grant Funding and the expenditures for the IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program. As in Fiscal Year 2008, the Circuit Court's expenditures will be primarily for Contract Services, specifically, the services of a contract attorney who will complete initial case review and screenings for the Circuit Court. The proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Recommended Budget reflects no increase in the contract dollar amount from the Illinois Department of Public Aid. Therefore, the Fiscal Year 2009 Recommended Budget is identical to the Fiscal Year 2008 Adopted Budget.

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Mr. Scanlon advised that he anticipates that this grant can be renewed through June 30th, 2010. He added that next year, the grant may only run through June 30, 2010 and thereafter it will need to be supplemented. Mr. Scanlon indicated that the County is under no obligation to support this program.

Motion by Harding/Cavallini to recommend tentative approval of the Circuit Court IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program – (0156-0016) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted.

Motion carried.

Circuit Court Children's Waiting Room – 0171-0016 can be found on pages 60-61 of the FY'2009 Recommended Budget and pages 44-45 of the Summary. Chairman Renner stated that the FY'2009 Recommended Budget is \$33,000.00. The Circuit Court's Children's Waiting Room Fund 0171 is a new Special Revenue Fund which was established to account for the receipt and disbursement of the Children's Waiting Room fees. Pursuant to Illinois Law, a Children's Waiting Room fee was approved to help cover the annual operating expenses of the Children's Waiting Room in the Law and Justice Center. The Children's Waiting Room Fund expenditures will be primarily for Contract Services, specifically, the services of the Children's Foundation that administers and operates the Children's Waiting Room for the Circuit Court. The proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Recommended Budget reflects the projected revenue to be received based on the year-to-date revenue received as of the date the Recommended Budget was prepared.

Chairman Renner advised that the \$33,000.00 budget is a conservative estimate. Mr. Scanlon indicated that they anticipate about \$46,000.00-\$51,000.00 in actual expenditures. He noted that he will submit a written report to the Committee at the end of the year. Mr. Scanlon reminded the Committee that the revenue was generated from a filing fee.

Mr. Scanlon reported that they are pleased with the program as it reports a much higher usage than anticipated.

Motion by Cavallini/Harding to recommend tentative approval of the Circuit Court Children's Waiting Room – (0171-0016) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted.

Motion carried.

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Mr. Scanlon reviewed the Law Library Fund 0506.0016, noting that this is a Special Use Fund. He stated that there is a part-time staff member working as a Law Librarian to assist people who want to use the Legal Self Help Center. Through a Contractual Agreement, the Bar Association reimburses the County for part of that salary.

Mr. Scanlon reported that, currently, expenditures are about \$51,000.00, including the personal expenses, books, software expenses, licensing, etc. He stated that the bulk of the revenues are the Law Library filing fees. The total revenue is \$61,800.00. Mr. Scanlon pointed out that revenue is running about \$10,000.00 more than expenses.

Chairman Renner asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Scanlon and Judge Prall.

<u>State's Attorneys Office – 0001-0020</u> can be found on pages 64-68 of the FY'2009 Recommended Budget and pages 46-49 of the Summary.

Mr. Yoder introduced Ms. Cindy Outlaw, Administrative Support Supervisor, State's Attorneys Office. He advised that the State's Attorneys Office tried to adjust the line item amounts to reflect the expected increases and decreases.

Chairman Renner reported that the overall budget has increased from \$2,527,043.00 in the FY'2008 Adopted Budget to \$2,617,296.00 in the FY'2009 Recommended Budget, which is a 3.57% increase. Chairman Renner noted that the biggest increase in expenses is in Fringe Benefits, which increased from \$137,122.00 to \$159,600.00, which is a 16.39% increase.

Mr. McIntyre asked for an explanation for the increase in Fringe Benefits. Mr. Zeunik explained that the Administrator's Office sets that budget line, which is applied to all County Offices and Departments in all funds. He indicated that this represents the County's cost per Full-time Equivalent Employee ("FTE") for Employee Medical Insurance and Life Insurance programs. In 2008, the County budgeted \$3,400.00 per FTE and in 2009, the cost increases to \$3,800.00 per FTE. Mr. Zeunik stated that the \$159,600.00 is the result of taking \$3,800 times the Full-time Employees budgeted in the State's Attorneys Office.

