

**MADISON COUNTY
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**
157 N. Main St., Edwardsville, IL 62025 RM 309
Thursday, January 8, 2026
3:15 PM

Chairwoman Wiley called the regular meeting to order at 3:16 PM. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

PRESENT: Chrissy Wiley, Brynn Kincheloe, Fred Schulte, Chris Guy
ABSENT: Michael "Doc" Holliday, Don McMaster, Nick Petrillo
OTHERS: Jenny Wilkinson, Jeff Seaman, Cynthia Ellis, Kevin McKee, Brad Paschal, Mary Copeland, Patrick McRae, Missy Bickmore, Ryan Anderson, Marcos Pulido, Liz Happold, Mike King

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

December 4, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as written.

PURCHASE APPROVALS:

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

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

AYES: Wiley, Kincheloe, Schulte, Guy

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Circuit Clerk:** Annual Real Vision Software Support Renewal Fee. Term: 2/2026-1/2027. Amount: \$7,1000.00

Mr. Kincheloe moved, seconded by Mr. Guy, to approve the item as presented.

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

AYES: Wiley, Kincheloe, Schulte, Guy

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

MONTHLY REPORTS:

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER:

Jenny Wilkinson reported that it is business as usual, but they typically have slowed down during the holidays, but they have not this year. They have been averaging 2-4 interviews per day, which is high for them.

CIRCUIT CLERK:

Patrick McRae explained that they have started talking to some technology companies about doing a tech upgrade soon. He added that the Wednesday traffic dockets have been very large and last week they had close to 300 show up. There have been several retirements recently which has required them to make some staffing changes and reassign some clerks.

CIRCUIT COURT:

Ryan Anderson reported that Associate Judge Heflin is retiring at the end of the month which will result in judges being reassigned. They will be reviewing applications over the next couple of weeks. Court dockets have been very large and challenging to deal with.

DETENTION HOME:

Director Seaman reported the following figures for the month:

Madison County average for the month: 13

Out of county juvenile average: 2

Highest day of population: 18

Total number of minors that went through detention: 31

They have filled 4 of the new detention officer positions. They have interviews scheduled for the remaining positions. They have received 6 out of county agreements. The total billing for December was \$11,860.00.

PROBATION:

Director McKee reported Probation and Detention combined were under budget by 3% in 2025. They remain in compliance with the federal and state grants. They had 3 staff retire in 2025, they hired 11 new officers and had 3 promotions and 3 transferred from detention to probation. Officers completed 3,500 hours of probation and detention specific training. Also, in 2025 Pretrial Services completed 3,035 criminal histories. 9,300 face to face contacts were made and 3,537 home contacts were made. They averaged 44 individuals on Pretrial supervision and 26 on electronic monitoring. The PCP's completed 1,646 curfew checks and 62 individuals completed the programs.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

Mary Copeland explained that they are still understaffed but have hired one support staff member, which has helped some. They could use one more full-time attorney. The number one problem they face is the number of clients with mental health issues.

SHERIFF/JAIL POPULATION:

Chief Deputy Pulido was joined by Blake Sellers who is one of their captains. There were 271 detainees in the Madison County Jail at the time of the December report. 4,537 detainees were booked into jail in 2025. This was an increase of about 500 from the previous year. The average daily population was 268. The average days of a detainee stay is 15. They also deal with mental health issues amongst some of their detainees. On occasion they must transport detainees to court appearances and the number of those has increased. In 2025 they transported 3,304 detainees. Also in 2025, the transportation unit has been short-handed and had to ask for help 219 times and transported over 42 DHS detainees. The patrol division took 2,763 calls in December and a total of 35,598 in 2025.

STATE'S ATTORNEY: No report.

Mr. Kincheloe moved, seconded by Mr. Schulte, to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 PM. *MOTION CARRIED.*

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