JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: Mr. Wilkins, Chair

The Judiciary Committee met on January 25, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 108 at the Courthouse. Members present were Wilkins, Milby, Roeder, and Glazier. Others present were Sue Britt, Jim Heuerman, Kevin Johnson, Susan Ottens, Joel Horn, and Lori Keppen.

1. The Committee reviewed claims and budget status reports for December. A motion by Mr. Glazier was made to approve the claims, seconded by Mr. Roeder. All voted in favor

2. Public Defender.

   a. Jim Heuerman presented his monthly report:

Category	Oct	Nov	Dec
Number of defendants	296	318	323
Number of new appointments	74	58	59
Number of defendants taken by private counsel	9	7	5
Number of defendants resolved	43	46	41
Number of defendants at end of month	318	323	336
Bond reductions	6	5	8
Plea agreements	37	34	28
Felonies	12	19	19
Misdemeanors	25	15	9
Open pleas	2	4	9
Felonies	1	3	8
Misdemeanors	1	1	1
Jury trials	0	2	0
Bench trials	0	0	1
Sentencing hearings	5	7	7
Felonies	5	6	5
Misdemeanors	0	1	2
Dismissed Cases	3	4	6
Juvenile appearances in court	101	86	146

3. Court Services.

   a. A long standing obligation of Court Services is the disbursement of restitution to the victims of crime. This is a cooperative effort with the Court, the Circuit Clerk's Office, the State's Attorneys Office and our department. In 2011, the total amount of restitution ordered to be paid by adult and juvenile offenders was $222,628.64. The total amount of restitution collected in 2011 was $188,582.88.

      Since restitution payments are not paid by offenders in a lump sum, our office diligently attempts to maintain accurate contact information for victims as many may leave the area. Our previous Administrative Assistant, Theresa Farrell, did an excellent job in locating individuals. Joyce Barsema, the current Administrative Assistant, has done outstanding work as well. In 2011, a total of $271,332.31 was disbursed to victims. Some victims had not been located in years. Many victims have expressed appreciation for these efforts to be located.

   b. The Committee reviewed his monthly report (See #62).

   c. Mr. Johnson requested approval from the Committee to send an officer to a Mental Health seminar in St Louis, which is 270 miles out-of-county. The seminar is in his budget. Mr. Milby made a motion to approve the out-of-county travel and Mr. Glazier seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. Circuit Clerk.

   a. Sue Ottens presented her monthly report.

	OCT	NOV	DEC
Total Fines:	$60,934.89	$65,902.21	$60,609.47
Total Fines Paid to County:	$44,509.95	$43,139.53	$42,616.44
Clerk's Fees:	$25,564.54	$25,608.82	$29,761.23
County % Fee:	$15,812.53	$14,644.94	$17,032.38
Sheriff's Fees:	$2,661.77	$2,144.42	$3,148.05
State's Attorney Fees:	$2,927.70	$3,066.30	$3,118.39
Bailiff's Fees:	$10,703.33	$12,209.47	$11,575.78
Public Defender Fees:	$4,124.70	$3,877.24	$4,048.16
Juror Fees Paid:	$0	$3,266.80	$1,590.60
Number of Trials:	0	2	1
Number of Trial Days:	0	4	1
Grand Jury Days:	0	0	1

b. SE Services update was given. A total of $315 has been collected. In the future, the collected amount will be reported on the monthly report.

Mr. Roeder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Milby. Meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM.

Meeting Dates: The next regular meeting - March 7, 2012 at 3:00 PM in Room 108, Courthouse

MOTION: To place on file the Judiciary Committee's meeting report, December claims reports, and related informational items, as presented.