

**MADISON COUNTY
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**
157 N. Main St., Edwardsville, IL 62025 RM 203
Thursday, October 2, 2025
3:15 PM-3:57 PM

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

PRESENT: Michael “Doc” Holliday Don McMaster, Brynn Kincheloe, Fred Schulte, Chris Guy
ABSENT: Nick Petrillo, Chrissy Wiley
OTHERS: Liz Happold, David Livingstone, Patrick McRae, Missy Bickmore, Jeff Seaman, Marcos Pulido, Chris Threlkeld, Jenny Wilkinson, Mike King, Kevin McKee, Ryan Anderson, John Thompson, Brad Paschal, Chad Loughrey, Mary Copeland, Aleena Wessell

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The September 4, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as written.

PURCHASE REQUESTS:

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

1. Circuit Clerk: Canon Solutions America, Inc. Amount \$6,300

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

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

AYES: Holliday, McMaster, Kincheloe, Schulte, Guy

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Circuit Court: Srote & Company Architects; Courthouse signage. Amount \$6,500

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

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

AYES: Holliday, McMaster, Kincheloe, Schulte, Guy

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution to Purchase Office Furniture for the Madison County Probation and Court Services.
Vendor: Henricksen & Company. Amount \$45,882.41

Mr. Kincheloe moved, seconded by Mr. Holliday to approve the resolution as presented.

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

AYES: Holliday, McMaster, Kincheloe, Schulte, Guy
NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

MONTHLY REPORTS:

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

Jenny Wilkinson stated that more kids are getting interviewed now that school has started and they are back with the mandated reporters. September 16th was their site accreditation. The official results will come out in November. She mentioned the overall teamwork with the different agencies they deal with and how communication has been focused on the kids.

CIRCUIT CLERK:

Patrick McRae mentioned that they are currently hiring and conducting interviews. He also stated that they are working with the chief judge's office on signage and way finding in the building. They are also looking at some new projects to bring restoration to the courthouse such as redoing the marble floors. They are observing their fee schedules and updating them to meet the statutes.

CIRCUIT COURT:

Judge Threlkeld explained that they are working with the Circuit Clerks office on updated the courthouse and removing old and broken furniture. The plumbing is bad and there is only one working water fountain which is in the basement. The legal research program the judges use is expensive. They are working with the States Attorneys office and the public defender's office to get one master copy which will reduce the licensing cost.

DETENTION HOME:

Jeff Seaman reported that they started the month of September with 19 kids and admitted 26 for a total of 45. Their highest population was 24 and they released 25. They had a review from AOIC in July, and they are compliant in every area except for four. Those areas are pertaining to individuals who are part of independent programming. It only involves a small portion of their population and includes kids who fight other kids, assault staff or do major property damage. The state requires they have a special education teacher on staff full-time, which is hard to come by. Their student to teacher ratio is capped at 12 which would only allow them to house 24 kids at a time. The average daily population is 24.

PROBATION:

Kevin McKee reported the following numbers for the month:

Individuals on probation: 3,616, 3,421 adults and 195 juveniles

Pretrial Services completed 2,307 criminal histories/risk assessments and are supervising 52 individuals on Pretrial release

Individuals on electronic monitoring: 29, 27 adults and 2 juveniles. 17 are county paid and 12 are self-paid.

Veterans Court: 31

Problem Solving Court: 118

Mental Health Problem Solving Court 14

Drug Problem Solving Court: 73

There was a Vet court graduation on September 24th where 5 combat veterans were presented with quilts of valor upon completion of the program. There will be a drug court graduation on October 28th.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

Mary Copeland stated that business is picking up a bit. The number of hearings has increased with the passing of the Saf-T-Act. Petitions to detain remain about the same but the petitions to revoke pretrial released have increased thus increasing their workload. This requires more staff to cover those hearings. Her office did purchase their own copy of the Westlaw research but were not able to afford the AI feature. She is grateful to be included in the contract negotiations so they can all get the best research for the best price. She also mentioned that she was able to attend the vet court graduation, and it was very moving. She was glad to have experienced it.

SHERIFF/JAIL POPULATION:

Marcos Pulido explained that the number of people in the jail has increased.

Detainees in custody as of this morning: 295

Number of detainees processed for current year: 3,391

Increase from last year: 534

DHS Detainees: 3 in Kankakee County 6 in Madison County Jail

Due to mental health issues, they have required additional space for segregation units. They have done some rearranging and have almost completed enough space for the detainees in crisis to be segregated. He added that they will be creating some additional space for attorney booths soon. He was recently contacted by an organization called Sacred Spaces of Care. They have been working with the Alton Police Department regarding mental health resources for detainees in crisis. They would like to collaborate with the Madison County Sheriff's office to offer them some resources as well.

STATE'S ATTORNEY:

Chad Loughrey stated there were 316 new felony cases filed in the month of September. Of those, 67 had detention petitions on file, 45 hearings were held, and the rest remain outstanding. 28 individuals have been detained and 17 were released. There were approximately 162 felony cases that were closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: A statement from Chairwoman Wiley commending the Madison County Sheriff's Department for all they do was read by Mr. Guy

Mr. Holliday moved, seconded by Mr. McMaster, to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 PM. *MOTION CARRIED.*

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