

**COUNTY OF KENDALL ILLINOIS
JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Courthouse Jury Assembly Room
807 W. John Street, Yorkville IL**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

The Judicial Legislative Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Matthew Prochaska at 3:01p.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Judy Gilmour - here, John Purcell – yes, Bob Davidson - yes, Matthew Prochaska - here, Dan Koukol - yes

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Vicki Chuffo, Robyn Ingemunson, Judge Tim McCann, Judge Robert Pilmer, Tina Varney, Eric Weis, Jeff Wilkins

Approval of Agenda – Member Gilmour made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Member Davidson. **With all in agreement, the motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – Member Koukol made a motion to approve the November 30, 2015 minutes, second by Member Davidson. **Minutes adopted with all in agreement.**

Status Reports

Circuit Clerk – Robyn Ingemunson distributed the annual case filings report, which also showed a comparison for the last 5 years. Ms. Ingemunson said that the report shows a slight decrease in case filings each year. Judge McCann said that the decrease in case filings are lower nation-wide, partly due to the increased use of arbitration and mediation, and other means available outside the court system.

Courthouse – Judge McCann updated the committee on the Yorkville Art Guild mural project planned for the courthouse. Judge McCann said the design is in the final stages, and should be ready in the spring.

Judge McCann reported that half of the judges will be attending the Bi-Annual education conference. Judge McCann reported that half of the judges go in February and half go in April.

Court Services/Probation – Tina Varney reviewed the monthly juvenile detention and board & care reports with the committee. Ms. Varney reported that they continue to receive the probation salary reimbursements from AOIC for state fiscal year 2016, and have received July and August, and most of September already. The only issue is that they are getting reimbursements based on last year's salaries due to the state budget crisis.

Ms. Varney reported that in the first 9-months of their pre-trial program they have done 468 bond reports and have supervised 153 people on trial supervision, and currently have 110. She said there have been very few violations, and the program is going well.

Public Defender – Vicky Chuffo distributed the monthly report and stated that there has been an increase in felony and misdemeanor appointments for the last month.

Sheriff's Office/Court Security – Sheriff Baird reported that there was an alleged escape attempted by an inmate appearing in court yesterday. Sheriff Baird was happy to report the inmate was subdued and taken to a holding area without any further disruption to the courtroom or with courthouse operation.

State's Attorney – No report

Legislative Report and Update – Member Prochaska reviewed the summary of the final report to the Governor's on the task force for local government consolidation and unfunded mandates. Member Prochaska stated the full report is over 100 pages long.

Member Prochaska also informed the committee that UCCI will be doing their annual salary survey of all positions, and said UCCI provided a list of the positions they are seeking information on.

Member Prochaska also provided information on the UCCI Legislative Reception on February 16-17, 2016 in Springfield. He said the education conference on the 17th will include a section on parliamentary procedure and budgeting in a tough economy.

Member Prochaska also briefed the committee on the Metro West policy positions for 2016, and the legislative status report for different bills that are currently before the General Assembly.

Old Business – None

New Business

- *A Resolution Caking for Equitable Solution to Issues Related to Increased Juror Compensation* – Discussion on the proposed resolution, the purpose for the resolution on juror fees, and authorizing UCCI to file an Amicus Brief for Kendall County.

Member Prochaska briefed the committee on the Cook County case and said if the Supreme Court upholds the Cook County case, they are hoping that they will also rule the juror fees as unconstitutional as well.

Judge McCann said that this was paraded that this was going to be revenue neutral because it would reduce the number of jurors, but increase the rate of pay. Judge McCann said that this was never going to be revenue neutral.

Member Prochaska briefed the committee on the Kakos v. Butler case, in which the Cook County judge stated that six member juries for civil trial are unconstitutional in the State of

Illinois, and because they ruled the state statute unconstitutional, it gets an automatic appeal to the state Supreme Court, and UCCI is asking the member counties if they can file an amicus brief saying that in UCCI's opinion because of how the legislation was drafted, that the judicial fees are linked to the number of civil jurors.

Member Prochaska made a motion to table the resolution to a future meeting, second by Member Davidson. **With four members voting aye, and one member voting nay, the motion carried.**

Items for COW – None

Actions Items for County Board – None

Public Comments - None

Executive Session – None

Adjournment – A motion was made by Member Purcell, second by Member Gilmour to adjourn the Judicial Legislative Committee at 3:37p.m. **With all in agreement, the meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Valarie McClain
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