



DU PAGE COUNTY

Judicial and Public Safety Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, May 21, 2024

8:00 AM

County Board Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:00 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Lucy Evans at 8:04 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board Members in attendance: Cindy Cahill, Kari Galassi, Paula Garcia and Sheila Rutledge

Staff in attendance: Nick Kottmeyer (Chief Administrative Officer), Joan Olson (Chief Communications Officer), Mark Winistorfer (Assistant State's Attorney), Jason Blumenthal (Policy and Program Manager), Jeff Martynowicz (Chief Financial Officer), Valerie Calvente (Buyer-Procurement), Brian Rovik (Buyer-Procurement), Jeff York (Public Defender), Sharon Donald (Finance Manager-Probation and Court Services), Evan Shields (Public Information Officer) and Craig Dieckman (Director-Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management).

Remote attendees: Member Patty Gustin and Dan Bilodeau (Deputy Chief-Sheriff's Office)

Presenter: Dr. Richard Jorgensen (County Coroner)

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

MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Member Krajewski moved, seconded by Member Zay, to allow Member Gustin to participate remotely.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Brian Krajewski
SECONDER:	Jim Zay

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

4. CHAIR REMARKS - CHAIR EVANS

Chair Evans welcomed everyone and informed them that at today's meeting the DuPage County Coroner, Dr. Richard Jorgensen, will be providing an update on opioid deaths within the county.

She then followed up on concerns that were brought forward at the last meeting about a fundraising event and recruitment efforts within the Sheriff's Office. Chair Evans shared with the committee members the opinion from State's Attorney Robert Berlin in response to these concerns.

In conclusion, Chair Evans stated that State's Attorney Berlin will be in attendance at the July 2, 2024 Judicial and Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss the statistics of domestic violence cases.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [24-1567](#)

Judicial and Public Safety Committee - Regular Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Yeena Yoo
SECONDER:	Brian Krajewski

6. PROCUREMENT REQUISITIONS

6.A. [JPS-P-0016-24](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to JusticeText, Inc., for the purchase of audiovisual evidence management software licenses, for the Public Defender's Office, for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Per 55 ILCS 5/5-1022(c) not suitable for competitive bids - Sole Source. (Public Defender's Office)

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

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Yeena Yoo
SECONDER:	Jim Zay

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.A. [FI-R-0088-24](#)

Additional appropriation for the Illinois State Opioid Response Criminal Justice Medication-Assisted Treatment Integration Grant PY23, MOU Number 2023-102, Company 5000, Accounting Unit 4496, from \$75,000 to \$105,000, an increase of \$30,000. (Sheriff's Office)

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

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Brian Krajewski
SECONDER:	Jim Zay

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.A. [JPS-CO-0004-24](#)

Recommendation for the approval of an amendment to purchase order 5757-0001-SERV, for a contract issued to Flock Group, Inc., for the purchase of flock falcon cameras, to increase the contract in the amount of \$17,500, resulting in an amended contract total amount not to exceed \$280,000, an increase of 6.67%. (Sheriff's Office)

Member Chaplin questioned a discrepancy in the backup paperwork for this item. Deputy Chief Dan Bilodeau from the Sheriff's Office explained that a scrivener's error was made and that his office will correct the mistake. Member Zay commented on the benefits of obtaining additional cameras to which Deputy Chief Bilodeau agreed. Member Krajewski inquired if these were license plates readers. Deputy Chief Bilodeau confirmed that they were. A brief dialogue took place regarding the county's ability to link up with other municipalities that have Flock systems and those that use other camera systems. In conclusion, Member Krajewski requested that, in the future, the Sheriff's Office provide a report to the committee members detailing how the cameras are working and what kind of data they are capturing. Member Yoo then asked for an explanation as to why there was an increase in the cost of the cameras. Deputy Chief Bilodeau responded that this is a standard price increase. He indicated that currently, the Sheriff's Office has two separate contracts with Flock Group, Inc., which they are hoping to consolidate into one for FY2025.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Brian Krajewski
SECONDER:	Yeena Yoo

9. INFORMATIONAL

9.A. [24-1568](#)

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

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

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Liz Chaplin
SECONDER:	Yeena Yoo

9.B. [24-1569](#)

Pursuant to FI-O-0056-22 and DT-R-0306C-22, three (3) vehicle replacement purchase

orders for FY24 for Probation and Court Services have been issued to Haggerty Ford, Inc. for a total amount of \$93,333. (Probation and Court Services)

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

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
MOVER:	Yeena Yoo
SECONDER:	Grant Eckhoff

10. PRESENTATION

10.A. Update on Opioid Deaths - Dr. Richard Jorgensen, Coroner

Dr. Richard Jorgensen, DuPage County Coroner, presented an overview of opioid deaths within the county. He began by saying that in 2023 there was a decrease in the number of opioid-related deaths in the county. Although this is encouraging, Dr. Jorgensen still considers the death rates to be of epidemic proportion. He then proceeded to explain how the number and type of drugs used today compares to those used in 2012. Since its beginnings in Chicago in October 2015, Fentanyl has since migrated out to the suburbs and has become widely used. Dr. Jorgensen explained the different types and strengths of Fentanyl, as well as the increase in Fentanyl-related deaths since that time. He then spoke of polypharmacy, which involves the simultaneous use of multiple types of drugs. Since many overdose-related deaths involve several different drugs, Dr. Jorgensen now categorizes overdose deaths as polypharmacy deaths, rather than attributing the death to a specific drug. Next, he compared the age and gender demographics of overdose-related deaths from 2013 to the percentages from 2023. Dr. Jorgensen then emphasized the great successes of the DuPage Narcan Project and thanked the DuPage County Health Department for spearheading this back in 2013. This concluded his presentation at which time he responded to questions and comments from Members DeSart, Yoo, Childress and Zay.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Comments were brought forward by Members Ozog, Chaplin and Zay. Topics included effective communications among elected officials and content of social media posts.

Member Garcia informed everyone that, although the HOPE Taskforce is no longer in existence, the DuPage Council for Strengthening the System (DCSS) has been created with the goal of strengthening the local behavioral health system. The Council is co-chaired by County Board Chair Deb Conroy and DuPage County Health Department Executive Director Adam Forker. Its mission is to increase awareness and assess mental health and substance use disorder needs within the County.

12. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was offered.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:43 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 8:00 AM.