

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

September 9, 2005
120 S. Riverside Plaza, 21st Floor
Chicago, Illinois

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Sorosky convened the regular meeting of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and asked Robert Boehmer, the Authority's Secretary and General Counsel, to call the roll.

In addition to the Chairman, other Authority members in attendance were:

Cook County Circuit Court Clerk, Dorothy Brown
Macon County Sheriff Jerry Dawson
Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine
Ms. Barbara Engel
State Appellate Defender Theodore Gottfried
DeKalb County Circuit Court Clerk Maureen Josh
Attorney General Designee Ellen Mandeltort
Mr. Eugene Murphy
Mr. John Piland
Cook County Board President John Stroger

Approval of the Minutes of the June 3, 2005 Authority Meeting

{Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 3, 2005. Ms. Josh seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.}

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Sorosky welcomed new Authority member Sheriff Jerry Dawson. Chairman Sorosky noted that Sheriff Dawson would be replacing Sheriff Bukowski.

Executive Director's Report

Director Levin introduced John Chojnacki as the new supervisor for Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, Marilyn Mazewski as a Criminal Justice Specialist, and Anthony Haywood as a Data Processing Specialist. Director Levin noted that there were two resignations: Mark Myrent, the IJIS Project Manager, and Karen Griffiths, the INFONET Project Manager.

Director Levin reported that after the legislative session ended, a group from the advisory board of ALERTS, ALECS, PIMS and PIMSnet met with the Governor's Office, Office of Budget and Management. Director Levin noted that the users have had concerns regarding the trust fund transfer and the study that was exploring the convergence of the Authority's systems with those of the Illinois State Police. The users propose to take over the systems as a not-for-profit organization called the Illinois Public Safety Agency Network. Staff has been instructed to begin transition plans, but to also maintain the systems as if the ownership will remain with the Authority.

Director Levin noted that the Authority hosted a visit from two U.S. House appropriations committee member

staffers. Also attending were Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Chicago Police Department, Illinois State Police, MEGs and task forces, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority staff, and downstate law enforcement.

Director Levin highlighted that the IJIS summit was held on June 9 and acknowledged Clerk Brown for her good work. The summit attendance exceeded 200 people representing the criminal justice system. Director Levin also noted that the Juvenile Justice Commission met with Authority staff and others regarding the issue of disproportionate minor contact within the juvenile justice system in Illinois.

Clerk Brown spoke of her concerns regarding the transfer of the Authority's information systems to a not-for-profit agency. Director Levin added that the users themselves would be filing legislation for the transfer of the systems in the veto session and the Governor's Office agreed not to object to the users transferring the systems.

Clerk Brown asked how the users would be funded. Director Levin noted that it is her understanding that the users would take over the trust fund money, which is the trust fund into which money is paid by the users to fund the system. Clerk Brown reiterated her concerns and noted the need for the Authority to advise the Governor as to the potential for a not-for-profit agency to undertake this governmental role. The Authority members had further discussion on the issues and then Chairman Sorosky called on Budget Committee Chairman Mr. Murphy.

Budget Committee Report

Chairman Sorosky called on Budget Committee Chairman Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy explained the fees were paid to the Authority by the users to operate the system and there would be no net loss to the Authority; it would be a case of taking the component out and moving it. Mr. Murphy moved on to speak about the June 20 Budget Committee meeting. Mr. Murphy noted money was designated for additional forensic training seminars, West Suburban Major Violent Crimes Task Force, and \$12,000 for Cook County Girls Link.

Mr. Murphy discussed previous meetings and action regarding user fee increases. Mr. Murphy indicated that at the last Budget Committee meeting, a 30% increase in user fees was passed. Chairman Sorosky added the fee increase would take effect July 1, 2006.

Mr. Piland indicated that the fundamental problem is that the money the users paid into the system was taken out. Mr. Piland noted that the Authority Board agreed the money was wrongly taken and asked that the money be restored, but it was not restored. Mr. Piland indicated that he thinks the reason the users want their own not-for-profit is not because the Authority is unable to do their work, but because they can't trust state government not to take funds that they themselves and their local taxpayers have paid to maintain the system.

Authority members had further discussion about system funding issues, and the role of the Authority regarding the systems. Director Levin confirmed that in addition to managing funding, there are Authority staff that run the system, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Sheriff Dawson indicated that the Authority Board should support the chiefs, sheriffs and municipalities to support this move, because nothing can guarantee this from happening again next year.

Director Levin asked Ms. Rossi her opinion on how the users feel about the privatization. Ms Rossi confirmed the users' unanimous support of privatization.

Clerk Brown motioned to send this issue to the Legislation and Regulations Committee and then the Authority Board could take a position on the legislation.

{Ms. Brown made a motion that the Authority take this issue to the Legislation and Regulations Committee. Mr. Piland seconded the motion, which was approved by voice unanimous vote.}

Chairman Sorosky asked Director Levin to report on the justice planning process and victim service planning processes. Director Levin called on Karen Griffiths to discuss the fund planning process for the JAG Program, which combined the former Byrne and LLEBG Programs, and Jennifer Vesely to discuss the planning process for victim service funding. Karen Griffiths outlined the JAG planning process and Jennifer Vesely discussed the victim services

fund planning process.

Assessment of Disproportionate Minority contact with Illinois's Juvenile Justice System

Chairman Sorosky called on Mr. Stevenson to make a presentation on disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system. Mr. Stevenson spoke about a portion of the research being conducted for, and through support of, the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, regarding disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system.

[Mr. Stevenson displayed a PowerPoint presentation (attached) outlining the presentation, and addressed members' questions.]

Adjourn

{Upon a motion by Ms. Josh, seconded by Ms .Mandletort, and adopted by unanimous voice vote, Chairman Sorosky adjourned the meeting.}