

League of Women Voters
Kane County Government
Monitoring Committee Report

MEETING: Judicial & Public Safety Committee

DATE: August 23, 2007 REPORTING: Hal Cattron

ATTENDING: Two of seven committee members missing.

WAS PRESS IN ATTENDANCE: No reporter from Trib or Beacon

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Meeting was poorly attended. There was no representative from Coroner's office. States Attorney Barsanti and Circuit Clerk Seyller were in Elgin making a campaign appearance on WRMN radio.

The item I found interesting was that Sheriff's Deputy Keaty reported that the current jail population is 655 with 193 of those boarded out in other counties. He has a plan to establish a housing unit in the current jail to bring a number of those prisoners back to Kane County starting on March 1, 2008. This would exist until Aug. 1, 2008 when the new jail opens. He could do this because they are hiring and training additional personnel to man the new jail and would have them ready at that time. He estimates a \$320,000.00 savings to the county in boarding costs.