AGENDA
Public Safety and Justice Committee
Tuesday, May 24, 2022
@ 1:30 PM
Peoria County Courthouse, Room 402

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   - March 1, 2022

3. **Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates**
   - ETSB
   - Public Defender Report

4. **Resolution**
   - SFY23 Family Violence Coordinating Council Grant

5. **Miscellaneous**

6. **Adjournment**
Call to Order
Vice Chairperson Bryant called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

A motion to allow the participation of Mr. Rosenbohm and Mr. Elsasser via teleconference was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Mr. Reneau. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022 was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Ms. Williams. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates
- **ETSB**
  Ms. Noe advised that the ETSB has applied for a consolidation grant for Stark County and anticipate further information on the grant by June 2022.

- **Public Defender Report**
  Mr. Bach noted that the Illinois Supreme Court has instituted changes in the way case numbers are classified and categorized, advising that these changes will alter the statistical data provided by the Public Defender’s Office going forward.

Mr. Bach advised that efforts with attorney recruitment continue to be challenging.

- **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**
  Mr. Brunner advised that the City of Peoria has agreed to pay Peoria County $32,055.00 from their FY2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). He stated that an Intergovernmental Agreement with Peoria County will be executed by the County Administrator and County Clerk.

Resolutions
- **Rollover Appropriation of Unspent FY2020 JAG Funds into FY2022 C.O.P.S. Budget**
  A motion to approve was made by Mr. Reneau and seconded by Dr. Blair.
Mr. Brunner advised that staff requests appropriation of $10,810.00 in unspent FY2021 JAG Funds into the FY2022 C.O.P.S budget, as well as an appropriation of an unreserved fund balance of $6,720.00 in the C.O.P.S. fund into the FY2022 budget of the C.O.P.S. fund.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (7-0).

- **FY2022 Budget Appropriation for Illinois Court Technology Modernization Program**

  A motion to approve was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Mr. Reneau. Mr. McLeod advised that in August 2021 the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (AOIC) received a $10 million appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act to provide statewide technology upgrades, with all Illinois counties eligible to apply for funding. He stated that in February 2022, the AOIC approved the full funding request of $175,402.00 submitted by Court Administration. He advised that staff requests an FY2022 budget appropriation of $175,402.00 from the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (AOIC) Court Technology Modernization Program.

  The motion to approve carried unanimously (7-0).

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairperson Bryant at 1:14 p.m.

*Recorded and Transcribed by: Jan Kleffman*
May 20, 2022

Mr. Paul Rosenbohm  
Chairman  
Public Safety & Justice Committee

Honorable Katherine S. Gorman  
Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit

Dear Chairman Rosenbohm & Chief Judge Gorman:

The Public Defender’s Office is still actively seeking a suitable candidate for an immediate opening for a full-time attorney. As a reminder, public defenders are purely reactionary in the court process. That is, the public defender does not control the nature nor the quantity of crimes charged, nor can public defenders control the number of cases that are assigned to the office. The judge is the sole threshold for appointment of the public defender.

I am working with County administration to finalize the plans for a new office space for the Public Defender’s Office. The new office will be located in the space formerly occupied by the Recorder of Deeds and will house all full-time employees of the Public Defender’s Office as well as offering a suitable and central location for independent contractors to meet confidentially with clients. I am very grateful to the County for the opportunity to have a permanent office space within the courthouse and specifically want to thank County Administrator Scott Sorrell for his leadership on this project.

I continue to seek qualified applicants for the available vacant full-time positions in our office and I hope to have better news on that front over the second half of the year. I am optimistic that the passage rate for the Illinois Bar will increase in the fall and that a new slate of attorneys will provide qualified applicants to assist the citizens who need this valuable service.
Below is a chart showing the normal statistical data for the past three months.

**February 2022 - April 2022 Public Defender Statistical Data**

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I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and the County. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or for discussion.

Very truly yours,

Nathan R. Bach
AGENDA BRIEFING

COMMITTEE: Public Safety and Justice Committee
MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022

ISSUE: Approval of SFY23 Family Violence Coordinating Council Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Tenth Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council (FVCC) was established under the Office of the Chief Judge to create a forum to share and discuss information to promote a coordinated response to family violence in our communities. The Council is entirely funded by state funds awarded by the IL Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). The Tenth Judicial Circuit has been awarded $39,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Therefore, we are requesting this committee approve entering into an Inter-Governmental Agreement between the County of Peoria and ICJIA for the period of twelve (12) months, commencing July 1, 2022. The IGA is not available yet but will be reviewed by counsel prior to execution. There is no budget amendment necessary.

This grant provides funding for one part-time position that reports to the Chief Judge. No matching funds are required by the County and indirect costs will be recouped to defray overhead such as administrative and occupancy costs. FICA and IMRF fringe benefits will also be reimbursed by this grant.

COUNTY BOARD GOALS:

HIGH PERFORMANCE PUBLIC ORGANIZATION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement for the SFY23 Family Violence Coordinating Council

COMMITTEE ACTION:

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Shadid, Courts’ Chief Financial Officer
DEPARTMENT: Court Administration
DATE: May 11, 2022
Via Email

May 11, 2022

Andrew Rand, Peoria County Board Chairperson
324 Main St., Rm. 215
Peoria, IL  61602-2302
arand@peoriacounty.org

Dear Mr. Rand:

I am writing to inform you that your program has been selected for funding under the Notice of Funding Opportunity #2096-2072 for Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council Implementation grant. At the June 23rd ICJIA Budget Committee, staff will recommend your agency receive $39,000 from General Revenue SFY23 state funds to implement this program. The grant agreement number will be #322310.

The awarding of funds for this program is contingent upon the approval of the Budget Committee and the completion of all outstanding requirements and the execution of the grant agreement prior to the period of performance.

If you have any questions concerning this designation, please feel free to contact me at mary.ratliff@illinois.gov. I look forward to working with you on this program.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mary Ratliff
Program Director
Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council
Federal and State Grants Unit

Cc:  Master File 322310, Mary Taylor, Nicole Bjerke, Katherine Gorman, Gabe McLeod
TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD
COUNTY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Your Public Safety and Justice Committee does hereby recommend passage of the following Resolution:

RE: Approval of SFY23 Family Violence Coordinating Council Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Tenth Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council was established under the Office of the Chief Judge to create a forum to share and discuss information to promote a coordinated response to family violence in our communities, and;

WHEREAS, the County of Peoria acts as fiscal agent for the Family Violence Coordinating Council. (FVCC), and;

WHEREAS, the County of Peoria received notification that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) will be providing grant monies pursuant to an Inter-Governmental Agreement for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in the amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand dollars ($39,000.00), and;

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to support a part-time Local Council Coordinator, as well as coordination of committee work, training, travel and other related activities as determined by the Local Council Planning/Steering Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Peoria County, that it approves the entering into of the SFY23 Family Violence Coordinating Council grant agreement from ICJIA, upon review and advice of counsel.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
Public Safety and Justice Committee

Date: June 9, 2022