

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY

March 3, 2006
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 Jack Cutrone, the Authority's General Counsel, to call the roll.

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

Chief David Bradford, Glen Carbon Police Department
Hon. Dorothy Brown, Cook County Circuit Court Clerk
Hon. Jerry Dawson, Macon County Sheriff
Mr. Brad Demuzio
Hon. Richard Devine, Cook County State's Attorney
Ms. Barbara Engel
Mr. Norbert Goetten, Director Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor
Theodore Gottfried, State Appellate Defender
Hon. Becky Jansen, Circuit Clerk of Effingham County
Ellen Mandeltort, Attorney General Designee
Hon. William Mudge, Madison County State's Attorney
Mr. Eugene Murphy
Director Larry Trent, Illinois State Police
Hon. John Stroger, Cook County Board President
Mr. John Toscas
Director Roger Walker, Illinois Department of Corrections

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

{Chairman Sorosky made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 3, 2005. Mr. Toscas seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.}

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Sorosky welcomed everyone to the Authority meeting and introduced new Authority member Rebecca Jansen, the Circuit Court Clerk of Effingham County. Chairman Sorosky made a motion for a resolution to thank Authority member Maureen Josh for her dedication and service. Mr. Goetten seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote. Chairman Sorosky called on Director Levin to report.

Executive Director's Report

Director Levin introduced Jack Cutrone as a new addition to the Authority as the General Counsel. Director Levin noted that John Chojanacki has been promoted to Associate Director of the Federal and State Grant Unit. Director Levin also noted that a candidate was chosen to be the project manager for the

Illinois Integrated Justice Information Systems Project and that Mark Powers, Andrea Carr, Brittany Groot and Chris Meeks are new research staff with the Authority. The Director informed the Authority that new Board Members' Handbook would be completed shortly.

Director Levin noted that InfoNet added six new Users. The Research and Analysis Unit is continuing its planning process to determine research needs. Director Levin also noted some of new publications including, evaluation of the Chicago Public Schools peer jury program year one academic year 2004, 2005, a profile of the class four felony offenders sentenced to prison in Illinois and a research bulletin dealing with disproportionate minority contact within the Illinois Juvenile Justice system.

Director Levin also reported that Becky Block from the Research and Analysis department has been working with the Chicago Police Department Cold Case Squad to provide information from the Chicago homicide data on a pending homicide from the 1980s.

Director Levin added that Budget Committee Chairman Gene Murphy met and reviewed materials for the upcoming Justice Assistance Grant planning meetings. Director Levin stated that President Bush is again this year proposing to zero out funding for the Justice Assistance Grant program, a program that is essential to the administration of criminal justice in Illinois. The Director noted that there was a funding drop of five million dollars from FFY04 to FFY05 and that it was anticipated that the FFY06 funding would drop to approximately eight and a half million dollars, a further drop of six million dollars.

Director Levin reported that Chief Bradford met with Senator Durbin regarding the Justice Assistance Grants. Chief Bradford said Senator Durbin pledged his support to help fully restore the JAG funding stream. Director Trent commented how the loss of funding would affect the MEGs and drug task forces in the State of Illinois and that some might have to be shut down. This would have a significant impact on the state's ability to continue its fight against illegal drug trafficking. Director Trent also said Sheriff Randall met with Speaker Dennis Hastert on the issue who pledged his full support to retain Justice Assistance Grant funding.

Director Levin suggested to the Authority board that staff draft a letter stating the effects this will have on Illinois and all aspects of the criminal justice system. *{Mr. Toscas made a motion to write form letters to Congress, Mr Demuzio seconds the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.}* The Director and various Authority members also suggested other means to publicize the need to continue criminal justice funding including letters, opinion pieces and meetings with editorial boards.

Director Levin reported that Senate Bill 2137, the enabling legislation for IPSAN, was passed by the Senate and had been sent to the House. Director Levin reported Amendment 5 was filed and passed by the Senate. The Amendment contained language that was previously removed by the request of the Authority's Legislative and Regulation committee, Authority staff and the Governor's Office. As of the date of the board meeting, it was unclear whether the bill was going to pass the House and what position the Governor's office was going to take due to Amendment 5. Also, Director Levin noted the effective date of the bill was July 1, 2007 not July 1, 2006. If passed in that form it might necessitate the rate increase previously voted on by the Authority board. Director Levin indicated we were present at the senate committee hearing and did not take a position or offer any testimony on the bill.

{Mr. Toscas called for a roll call on a resolution commending Maureen Josh for her service to the Authority. The resolution was passed by unanimous voice vote. }

Budget Committee Report

Budget Committee Chairman Gene Murphy reported that a summary of budget committee meetings had

been provided the Authority members for the meeting.

Associate Director Miller reported that Director Levin and he went to Springfield for Senate Appropriations hearing. It went very well. The House appropriation hearing will be in the near future. Mr. Miller also stated that he would be in a position to give a fuller budget report at the next meeting after the budget is passed. Mr. Miller presented a short summary of the mailing previously sent to Authority members.

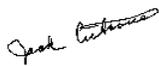
Tom McNamara's Methamphetamine Presentation

Bob Bauer introduced Tom McNamara, a nationally known expert in the field of methamphetamine and law enforcement efforts to stem the methamphetamine epidemic. Mr. McNamara gave an informative and interesting presentation on methamphetamine laboratories and methods used by law enforcement authorities to deal with such laboratories and their by-products.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Jack Cutrone
General Counsel