



DU PAGE COUNTY

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Judicial and Public Safety Committee Final Summary

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

8:00 AM

County Board Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:00 A.M. meeting was called to order by Chair Lucy Evans at 8:02 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Member Dawn DeSart arrived at 8:04 AM and Member Brian Krajewski arrived at 8:10 AM due to attending a previous meeting that ran late.

Presenters: Honorable Chief Judge Bonnie Wheaton and Circuit Court Clerk Candice Adams

Staff in attendance: Nick Kottmeyer (Chief Administrative Officer), Joan Olson (Chief Communications Officer), Conor McCarthy (Assistant State's Attorney), Jason Blumenthal (Assistant Director of Operations), Evan Shields (Public Information Officer), Jeff Martynowicz (Chief Financial Officer), Jennifer Sinn (Deputy Chief Financial Officer), Suzanne Armstrong (Court Administrator), Kathy Thompson (Deputy Court Administrator), Lisa Smith (Chief Assistant State's Attorney), Paul Bruckner (Deputy Chief Assistant State's Attorney), Kevin Vaske (Director - Circuit Court Clerk's Office), Robert McEllin (Director of Probation) and Jeremy Custer (Senior Advisor - County Board).

Remote attendee: Dan Bilodeau, Deputy Chief - Sheriff's Office

Other Board members in attendance: Member Kari Galassi, Member Paula Garcia and Member Sheila Rutledge

PRESENT	Chaplin, Eckhoff, Evans, Ozog, Schwarze, Tornatore, Zay, and Yoo
ABSENT	Childress, and Gustin
LATE	DeSart, and Krajewski

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Online public comment was submitted by Shanna Arnett on the subject of sidewalk safety in Lombard, Illinois.

3.A. [24-2282](#)

Online Public Comment

All online submissions for public comment from the August 20, 2024 Judicial and Public Safety Committee meeting are included for the record in their entirety. They are found in the Minutes Packet and at the link above.

4. **CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR EVANS**

Chair Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.A. [24-2230](#)

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The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Sam Tornatore
SECONDER:	Yeena Yoo

6. **BUDGET TRANSFERS**

6.A. [24-2248](#)

Transfer of funds from account no. 1000-5900-53090 (Other Professional Services) to account no. 1000-5900-54010 (Building Improvements), in the amount of \$6,496, to cover CTI service agreement fees for courtroom AV equipment that are no longer being paid by ARPA. (18th Judicial Circuit Court)

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Mary Ozog
SECONDER:	Liz Chaplin

6.B. [24-2249](#)

Transfer of funds from account no. 1300-4130-54120 (Automotive Equipment) to account no. 1300-4130-57000 (Transfer Out General Fund), in the amount of \$90,000, to assist in alleviating pressures on the general fund by providing financial support for the salaries. (Coroner's Office)

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Liz Chaplin
SECONDER:	Jim Zay

6.C. [24-2251](#)

Transfer of funds from account no. 1000-1180-53828 (Contingencies) to account nos. 1000-4401-53090 (Other Professional Services) and 1000-4410-53070 (Medical Services), in the amount of \$708,000, necessary to cover current DuComm expenses for Radio Dispatch and for arrestee's medical services for the County Jail. (Sheriff's Office)

Member Yoo inquired what current DuComm expenses for radio dispatch these are and

whether just one arrestee's medical services that are being paid for. Deputy Chief Dan Bilodeau explained that some one-time fees were incurred when the Sheriff's Office transitioned from ACDC to DuComm. They are now starting to pay some of these fees. Jason Blumenthal responded that the County has an agreement with Northwestern Medicine to provide medical care to arrestees at the Medicare rate. There is a specific account for these funds, however, only a portion of the budgeted funds have been deposited to date. In order to deposit the remaining funds, this budget transfer was required.

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Greg Schwarze
SECONDER:	Yeena Yoo

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.A. [24-2231](#)

County Contract 5676-0001 SERV, issued to Currie Motors, to decrease the total contract amount by \$735,029 and close the contract due to expiration of the contract. (Sheriff's Office)

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Jim Zay
SECONDER:	Liz Chaplin

7.B. [24-2232](#)

County Contract 5895-0001 SERV, issued to Ray O'Herron, to decrease the contract amount by \$103,594 and close the contract due to expiration of the contract. (Sheriff's Office)

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Yeena Yoo
SECONDER:	Liz Chaplin

7.C. [24-2233](#)

County Contract 6164-0001 SERV, issued to Ray O'Herron, to decrease the contract amount by \$24,748.89 and close due to expiration of the contract. (Sheriff's Office)

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	ADOPTED
MOVER:	Mary Ozog

SECONDER: Liz Chaplin

7.D. [24-2234](#)

County Contract 6181-0001 SERV, issued to Streicher's, Inc., to decrease the contract amount by \$64,260 and close due to expiration of the contract. (Sheriff's Office)

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Yeena Yoo
SECONDER: Jim Zay

7.E. [24-2235](#)

County Contract 6074-0001 SERV, issued to Carol Stream Holiday Inn, to decrease the contract amount by \$134,298 and close the contract due to expiration of the contract. (Sheriff's Office)

Member DeSart asked what the reason was that the County had been paying for a hotel. Deputy Chief Dan Bilodeau explained that they had a contract with this particular hotel so that when they hosted the Corrections Academy through the State of Illinois, the attendees could stay there. Further, Member DeSart asked if the State paid for the rooms. Deputy Chief Bilodeau confirmed that all costs have been reimbursed through the State.

