

JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 13, 2010
Administrative Center – Room 3220
2:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Burke, Ray Ebert, Bridget Flood, Maureen Freedland, Joe Veenstra

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Joe Bilskemper, Tara Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Margaret Norden, Pam Radtke, Steve O'Malley, Dick Mial

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vicki Burke called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2010

MOTION by Freedland/Flood to approve the Committee Minutes of March 9, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously. Bilskemper, Johnson excused.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Flood/Veenstra to receive and file the following consent agenda items: Criminal Justice Management Council Minutes of December 16, 2009, January 20, 2010, and March 17, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bilskemper, Johnson excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

ANNUAL REPORT FROM CLERK OF COURTS

Pam Radtke presented additional information on her written report. She emphasized the bonds project that uses software that La Crosse County Information Technology designed which has streamlined the bonds process. Discussion was held about copywriting and selling the software. Supervisor Veenstra spoke about the advantages of the program, and that it saves attorneys and clients in-court time, and can save jobs for those charged with a crime. Radtke also emphasized their paper scanning project. They are mandated to keep records for varied amounts of time, and in the case of adoptions and terminations of parental rights, must keep forever. Scanning those records will clear space now occupied by 400 boxes of paper. Steve O'Malley reported that a Resolution would go the Executive Committee on April 14, 2010, to retain the full-time position of the person who does the scanning and would require a 2/3 vote by the full Board. Radtke stated that e-filing of small claims cases has started, and will expand to civil and divorce cases. Supervisor Freedland asked about CCAP, and Radtke explained that it has oversight from the Wisconsin Supreme Court and is continually updated. Fines can also be paid via CCAP to US Bank.

DIRECTION ON LEGISLATIVE POLICY ISSUES, RESOLUTIONS FOR WCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE DUE JUNE 28, 2010

Supervisor Flood listed the following Legislative bills for recommendations to WCA: AB759/SB548 regarding local sex offender ordinances; AB524 regarding small claims; AB732 regarding 17 year old offenders; AB448 regarding mandatory prescription drug charges. Chair Burke reported that she contacted department heads for feedback, and the issue raised was about 17 year old's being waived into adult court. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the increase in suicides among teenagers that were jailed among adults, and the history of the decision to automatically waive to adult court. Supervisor Ebert stated he

would like to have more information about both sides of the argument. **MOTION** by Freedland/Flood to draft a resolution for the La Crosse County Board to recommend to WCA that 17 year old criminal defendants be put back in the juvenile court system, and that funding be sought and maintained. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bilskemper, Johnson excused. Supervisor Veenstra raised the issue of confidentiality safeguards for mentors in Veterans Court, and said that veterans were encouraged not to confide in their mentors if the mentor could be called to testify. Steve O'Malley reported the issue was being addressed in the State Legislature and he would report back on the outcome.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None requested.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 11, 2010, AT 2:30 P.M.

NEXT LEC CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 11, 2010, AT 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Flood/Veenstra to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Bilskemper, Johnson excused. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Approved, May 11, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder