

League of Women Voters
Kane County Government
Monitoring Committee Report

MEETING: Judicial & Public Safety

DATE: Thursday, May 17, 2007, 2007 REPORTING: D Bakk

ATTENDING: Mitchell, Neuberger, Noverini, Shoemaker, Tredup

ABSENT: Davoust and Fahy

WAS PRESS IN ATTENDING: YES X NO

Steve Lord, *Aurora Beacon News*; Lisa Smith, *Daily Herald*; Bob, *Chicago Tribune*; and two other unidentified reporters

DID PRESS COVER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: YES NO

(this report submitted prior to publication)

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Attached to agenda were the following: Monthly financial report, Kane County Multiple Defendants Division Monthly Statistics, Public Defender Monthly Statistics, Resolution “Agreement with Winbourne & Costas (Washington DC) to Provide Professional Services for the Study of the Kane County Sheriff’s Public Safety Answering Point” Professional services not to exceed \$101,000. Passed. (Comment from Chair Mitchell he wished Davoust was present to answer questions) Report attached.

Meeting was short adjourning at 9:36. No reports from Circuit Clerk Seyller, Sheriff, Merit commission. State’s Attorney Barsanti discussed the seizing of cars. Coroner discussed he had more work because of cases involving institutions located in county--state hospital deaths—whereby he needed to rule out foul play. This also included some regular hospitals whereby he had to involve state agencies, investigation sources, etc. Requested county start looking for new storage places for his records because he is running out of room and materials shouldn’t be stored in temperatures over 100 degrees. Mueller discussed educational programs at the jail and the success they had with bringing grade levels up. 44% of the program’s students didn’t come back. Program showed criminals don’t mean your “dumb,” and one can be successful despite criminal record. Campton Village representative introduced himself and said he was requested to attend meetings until the village established its own police force in case the board had any questions and to make a smoother transition.

MOST CRITICAL ISSUES(S) AND RECOMMENDED ACTION: More information needed on deaths at state institutions located in County. Since LWV has a study group who is monitoring activity regarding persons with mental illness, it would be beneficial to follow-up on this.

NEXT MEETING: June 21, 2007