

**MADISON COUNTY
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**
157 N. Main St., Edwardsville, IL 62025 RM 203
Thursday, June 5, 2025
3:15 PM – 3:55 PM

Chairwoman Wiley called the regular meeting to order at 3:15 PM. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

PRESENT: Chrissy Wiley, Don McMaster, Michael “Doc” Holliday Brynn Kincheloe,, Fred Schulte, Chris Guy, Nick Petrillo

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: Liz Happold, Chris Slusser, David Livingstone, Patrick McRae, Melodie Smith, Missy Bickmore, Chris Threlkeld, Jeff Seaman, Brad Paschal, Jenny Wilkinson, Ryan Anderson, Marcos Pulido, Mike Babcock, Cynthia Ellis, Chad Loughrey, Mike King, Kevin McKee, Jeff Connor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ramona Sheppard addressed the committee regarding the problems she faces living near the Madison County Jail such as increased traffic from deliveries, police vehicles and those picking up released inmates. Other concerns are light and sound pollution throughout the day and night. For example, vulgar language, horns honking, loud radios, siren testing, garage door beeping and bright lights at the end of Center St.

Member Petrillo entered the meeting at 3:19 PM.

The May 1, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written.

PURCHASE APPROVALS:

Mr. McMaster moved, seconded by Mr. Kincheloe to approve the monthly bills.

VOICE VOTE BY ALL MEMBERS. MOTION CARRIED.

PURCHASE REQUESTS:

The following were submitted for discussion and approval:

1. **Circuit Court:** Illinois State Bar Association Membership for Twenty-Three (23) Members (7/1/2025-6/30/2026) Amount: \$9,915.00

,Mr. Holliday moved seconded by Mr. Schulte to approve the purchase request as presented.

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: McMaster, Holliday, Kincheloe, Petrillo, Schulte, Guy, Wiley

NAYS: None

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS:

The following were submitted for discussion and approval:

1. **Probation/Court Services:** Jewell Psychological Services, LLC; Revised Resolution to Contract a One (1) Year Psychological Services for the Madison County Detention Home. Amount ~~\$62,000~~ **\$69,400.00**

Mr. Kincheloe moved, seconded by Mr. McMaster to amend the dollar amount to \$69,400.00

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Wiley, McMaster, Kincheloe, Holliday, Schulte, Guy, Petrillo

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

2. **Sheriff/Jail:** Wellpath, LLC; Amended Resolution to Contract One (1) Year Professional Services for Medical Care Agreement for the Madison County Jail. Amount ~~\$693,837.00~~ **\$1,469,015.00**. Dates: ~~December 13, 2024-December 12, 2025~~ May 14, 2025-May 12, 2026

Marcos Pulido explained that they originally sought services from Wellpath a couple of months ago, to provide some help to current staff providing medical care to detainees. At that time, they had an infirmary staff of two Registered Nurses and two Medical Assistants. Those were County employees who approached them to negotiate an increase in salary. However, they were Union positions, and they were unable to control that. Therefore, they lost most of their medical staff and those left were overworked and overwhelmed. This led them to negotiate with Wellpath, which is a correctional healthcare provider. They will provide them with full-time healthcare staff for their infirmary.

Mr. Holliday moved, seconded by Mr. Kincheloe to amend the dollar amount to \$1,469,015.00

The ayes and nays called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Wiley, McMaster, Kincheloe, Holliday, Schulte, Guy, Petrillo

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

Jenny Wilkinson celebrated teamwork and communication extending to their multi-disciplinary team, law enforcement, DCFS Investigators and State's Attorney's Office. DCFS implemented a new model called The Safe Model. It is intended to keep kids in their homes and reduce the number of kids in care. Unfortunately, hotline calls are not being taken on kids that need support of being out of the home. This has led to the death of a child in another part of the state. Four hotline calls were made regarding this child to get them into protection and the hotline did not take these calls.

CIRCUIT CLERK:

Patrick McRae stated that there have been some recent Supreme Court rule changes applied. There are currently about 30 proposed legislative changes that could have an impact on the office of the Circuit Clerk. The Association of Illinois Circuit Clerks keeps them up to speed on bills and where they are in the legislative process. A new rule was implemented recently that involves personal identifying characteristics that are in certain filings. It seems to be intended to have clerks proofread the filings to ensure there are no personal identifying characteristics in them. This is somewhat problematic because they can be very long

and many of the people filling them out are self-represented and are unsure what they should or should not be putting in there. By law, the clerks are not allowed to give legal advice. They are also working with Illinois State Police Details to minimize the number of people waiting in line for traffic court cases. They just swore in their summer help for the season with help from Judges Patrick King and Andrew Carruthers.

CIRCUIT COURT:

Judge Threlkeld acknowledged that the Arbitration Administrator Kathy Harris is retiring. She has been in the position since it originated in 2004. She has been replaced by Jenny Brown who previously worked as the Foreclosure Mediation Specialist in the Law Library.

PROBATION:

Kevin McKee reported that probation is currently supervising 3,686 individuals which consists of 3,498 adults and 188 juveniles. Pretrial services have completed 1,266 criminal histories/risk assessments year to date and are currently supervising 36 individuals on Pretrial release. They have 20 adults and 3 juveniles on electronic monitoring devices. There are currently 118 individuals participating in our PSC's; 70 Drug Court, 36 Vet Court and 12 Mental Health Court. Their Redeploy grant was approved again for FY26 for \$226,000.00. They requested additional funding this year to cover some of the associated administrative costs of the grant and this was approved as well.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: - No report.

SHERIFF/JAIL POPULATION:

Marcos Pulido gave an update on detainee population. The relationship with Kankakee County has been successful as they have been able to take more of their detainees who have been remanded in the custody of DHS. Their population continues to increase. They have had almost 300 detainees in the last few weeks. Nearly every bed on the male side is full. Their transportation needs continue to rise because of the number of hearings they transport detainees to and from.

STATE'S ATTORNEY:

Chad Loughrey shared the following stats for May: New cases charges-265, Detention petitions filed-61, hearings held-44. From those hearings 30 were granted and 14 were denied. 129 cases were prosecuted to completion. They are continuing their recruitment push. They have received multiple applications and made several hires. They are hoping to be fully staffed by this fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Holliday read a report about a new state budget.

Mr. Holliday moved, seconded by Mr. Guy, to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 PM. *MOTION CARRIED.*

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