

**JOINT LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098**

MINUTES OF MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

Committee Chairmen Yvonne Barnes and Marc Munaretto called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Law and Justice Committee: Yvonne Barnes, Bob Bless, Randy Donley, Sue Draffkorn, Jim Heisler, James Kennedy and Kathleen Bergan Schmidt. Finance and Audit Committee: Marc Munaretto; Scott Breeden; John Hammerand; Tina Hill; Lyn Orphal and Daniel Ryan. Mary Donner was absent. Also in attendance: Ken Koehler, Chairman, McHenry County Board; Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator-Finance; Sheriff Keith Nygren, Undersheriff Lowery, Angela Wood-Zuzevich, Sheriff's Department; Tom Sullivan, IT; Kathy Keefe, Circuit Clerk; Judge Michael Sullivan; Dan Wallis and Mary Foley, Court Administration; Tom Carroll, State's Attorney, Ersel Schuster, County Board Member; Nick Carroccia, Integrated Justice Project Manager; interested public and the press.

LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Yvonne Barnes, Chairman
Robert "Bob" Bless Randy Donley
Sue Draffkorn Jim Heisler
James Kennedy Kathleen Bergan Schmidt

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Marc Munaretto, Chairman
Scott Breeden Mary L. Donner
John Hammerand Tina Hill
Lyn Orphal Daniel P. Ryan

MINUTES

None

PRESENTATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution authorizing additional services with Integrated Software Specialists, Inc. for the integrated justice project. Chairman Barnes noted that a joint meeting was called with the Finance and Audit Committee to hear an update regarding the integrated justice project. She stated that the committees are not in a position at this time to vote on the Resolution and the Law and Justice Committee would either forward the Resolution on to the Finance and Audit Committee for consideration or call a special meeting to approve or deny the Resolution prior to presentation at the Finance and Audit Committee. Chairman Munaretto stated that he would prefer a Resolution that has been approved by the Law and Justice Committee prior to moving the Resolution forward to the Finance Committee. Committee members were informed that a special meeting could be called if needed, for consideration of the Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tim Schultz of Algonquin joined committee members to discuss an article he noticed in the Northwest Herald on March 9th regarding the increased costs for the new Integrated Criminal Justice Information System. He informed committee members that the company he works for would have been able to bring forward similar applications with a much cheaper cost. He presented copies of the article printed in the Northwest Herald and a cost study that was completed for the Rockland County Sheriff's Department. He stated that his company, Planet Java was created by ex-engineers from IBM. He stated that they are able to bring applications to the market much quicker than anyone else, much cheaper. Committee members thanked Mr. Schultz for his information.

Judge Sullivan, Ms. Kathy Keefe, Circuit Clerk and Mr. Nick Carroccia, Project Manager, joined committee members to provide an update and address concerns about the integrated justice project and the request for an additional \$350,000 for the implementation of Release 1 of the ICIS (Integrated Court Information System) solution. They also stated they would address future funding requests that may be needed for Release 2 of the system. Release 2 will involve replacing the existing case management system in Court Services (Prober) and provide new functionality in the State's Attorney and Public Defender's offices. As a reminder, the Court Information System is to include the replacement of the case management systems for the Circuit Clerk and Court Services; and provide some level of functionality to the State's Attorney and Public Defender's offices. When the initial agreement was put together it was assumed that the Circuit Clerk's IT staff would be able to run the program to convert the system. This did not happen. The initial contract was for \$3 million dollars. To create the program, another \$500,000 was requested and now the vendor is requesting \$350,000 for the implementation of Release 1 of the ICIS solution. Committee members noted concern about the additional requests for funding and feel the contract is lacking. Unfortunately, there were a lot of assumptions regarding

the contract. The contract has been sent to the State's Attorney's office for review. The "go live" date is targeted for Monday May 4th.

Committee members noted that they understand this system will belong to the Circuit Clerk and they are "borrowing" the funds to purchase this product and if they had the funds available, there would be no County Board involvement. With this being such a large project, a lot of public money is involved, even though they are not using General Fund monies and are using specific funds, the County Board will still have to appropriate the funds for the project and at some point there will not be sufficient funds within the special funds to complete this project and questioned what funding will be necessary to get the whole project "live". As previously mentioned, the agreement for the implementation of Release 1 will cost an additional \$350,000. The support agreement (a multi-year agreement) will cost \$20,000 per month. The maintenance agreement will cost \$10,000 per month for seven months and the implementation of Release 2 will potentially cost \$300,000. There will be a license agreement as well but there is no cost for this.

Committee members questioned if the County would benefit from a reimbursement program for future sales of this product. Committee members were informed that there has been no decision on this and this was not included in the original agreement. This has been a discussion point only. Committee members stated that the vendor and the County are partners on this project which could be very profitable for the vendor. It was noted that the average cost for this type of system is \$7.5 million dollars. The initial investment was to be used to get the Circuit Clerk "live" and was never expected to totally automate the Public Defender and State's Attorney offices. Committee members stated that the County would not be a partner until all agreements, with rebates are included. It is hopeful that everyone can feel that they will get what is expected and is hopeful there is a level of trust to get where we want to be. This is an asset for the County that can be used across the United States. Michael Locascio, President and CEO of Information Software Specialists, Inc. located in Schaumburg, Illinois, joined committee members and stated they are trying to look out for each other's interest. They are working on the details of the agreements, which will include financial milestones. It was noted that negotiations for the contracts are ongoing, but, the contracts are mostly in final review. A lot of progress has been made on the agreements within the past 10 days and the implementation plan does include a lot more details than was previously discussed. The agreements would need to be approved prior to the live date of May 4th. Ms. Keefe informed committee members her department is excited about how the project is going and what the system is capable of doing and she is confident that they will go live by the expected date. Committee members were informed that the County should be able to recoup their costs and the details of this are being worked out. It was noted that a State's Attorney's opinion states that the County can recoup funds, up to the cost of the system. Committee requested copies of this opinion for their review. Chairman Munaretto stated that the Finance and Audit Committee would not be involved in the contract details and this would be worked on by the Law and Justice Committee and State's Attorney's office.

Committee members were reminded that the intent was never to get reimbursed for the costs of the project, but to have a product that would stand on its own. A neighboring County recently spent \$6.1 million dollars for an off the shelf product and there has been interest already shown in the market place for our product. The product itself is a cutting edge product.

Committee members thanked ISS, Inc. for the update and noted that the Resolution will be forwarded to the County Board on April 21st for consideration. This Resolution would be reviewed by the appropriate committees prior to consideration by the County Board.

OLD BUSINESS: None

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

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