

Chairperson: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.
Clerk: Linda K. Durham, 278-4225
Research Analyst: Rick Ceschin, 278-5003

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SAFETY AND GENERAL SERVICES

Thursday, June 11, 2009 - 9:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisors Rice, De Bruin, Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) - 7

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 09-216 From County Executive, appointing Ms. Lisa Klindt Simpson to serve on the Milwaukee County Traffic Safety Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2013.

APPEARANCE(S):

Sherry Hill, County Executive's Office
Lisa Klindt Simpson, Appointee

Ms. Hill provided brief comments.

MOTION BY: (RICE) Approve the appointment. (Vote 7-0)

AYES: Rice, De Bruin, Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

2. 09-J-5 From the Chief Judge, submitting the final version of the Universal Jail Screening Proposal. **(Also to be considered by the Committee on Finance and Audit)**
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

APPEARANCE(S):

Holly Szablewski, Court Services
Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office
John Chisolm, District Attorney

Ms. Szablewski provided a synopsis of the universal jail screening proposal.
Inspector Carr also provided comments.

Questions and comments ensued.

Supervisor De Bruin requested the following additional information:
What the anticipated implementation costs are in the second, third and fourth year (so if there is a reduction in cost, these subsequent years will be factored into it).

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Compare that to the current cost of keeping individuals in the jail and House of Correction.

In other examples across the country (including Allegheny County), did they track the individuals that were pre-released, i.e. cost savings and rate of recidivism?

A snapshot of what the standards would mean as to who could be released and who might not be released.

The issue of the targeted population – why would this group be priority?

Questions and comments continued.

District Attorney Chisolm commented that he strongly supports this general movement towards both measuring what we do and intelligently informing the policies that are implemented based on that information.

The following individuals provided comments in support of the universal jail screening proposal:

Kit Murphy McNally, The Benedict Center

Father Brian Braun, St. Benedict Jail Ministry

Lloyd Hubbard, Milwaukee Inner City Congregation Allied for Hope (MICAH)

Sister Rose Stietz (MICAH)

Peter Koneazny, Attorney, Legal Aid Society

William Eatough, MICAH

Marilyn Walzak, Justice 2000

Thomas Reed, First Assistant State Public Defender

Holly Patzer, Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)

Supervisor Jursik asked if there were statistics available from Waukesha County on cost savings.

MOTION BY: (DE BRUIN) Refer to County Board staff and the universal screening workgroup for a follow-up report (addressing questions and concerns raised by Supervisors De Bruin and Jursik above) and report back in the September cycle. (Vote 7-0)

AYES: Rice, De Bruin, Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

3. 09-143 A resolution by Supervisor Coggs, in support of modifying state judicial districts to achieve better ethnic diversity of elected circuit court judges. **(Also to the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations) (4/9/09: Referred to Corporation Counsel for Legal Opinion)**

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

APPEARANCE(S):

Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel

MOTION BY: (RICE) Layover to the call of the Chair. (Vote 7-0)

AYES: Rice, De Bruin, Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) –7

NOES: 0

4. 09-J-4 From the Sheriff's Office, a report regarding the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE(S):

Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office

District Attorney Jon Chisolm

Inspector Carr reviewed the subject report.

Attorney Chisolm provided brief comments.

Questions and comments ensued about the criteria that makes the municipalities eligible.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

5. 09-240 From the Sheriff's Office, requesting authorization to apply for and accept homeland security funding for specific projects under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grants and State Homeland Security Grants.

APPEARANCE(S):

Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office

Inspector Carr reviewed the subject report.

MOTION BY: (RICE) Approve. (Vote 7-0)

AYES: Rice, De Bruin, Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s). At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary:

CORPORATION COUNSEL RECOMMENDS PAYMENT/SETTLEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS/LITIGATION (*Note: Section 56.08 of the Milwaukee County General Ordinances authorizes the Judiciary Committee to settle all claims when the amount does not exceed \$5,000.00, and the action of the Committee is final and no further County Board action is required.*):

6. 09-18 From Deputy Corporation Counsel, recommending approval of payment in the amount of **\$5,000.00** towards the attorney's fees incurred by the Deputy Sheriff's Association and its president, Roy Felber and the lawsuit against the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office.

APPEARANCE(S):

Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel

MOTION BY: (RICE) Approve.

Questions and comments ensued.

Vote on the motion to approve: 6-1

AYES: Rice, De Bruin, Cesarz, Broderick, *Jursik and Johnson (Chair) - 6

NOES: Sanfelippo -1

*Supervisor Jursik was excused at the time of the roll call for the vote; however, when the meeting reconvened, after the closed session, she appeared and requested unanimous consent to be recorded as voting with the majority on items 6 and 7. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

7. 09-18 From Deputy Corporation Counsel, recommending approval of payment in the amount of **\$692.21** to David Clay, in full settlement of this claim.

APPEARANCE(S):

Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel

MOTION BY: (DE BRUIN) Approve.

Questions and comments ensued.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Vote on the motion to approve: 7-0

AYES: Rice, De Bruin, Cesarz, Broderick, *Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 7
NOES: 0

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8. 08-J-4 From Corporation Counsel, status report on the Mercer pension lawsuit.

APPEARANCE(S):

Bill Domina, Corporation Counsel

MOTION BY: (RICE) Adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to item 8. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Rice, De Bruin, Cesarz, Broderick, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: Jursik – 1

The Committee adjourned into closed session at approximately 11:20 a.m. and reconvened back into open session at approximately 11:43 a.m. with the same members present as before, at which time Supervisor Jursik requested unanimous consent to be recorded as voting with the majority on items 6 and 7.

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Ceschin, Research Analyst, County Board
John Chisolm, District Attorney
Bill Domina, Corporation Counsel
Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office
Holly Szablewski, Court Services

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of communications, reports and resolutions, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Adjourned: 11:43a.m.

Linda K. Durham

Linda K. Durham, Committee Clerk

DEADLINE

***The next regular meeting of the Judiciary Committee is Thursday, July 9, 2009.
All items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the
business day on Thursday, June 25, 2009.***

*ADA accommodation requests should be filed with the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with
Disabilities, 278-3932 (voice) or 278-3937 (TTY), upon receipt of this notice.*