Mr. Cavallini expressed concern with the potential legal fees associated with the dispute between the State's Attorneys Office and the County Clerk's Office. He indicated that he expected to see something in the budget that reflects the expense for hiring outside attorneys. Mr. Cavallini asked where is the money budgeted to pay for the outside attorneys. Mr. Yoder replied that funds are

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available under line item account 0706.0001, Contract Services, which will be used for part of that expense. Mr. Zeunik pointed out that the expenses being incurred this year will come out of the amount budgeted which is \$51,750.00. He indicated that when the FY'2009 Recommended Budget was printed, the State's Attorneys Office had expended \$30,207.00 from that amount. Currently, as expenses occur, they will be charged to this line item account. Mr. Zeunik added that the funds in the Contract Services account will cover the cost of only one attorney. Mr. Yoder explained that, when this budget was prepared, the State's Attorneys Office was not contemplating the issues that arose from the County Clerk's Office. Mr. Yoder indicated that certain types of services will be charged against the Contract Services line item account.

Mr. Yoder advised that when circumstances arise and it is necessary to hire a special prosecutor or an attorney to handle unique situations, a special code is set up in the Auditor's Office in order to track the expenses, such as the one with the County Clerk's Office.

Mr. Cavallini asked is the County Board being asked to fund this expense. Mr. Yoder replied that the County will ultimately pay the expense of any special prosecutor or attorney that is retained to act as legal counsel, other than the State's Attorneys Office, for any County elected or appointed official. Mr. Cavallini asked where does the money come from if there are not enough funds in the Contract Services line item account. Mr. Yoder replied that he would then request approval from the County Board for an amendment to his budget. Mr. Zeunik added that the request would be for an Emergency Appropriation.

Mr. Cavallini suggested that if the County is responsible to pay for something that he believes was avoidable, all of the expense should come out of the State's Attorneys budget and the County Clerk's budget. Mr. Yoder replied that legal fee expenses do come out of his budget. He added that if a situation arises where he needs to appoint outside counsel, depending on different circumstances, there are different sources of funds available. Mr. Yoder stated that, In certain circumstances, the Appellate Prosecutor's Office represents the State's Attorneys Office when a conflict develops. In other circumstances, the Contract Services line item account will be used. Mr. Yoder indicated that, depending upon the unique set of circumstances per each individual case, the State's Attorneys Office will use various funds within his budget to fill the need.

Mr. Yoder advised that the expenses associated with the issue with the County Clerk's Office are similar to the expenses that occur when there is a major felony case in the State's Attorneys Office. He stated that a special project tracking code is established in the Auditor's Office to track the expenses.

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Mr. Yoder noted that if it becomes necessary, the State's Attorneys Office will go to the County Board rand request an Emergency Appropriation. He stated that it is the County's responsibility to provide sufficient funding for the various offices to do their jobs. Mr. Yoder added that it is his responsibility to go to the Board to explain why he needs additional money.

Chairman Renner indicated that the County is legally required to pay for the outside attorneys in this case. He added that the only recourse is for the McLean County voters to vote against an elected official whom they believe has violated their trust.

Mr. Cavallini asked how the Board can be stuck with these expenses since it has authority over the State's Attorneys budget. Chairman Renner replied that the County has no legal option but to pay for the outside attorneys.

Mr. Cavallini expressed concern that, once the State's Attorneys budget is approved, there remains an unknown expense for the outside attorneys, for which the County is responsible. He suggested that the two departments get together and figure out how to resolve their differences so that the County does not get stuck with a large expense. Chairman Renner reiterated that the County is required to pay for the legal fees associated with the issue with the County Clerk.

Mr. Cavallini asked where is the money coming from. Mr. Zeunik replied that if we get to a point where the State's Attorneys Office would no longer be able to forward invoices to the Auditor for payment because they have exhausted their budget authority. Mr. Yoder would come back to the oversight committee with a detailed report showing all of the invoices that are specific to that expense and the overage against the line item. At that time, the Committee and the Board would be asked to approve an Emergency Appropriation, which basically comes from the Unencumbered Fund Balance in the General Fund. Right now there are sufficient monies in the Unencumbered Fund Balance to cover this type of expense. Mr. Zeunik stated that when this budget was prepared, there was no way to anticipate that this situation would occur. He noted that the Committee has the option to make a recommendation to the Board to set aside a special line item in Mr. Yoder's budget for this situation. Mr. Zeunik added that Mr. Yoder is essentially doing this same thing by the way he is coding the invoices for the Auditor's Office. This coding is a unique tracking method to bring all of the information back to the Oversight Committee and to the Board.

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Mr. Cavallini suggested that a special line item be created in the budget that clearly shows what is being spent for the outside attorneys in the case with the County Clerk. Mr. Lindberg replied that the project code created by Mr. Yoder will track that specific vendor expense. Mr. Cavallini indicated that he is not totally satisfied with the taxpayers being responsible to pay the outside attorneys.

