

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - Mr. Milby, Chair

The Judiciary Committee met on June 5, 2019 in Room 108 at the Courthouse. Members present were Bill Milby, Katherine Nelson and Cynthia Mead. Kurt Glazier was absent. Others present were Jim Duffy, Kevin Johnson, Mark Holldorf, Sue Costello, Joel Horn, and Lori Keppen.

1. Chair Bill Milby called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. The monthly claims and budget status reports for May 2019 were reviewed. Katherine Nelson made a motion to approve the monthly reports. Cynthia Mead seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
2. Court Services
 - a. At the April meeting Kevin Johnson had requested six members of the drug court team attend the National Drug Court conference in Washington DC in July. After discussions with Judge Steines, who would like to see the drug court team attend the conference every 2-3 years instead of every year, but have all the team represented at the National conference. Kevin Johnson came to the committee to ask for another team member to attend, making a total of seven members attending the National Drug Court conference in Washington DC. The expenses would still be paid out of the drug court budget and only county employees would be attending this conference. It was noted Judge Steines would not be attending. Katherine Nelson made a motion to increase the number to seven members of the drug court team be allowed to travel out of state to the National Drug Court Conference in Washington DC. Cynthia Mead seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
 - b. Kevin Johnson presented the monthly report (See #18).
3. Public Defender
 - a. Mark Holldorf reviewed the monthly report. It was noted 130 appointments had been made in the last two months.

Category	March	April	May
Number of Defendants	438	438	452
Number of new appointments	46	63	67
Number of defendants taken by private counsel	4	3	6
Number of defendant resolved	42	46	31
Number of defendants at end of month	438	452	482
Bond reductions	0	0	0
Plea agreements	37	37	24
Felony	15	20	14
Misdemeanors	22	17	10
Open pleas	0	1	0

Felony	0	1	0
Misdemeanors	0	0	0
Jury trials	0	0	0
Bench trials	0	0	0
Sentence hearings	2	4	0
Felony	2	4	0
Misdemeanors	0	0	0
Dismissed cases	3	5	7
Juvenile appearance in court	167	184	127

4. Circuit Clerk

- a. Sue Costello presented her monthly report (See #19). There were two juries for the month. The civil trial lasted nine days and the criminal two days. There will be another civil trial this month which could last nine days also. Jury expenses will be higher for these two months due to these trials. During the month 38.2% of the money received was from some kind of “e” transaction.
- b. IT computer upgrades were finished in the Morrison and Sterling offices.
- c. Goodin and Tyler will be doing updates prior to July 1st due to the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act.
- d. Sue Costello and other county officials attended the AOIC meeting in reference to the Criminal and Traffic Assessments Act. Sue Costello also attended the Chief’s meeting and reviewed the CTAA changes.
- e. Sue Costello gave updates on her staff changes. At this time a request was made to give her Chief Deputy an increase for months May thru September. This request was made since her Chief Deputy is working extra hours covering and training new staff. A motion was made by Cynthia Mead to forward this request to the Wage & Salary Committee. Katherine Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.
- f. To take from the table a motion laid over from the May board meeting in reference to the Ordinance Amending the Whiteside County Fee Schedule – Circuit Clerk (See #20-23).

MOTION: To approve the Ordinance Amending the Whiteside County Fee Schedule – Circuit Clerk.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cynthia Mead and seconded by Katherine Nelson. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – July 3, 2019 at 4:00 PM Rm 108, Courthouse

MOTION: To place on file the Judiciary Committee’s meeting report, May 2019 claims reports and related informational items, as presented.