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Greg Schwarze
SECONDER: Yeena Yoo

7.F. [24-2236](#)

County Contract 6225-0001 SERV, issued to Contract Pharmacy Services, to decrease the contract amount by \$162,544.18 and close the contract due to expiration of the contract. (Sheriff's Office)

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT: ADOPTED
MOVER: Mary Ozog
SECONDER: Liz Chaplin

8. **INFORMATIONAL**

8.A. [24-2237](#)

Informational - Public Defender's Office Monthly Statistical Report - July 2024. (Public Defender's Office)

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Dawn DeSart
SECONDER:	Yeena Yoo

9. BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

9.A. DuPage County 18th Judicial Circuit Court - Honorable Chief Judge Bonnie Wheaton

The Honorable Chief Judge Bonnie Wheaton presented her office's FY2025 budget to the Committee. She began by recognizing her staff for their hard work in keeping the court system running effectively. Since submitting their initial budget request in early July, her office reconsidered their needs and were able to reduce their request by over \$568,000. Her office oversees seven budgets: Probation & Court Services, the Circuit Court, the Jury Commission, Probation Fees, the Law Library, Detention/Screening & Transport and DUI Evaluation. She commented on each budget and went on to explain what percentage each of the seven budgets represent of the overall total budget. During her presentation, Chief Judge Wheaton covered topics ranging from an increase in mental health cases, the need for a trained therapist to assist individuals needing intervention as well as training for staff in managing challenging situations, the need for additional staff to assist in Juvenile Court, a request for additional interpreters due to anticipated rise in cases needing an interpreter, an increase in jury trials which necessitates more jurors being summoned, new software for the Jury Commission and a request for additional staff due to an increase in DUI evaluations. Chief Judge Wheaton also informed the Committee about an important program started by the Probation Department called Juvenile Crossfit. This program provides juvenile offenders an opportunity to work out in a gym with their probation officers. Through their participation in this program, these young people have been able to build their resiliency and confidence and have seen a decrease in their behavioral issues.

9.B. DuPage County Circuit Court Clerk - Candice Adams

Circuit Court Clerk Candice Adams then presented her FY2025 budget requests. She began by providing an overview of her office which is a non-judicial partner of the judicial branch and is funded by the County. It is one of the largest offices in the County and its primary function is to keep the records of the Court. Topics included in her presentation consisted of the many bodies that govern the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, as well as the number of agencies, departments and organizations her office interacts with on a daily basis to ensure efficient Court operations. Clerk Adams then went on to speak of some of the projects her office has completed over the past year. These include her Accounting Department liquidating many funds in order to be in compliance with the mandates of the SAFE-T Act. In addition, her IT team collaborated with the Chief Judge's Office and law enforcement partners to develop their own software to process traffic citations, which has resulted in significant savings. Clerk Adams also recognized the various teams within her office that work together and cross-train which enables the entire staff to be more flexible in adapting to new policies and procedures. One of these new policies is the opportunity to receive 12 weeks paid parental leave for the addition of a new baby to the family, whether by birth or adoption. The remainder of Clerk Adams' presentation consisted of slides which reflected dollar amounts requested for each department for FY2025 in comparison to those from the FY2023 original budget. At the conclusion of her presentation, Clerk Adams took questions from the Committee members.

Questions and comments were brought forth by Members Krajewski, Ozog, Zay, Eckhoff, Chaplin and Tornatore. Topics of discussion included the Circuit Court Clerk's revenue numbers and trends, as well as the new software in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, the need for increased security at both the Courthouse and the Circuit Court Clerk's Office and staff shortages in security personnel. Chair Evans and members of the Committee thanked both Chief Judge Wheaton and Circuit Court Clerk Adams for taking the time to present their budget requests today.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Evans asked the Committee members if they are in favor of bringing forward a Resolution at the next Judicial and Public Safety Committee meeting pertaining to increasing the Public Defender's salary. All present were in favor. Member Eckhoff referenced the public comment submitted for today's meeting regarding sidewalk safety in Lombard. He requested that a staff member respond to this individual in writing and copy the Committee members. Jason Blumenthal agreed that he would ask the appropriate staff member to respond. Member Chaplin commented that the 2023 Annual Report does not appear on the Sheriff's website and asked when this report would be available. Mr. Blumenthal agreed to look into this. Member DeSart asked that the record reflect that she arrived late to this meeting due to the meeting right before it running long. Questions and comments were raised by Members Ozog and Krajewski regarding the status of the hiring process for new security officers. Also discussed was the requirement for some of the new hires to attend training academy and how long that process would be. Chief Judge Bonnie Wheaton responded to their questions and provided an update on where they are in regard to this.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was offered.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 9:08 A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 8:00 A.M.