Mr. Yoder stated that he has never exceeded his budget on an annual basis. He added that he does not anticipate exceeding his budget this year.

Mr. McIntyre asked if there is a way to develop an alternative fund for this situation. Mr. Zeunik replied that a fund cannot be set up for this purpose. He noted that an account can be set up where money would be appropriated and identified for this specific purpose. Mr. Zeunik stated that all of these legal expenses in this situation are General Fund expenses; they cannot be paid out of other funds. The only alternative is to set up a contract line, such as Contract Services, with a unique number. Only those bills pertinent to this unique set of circumstances would be charged against that line item.

Mr. Yoder advised that the Justice Committee, today, is recommending tentative approval of the State's Attorneys FY'2009 Recommended Budget that was prepared before any of this came to light. This is the operating budget for the State's Attorneys Office for next year at the same level it did this year. Mr. Yoder reiterated that he does not expect to exceed his budget next year.

Mr. Yoder pointed out that it is the nature of the State's Attorneys Office that there are times and circumstances that call for hiring special attorneys for various reasons. Mr. Yoder stated that the budget that is being voted on today has nothing to do with the special prosecutors that have been hired or any of the circumstances that have developed since the Budget was prepared.

Motion by Harding/McIntyre to recommend tentative approval of the State's Attorneys Office – (0001-0020) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted.

Mr. Cavallini called for a roll call vote.

Member Harding: Yes
Member Cavallini: No
Member McIntyre: Yes
Chairman Renner: Yes

Motion carried on a 3-1 vote.

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<u>State's Attorneys Office Asset Forfeiture Fund – 0152-0020</u> can be found on pages 69-70 of the FY'2009 Recommended Budget and pages 50-52 of the Summary. Mr. Yoder reported that this fund was established to account for the receipt of funds derived from the seizure and sale of assets used in the distribution and sale of drugs. The State's Attorneys Asset Forfeiture Fund is a Special Revenue Fund that must be balanced within the Fund.

Motion by Cavallini/McIntyre to recommend tentative approval of the State's Attorneys Office Asset Forfeiture Fund – (0152-0020) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted.

Motion carried.

<u>State's Attorneys IV-D Child Support Enforcement – 0156-0020</u> can be found on pages 71-74 of the FY'2009 Recommended Budget and pages 53-55 of the Summary. Mr. Yoder stated that the total budget in the FY'2009 Recommended Budget is \$306,465.00 which is a decrease of 0.34% from the FY'2008 Adopted Budget. He noted that this special revenue fund was established to account for the receipt of Illinois Department of Public Aid Funding and the expenditures for the Child Support Enforcement program in the Circuit Clerk's Office.

Motion by Cavallini/Harding to recommend tentative approval of the State's Attorneys IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program – (0156-0020) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted.

Motion carried.

<u>State's Attorneys Office – Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Grant – 0160-0020</u> can be found on pages 75-77 of the FY'2009 Recommended Budget and pages 56-57 of the Summary. Mr. Yoder advised that this budget has decreased from \$67,811.00 in the FY'2008 Adopted Budget to \$50,924.00 in the FY'2009 Recommended Budget, which is a decrease of 24.90%.

Mr. Yoder reported that the Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Grant Fund 0160 is a Special Revenue Fund, which was established to account for the receipt and expenditure of a State Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. This multidisciplinary grant was awarded to the State's Attorneys Office, Court Services, the Sheriff's Department and Community-based agencies to initiate a Multidisciplinary approach to domestic violence cases and issues within the community.

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Mr. Yoder stated that the FY'2005 Adopted Budget included funding for the first year of this grant. In the FY'2009 Recommended Budget, the State's Attorneys Office is scheduled to receive \$50,924.00.00 of the total grant award. This funding will cover the salary and benefit expense for 0.66 FTE Assistant State's Attorney II. Mr. Yoder added that this grant expires on August 31, 2009.

Motion by Cavallini/McIntyre to recommend tentative approval of the State's Attorneys Office – Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Grant – (0160-0020) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted. Motion carried.

<u>Court Services Department – 0001-0022</u> can be found on pages 83-87 of the FY'2009 Recommended Budget and pages 58-62 of the Summary. Chairman Renner reported that the total budget has decreased from \$3,971,973.00 in the FY'2008 Adopted Budget to \$3,852,917.00 in the FY'2009 Recommended Budget, which is a decrease of 3.00%.

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, indicated that some of the decrease in the budget reflects the recent retirements in Court Services.

Ms. McCormick indicated that there is no change in the FTE Staffing level.

