

## **JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, April 12, 2011  
Administrative Center – Room 3220  
2:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maureen Freedland, Joe Bilskemper, Ray Ebert, Bridget Flood, Tammy Gamroth, Brad Konkel

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Vicki Burke

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Steve O'Malley, Pam Radtke, Gloria Doyle, Margaret Norden, Jay Loeffler, Keith Butler, Bev Heebisch

### **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Maureen Freedland called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

### **APPROVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2011**

**MOTION** by Flood/Konkel to approve the Committee Minutes of March 8, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Burke excused.

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Flood/Bilskemper to receive and file the following consent agenda items:  
Criminal Justice Management Council Minutes of January 19, 2011, and Criminal Justice Management Executive Committee Minutes of January 12, 2011

**Motion carried unanimously.** Burke excused.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS**

Supervisor Freedland reported on a phone conversation with Captain Daggett in follow-up to a discussion at the March 8, 2011, meeting. Daggett provided details of the size and arrangement of female jail cells compared to men's cells. Freedland stated that Captain Daggett will report on jail programming for men and women in the future.

NOTE: Vice-Chair Freedland took the following agenda item out of order.

### **FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Gloria Doyle provided statistics on 2010/2009 case filings for both family and civil cases. She reported that the numbers and types of cases are fairly consistent from year to year. She reviewed her office's responsibilities and the programming that is available. Her office contracts with community agencies and volunteers to provide classes on co-parenting to both divorcing couples and paternity couples, and classes to children of divorce. She took questions from the committee regarding open vs. closed court sessions, and the volunteers who provide information about family law procedure for pro se cases. She reported that frustrations with attorney volunteers can occur when people expect to receive free legal advice, which is not the purpose of the program.

### **CLERK OF COURT REPORT**

Pam Radtke reported that the scanning service provided by the County's Document and Graphic Services office has been operating for a year. Documents such as adoption records must be kept in perpetuity, and scanning has reduced the amount of storage that is required. There are 2,000 files that have been done, and they now are considering scanning wills and other documents. Retrieving copies has also been made easier. Steve O'Malley added that they are constantly evaluating the cost effectiveness of records storage,

and that all department heads have been engaged because of the issue of business continuity. Radtke took questions from the committee, including the status of the Governor's proposed cuts to CCAP funding. She stated her association plans to testify at budget hearings against taking away funding for CCAP, as well as for the court computers that the state pays for.

#### **APPROVE HOMELAND SECURITY EXERCISE GRANT**

Keith Butler presented the request to approve acceptance of a Homeland Security grant to be used for a disaster preparedness exercise. The exercise would replicate one that was done in Winnebago County where a building in the process of being demolished was used to simulate a building collapse. They are negotiating with Viterbo University to use a building being considered for demolition, which could result in reviewing multiple emergency response plans, including Viterbo's. The cost could include rental of several types of equipment, including a crane. Any expenses would be on a pass-through basis; they would only ask for funding of the actual cost up to the full grant amount, which would not exceed \$33,601.00. **MOTION** by Bilskemper/Flood to approve the Homeland Security exercise grant. **Motion carried unanimously.** Burke excused

#### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None suggested. Brief discussion was held regarding the status of flooding and levee repair.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: MAY 10, 2011**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Bilskemper/Konkel to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

**Approved,** May 10, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder