

**MADISON COUNTY
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**
157 N. Main St., Edwardsville, IL 62025 RM 203
Thursday, August 14, 2025
3:15 PM-3:48 PM

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

PRESENT: Chrissy Wiley, Michael “Doc” Holliday Brynn Kincheloe, Fred Schulte, Chris Guy
ABSENT: Don McMaster, Nick Petrillo
OTHERS: Liz Happold, David Livingstone, Patrick McRae, Missy Bickmore, Jeff Seaman, Marcos Pulido, Stephanie Seehausen, Mary Copeland, Cynthia Ellis, Dalton Gray, Chris Threlkeld, Jenny Wilkinson, Tom Haine, Chad Loughrey

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The July 3, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written.

PURCHASE APPROVALS:

Mr. Holliday moved, seconded by Mr. Schulte to approve the monthly bills.

PURCHASE REQUESTS:

The following (2) items were submitted for discussion and approval:

1. Sheriff/Jail:

- a. AWARE: CMR-AFIX Engine maintenance renewal. Amount \$8,474.00

Mr. Holliday moved, seconded by Mr. Kincheloe to approve the item as requested.

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

AYES: McMaster, Holliday, Kincheloe, Guy, Wiley

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

- b. B&H: HP Color LaserJet enterprise flow MFP M776z’. Three-year care pack. Amount \$8,110.09

Mr. Guy moved, seconded by Mr. Schulte to approve the item as requested.

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

AYES: Holliday, Kincheloe, Schulte, Guy, Wiley

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

The following (2) items were submitted for discussion and approval:

2. State's Attorney:

- a. Indoff, LLC. Workstations for the Admin. Building Offices. Amount \$27,309.28
- b. Louer Facilities Planning: Office furniture for the Admin. Building Offices. Amount \$21,953.42

Mr. Guy moved, seconded by Mr. Holliday to approve the item as requested.

State's Attorney Tom Haine explained that item a has been removed from the purchase requests at this time. Regarding item b, the office furniture currently used was created at a time when computers were not used and were falling apart. They have been progressively replacing desks to reflect a more professional, modern environment.

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

AYES: Holliday, Kincheloe, Schulte, Guy, Wiley

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS:

The following (3) items were submitted for discussion and approval:

1. Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of a Grant Award for use by the Madison County Child Advocacy Center Department. Funds awarded by the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services Program Grant. Amount \$284,418.78
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of Grant Award for use by the Madison County Child Advocacy Center Department. Funds awarded by Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Amount \$297,474.00
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of Grant Award for use by the Madison County Child Advocacy Center Department. Funds awarded by the Office of the Attorney General. Amount \$40,000.00

M Guy moved, seconded by Mr. Schulte to approve the items as presented.

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

AYES: Wiley, Kincheloe, Holliday, Schulte, Guy

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

Jenny Wilkinson reported that in the month of April they had 44 interviews, 29 in May and 22 in June. This is a normal pattern. They slow down in the summer months and pick up again during the school year when kids get back to the mandated reporters. They did 11 interviews last week on the same day. Next month will be their official site accreditation that they do every five years.

CIRCUIT CLERK:

Patrick McRae stated that he and his Administrative Assistant, Missy Bickmore, recently attended their first portion of the certified court manager program. This program is offered through the National Institute of State Courts and lasts about a year. This is at no cost to the county.

CIRCUIT COURT:

Judge Threlkeld explained that the administrative office of Illinois Courts has authorized the distribution and allocation of funds to the public defenders in the third judicial circuit for Madison County. They have requested \$127,221.00 out of the 10 million the state legislature allocated. The approval for the summons for jurors has been mailed out for the first jury week of September 8th under the new system. There has been a recent juror scam alert. Individuals have received phone calls stating they are from the Madison County Sheriff's Office, and they failed to appear for federal grand jury duty. A press release was made, and social media posts were created to alert citizens of the scam.

DETENTION HOME:

Brad Paschal gave a brief detention report on behalf of Detention Home Superintendent, Jeff Seaman, who could not attend. They started the month with 23 juveniles in custody. They received 13 juveniles during the month for a total of 36 juveniles in the detention home for the month of July. The least number of days a juvenile has been there is 2 days and the most is 340 days. 6 have been there for 100 days.

PROBATION:

Brad Paschal reported that they currently have 3,819 individuals on probation. 3,630 are adults and 189 are juveniles. There are 114 in problem solving court program, 72 in the drug court program, 10 in the mental health court program and 32 in the veteran's court program. The Pretrial services unit has completed 1,799 criminal histories year to date. 34 individuals are on electronic monitoring devices. 9,321 hours of community service have been completed.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

Mary Copeland stated that they are preparing for a murder trial next week which will take 2 of their attorneys so they are spread thin on staff. The biggest problem they continue to have is their clients in Madison County jail who have been remanded to the Department of Human Services. They have contracted to move some of these defendants to Kankakee jail, which has helped the burden on the Sheriff's Department, but the defendants are still not in a hospital. Between the months of March and May there were 471 felony prisoners seen and 367 of them were Public Defender clients. They are thankful for the money allotted from the AOIC but what they need most is salary for additional staff and don't know whether they will receive the funding yearly or if it will be the same amount.

SHERIFF/JAIL POPULATION:

Marcos Pulido echoed Ms. Copeland's points about DHS being the obstacle to getting detainees where they need to be. He mentioned that Kankakee County is a good resource for them, but the distance does not play in their favor. The Madison County jail was not designed for DHS detainees who require isolation. They have found that the detainees who go to Kankakee County get to a DHS facility quicker than they would from Madison County jail. Their population as of this morning is 278 detainees. 4 DHS detainees are in Kankakee County, and 6 are still in custody at the Madison County jail. 2,576 detainees have been processed this year. He also explained that their jail is used by other agencies in the county who do not have a jail at their facility.

STATE'S ATTORNEY:

Chad Loughrey gave the following stats for the month of July 2025: 252 new felony cases were filed, 54 detention petitions, 42 went to hearing, 29 were detained and 13 were released. 175 cases were prosecuted to completion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Member Holliday read about a bill regarding battery energy storage systems.

Mr. Holliday moved, seconded by Mr. Guy, to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 PM. *MOTION CARRIED.*

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