Motion by Cavallini/Harding to recommend tentative approval of the Court Services Department – (0001-0022) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted. Motion carried.

Court Services Juvenile Probation Fee Services Fund – 0145-0022 can be found on pages 88-89 of the Recommended Budget and pages 63-64 of the Summary. Chairman Renner reported that the Juvenile Probation Services Fee Fund is a Special Revenue Fund, which was established pursuant to State Law. The Court can order juvenile probationers to pay a Probation Services fee to the Court Services Department. The revenue generated from this fee can only be used to provide services to juvenile probationers. State law requires that the revenue collected in the current fiscal year be appropriated in the following fiscal year. As a result, the revenue budgeted in FY'2009 has already been collected and is available to be appropriated for services.

Chairman Renner noted that, as a Special Revenue Fund, the Juvenile Probation Services Fee Fund must be balanced within the Fund.

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Chairman Renner noted that the FY'2009 Recommended Budget is \$5,859.00, which is a decrease of 18.25% from the FY'2008 Adopted Budget of \$7,167.00.

Motion by Cavallini/McIntyre to recommend tentative approval of the Court Services Juvenile Probation Fee Services Fund – (0145-0022) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted.

Motion carried.

Court Services Adult Probation Fee Services Fund – 0146-0022 can be found on pages 90-92 of the Recommended Budget and pages 65-68 of the Summary. Chairman Renner reported that the Adult Probation Services Fee Fund is a Special Revenue Fund, which was established pursuant to State Law. The Court can order adult probationers to pay a Probation Services fee to the Court Services Department. The revenue generated from this fee can only be used to provide services to adult probationers. State law requires that the revenue collected in the current fiscal year be appropriated in the following fiscal year. As a result, the revenue budgeted in FY'2009 has already been collected and is available to be appropriated for services. As a Special Revenue Fund, the Adult Probation Services Fee Fund must be balanced within the Fund.

Chairman Renner stated that the budget is down from \$281,872.00 in the FY'08 Adopted Budget to \$211,650.00 in the FY'2009 Recommended Budget, which is a decrease of 24.91%.

Motion by Harding/Cavallini to recommend tentative approval of the Court Services Adult Probation Fee Services Fund – (0146-0022) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted.

Motion carried.

<u>Court Services – Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Grant – 0160-0022</u> can be found on pages 93-95 of the Recommended Budget and pages 69-70 of the Summary. Chairman Renner advised that this is a Special Revenue Fund, which was established to account for the receipt and expenditure of a State Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. This multidisciplinary grant was awarded to the State's Attorneys Office to provide funding to the State's Attorneys Office, Court Services, the Sheriff's Department and Community-based agencies to initiate a multidisciplinary approach to domestic violence cases and issues within the community.

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Ms. McCormick stated that, in the FY'2009 Recommended Budget, the Court Services Department is scheduled to receive \$33,948.00 of the total grant award. This grant award will fund the salary and benefit expense for 0.66 FTE Administrative Support Supervisor II (the Grant Coordinator) and Schooling and Conference expenses for the Probation Officers who handle the domestic violence cases.

Motion by Cavallini/Harding to recommend tentative approval of the Court Services – Multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Grant – (0160-0022) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted. Motion carried.

<u>Children's Advocacy Center – 0129-0062</u> can be found on pages 223-226 of the FY'2009 Recommended Budget and pages 71-74 of the Summary. Chairman Renner reported that the total budget is up from \$474,021.00 in the FY'2008 Adopted Budget to \$509,799.00 in the FY'2009 Recommended Budget, which is an increase of 7.55%.

Ms. Renner announced that the largest change in the Children's Advocacy Fund (CAC) is the new CAC Court Fees, which is a new revenue line item that was added this year to account for the receipt of the Children's Advocacy Center fee that the Board approved earlier this year. The amount budgeted in FY'2009 is based on the year-to-date revenue and an analysis of the number of court cases where the fee can be ordered with a payment rate assumption of 60%. Ms. Renner noted that at the same time she received word of the new CAC Court Fees, she learned that there would be a \$35,000.00 cut in grant funds.

Chairman Renner reported that the CAC Court Fees are estimated at \$73,026.00 in the FY'2009 Recommended budget.

Motion by McIntyre/Harding to recommend tentative approval of the Children's Advocacy Center – (0129-0062) FY'2009 Recommended Budget as submitted. Motion carried.

Chairman Renner presented the October 31, 2008 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$1,504,223.16 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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> Motion by Cavallini/Harding to Recommend Approval of the Justice Committee Bills as of October 31, 2008, as transmitted by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

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Chairman Renner asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse Recording Secretary