

JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 6, 2010
Administrative Center – Room 3220
2:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Burke, Joe Bilskemper, Maureen Freedland, Tammy Gamroth, Brad Konkel

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ray Ebert, Bridget Flood

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: John Steers, Gloria Doyle, Margaret Norden

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2010

MOTION by Bilskemper/Konkel to approve the Committee Minutes of June 8, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously. Ebert, Flood excused.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bilskemper/Freedland to receive and file the following consent agenda items:

1. Law Enforcement Construction Committee Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2010;
2. Criminal Justice Management Council Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2010, and Criminal Justice Management Council Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2010, and May 12, 2010;
3. Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2009; January 20, 2010; March 17, 2010; and May 19, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously. Ebert, Flood excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

Chair Burke reported on an upcoming meeting with the Urban Institute, which will be here for a site visit regarding transitioning from jail to community on August 5-6, 2010.

MEDICAL EXAMINER ANNUAL REPORT

John Steers distributed the following data: In 2009 the office of the medical examiner received reports of 634 deaths, for an average of two per day; of those, 569 were from natural causes, 11 were suicides, 51 were accidental, one was a homicide, and two were undetermined. The office issues all county permits for cremation, and in 2009 issued 539 permits. Steers noted that there were 15 cases of alcohol abuse being a direct or contributing cause of death. There were 13 cases of drugs being a direct cause of death, and he noted most were caused by prescription drugs. He reported on being selected to attend schooling put on by the US Department of Justice. Discussion was held regarding burials of indigents.

FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER ANNUAL REPORT

Gloria Doyle reported that her office is responsible for all initial paternity cases, the child support calendar, temporary orders in divorce cases, stipulated or agreed-upon divorces, all post divorce matters, and domestic violence and harassment injunction hearings. She spoke about establishing the supervised visitation center in collaboration with Family Resources, domestic violence advocates, and other members of the community. They received a three-year state grant, and have worked on policy and procedure, and have just received authorization to begin training staff for supervised exchanges. She spoke about

fees, indigency standards to waive fees, and answered questions regarding the Custody Assessment Team program.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

HPL report - August

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – AUGUST 10, 2010, AT 2:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bilskemper/Freedland to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Ebert, Flood excused. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved, August 11, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder