

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 8:45 a.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Renner; Members Rackauskas, Cavallini and Harding

Members Absent: Members Nuckolls and Butler

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator, Mr. Bill Wasson, Director, Administrative Services and Ms. Judith A. LaCasse, Recording Secretary

Department Heads/
Elected Officials

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

Others Present: None

Chairman Renner called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Chairman Renner presented a request for approval to apply for a Redeploy Illinois Grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services (the "DHS") for Court Services.

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, indicated that Redeploy Illinois Public Act 093-0641 took effect on December 31, 2003. The Act provides selected pilot Counties with funding for community-based services, which can include opportunities in education, recreation, community service, crisis and health intervention and alternative forms of detention for non-violent youth who would otherwise be committed to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ). Ms. McCormick stated that treatment of juvenile offenders using community-based services is generally less expensive than institutional care at IDJJ.

Ms. McCormick advised that McLean County is one of 14 Counties in the State that has been offered the possibility of becoming a redeploy site. There is \$900,000.00 available to DHS to fund three to six new redeploy programs in the State.

Ms. McCormick stated that she received notification of McLean County's ability to apply for the grant on September 3, 2008. She noted that the grant is due to DHS on September 30, 2008. Ms. McCormick indicated that there is no match for these funds and no personnel costs. She added that the total grant submission would be approximately \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00.

Ms. Rackauskas asked if this is a one-time grant. Ms. McCormick replied that it could turn into a multi-year grant. She noted that these monies are being taken from the Department of Corrections and placed into the communities.

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Ms. McCormick indicated that the County would use the monies for psychiatric-psychological services, evidence based programming and respite care.

Motion by Cavallini/Rackauskas to Recommend Approval to apply for a Redeploy Illinois Grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services for Court Services.
Motion carried.

Chairman Renner asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary