

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

8/25/2008

304 E. Grand River Avenue, Howell, MI

7:30 PM

AGENDA

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Minutes of meeting dated July 28, 2008
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. REPORTS**
- 5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
- 6. FRIEND OF THE COURT**
 - A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY/REFEREE POSITION WITHIN THE FRIEND OF THE COURT OFFICE - Friend of the Court / Public Safety Committee
 - B. Friend of the Court - Goals/Priorities
(No attachment)
- 7. DISTRICT COURT**
 - A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE 53RD DISTRICT COURT FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS, COUNSELING, DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING AND TETHERING - District Court / Public Safety Committee
- 8. JUVENILE COURT**
 - A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMITMENT TO TRAIN WITH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES STAFF AND ADOPT THEIR GUIDELINES FOR A "MODEL COURT" IN THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT - Juvenile Court / Public Safety Committee
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

06A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY/REFEREE POSITION WITHIN THE FRIEND OF THE COURT OFFICE - Friend of the Court / Public Safety Committee

07A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE 53RD DISTRICT COURT FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS, COUNSELING, DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING AND TETHERING - District Court / Public Safety Committee

08A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMITMENT TO TRAIN WITH
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES
STAFF AND ADOPT THEIR GUIDELINES FOR A “MODEL COURT” IN
THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT - Juvenile Court / Public
Safety Committee

RESOLUTION

NO:

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CREATION OF A FULL TIME ATTORNEY REFEREE POSITION IN THE FRIEND OF THE COURT OFFICE – Friend of the Court / Public Safety Committee

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court Office has mandated duties to review matters and make recommendations and proposed Orders to the Court regarding Custody, Parenting time, Support, and other Domestic Relations matters; and

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court Office currently employs three Attorney Referees to handle these Domestic Relations cases; and

WHEREAS, the number of cases heard by the Friend of the Court Referees has increased from 1,141 in 2003 to 1,913 in 2007. Through the first six months of 2008, the number of Domestic case filings has increased over 7%; and

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court has been unable to meet its mandated obligations as timely as children and families require; and

WHEREAS, this position is supported and recommended by Stanley J. Latreille, Chief Circuit Court Judge; David J. Reader, Circuit Court Judge; and Carol Hackett Garagiola, Family Court Judge, and many Domestic Relations Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the County of Livingston would be reimbursed for 66% of eligible costs of this position through the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract with the Michigan Department of Human Services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes creation of an Attorney Referee position in the Friend of the Court Office, Pay Grade P, effective with the approval of this resolution.

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CARRIED:

RESOLUTION

NO:

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE 53RD DISTRICT COURT FOR INDIGENT DEFENDANTS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS, COUNSELING, DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING AND TETHERING - District Court / Public Safety Committee

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Board of Commissioners previously awarded \$50,000 for indigent defendants for treatment, testing and tethering; and

WHEREAS, the 53rd District Court, working with Community Corrections, has used \$44,143 of the \$50,000 and provided 128 defendants with services that afforded these defendants the opportunity to avoid jail via treatment, testing and tethering; and

WHEREAS, 96 of the 128 defendants have been successful in completing their probation and the funding has significantly contributed to the success of the defendants; and

WHEREAS, additional funding is necessary to continue diverting indigent defendants from jail through treatment, testing and tethering; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been recommended for approval by the Public Safety Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby approves additional funding of \$25,000 to the 53rd District Court for indigent defendants substance abuse treatment, testing and tethering for the 2008 budget year.

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RESOLUTION

NO:

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMITMENT TO TRAIN WITH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES STAFF AND ADOPT THEIR GUIDELINES FOR A “MODEL COURT” IN THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT -
Juvenile Court / Public Safety Committee**

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Juvenile Court has applied to become a Model Court through the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Juvenile Court has been selected to become a Model Court by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Juvenile Court would like to accept the offer of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges has federal money to cover the cost of this project; the Livingston County Juvenile Court will not be committing any monies to this project; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Juvenile Court will commit to working with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to adopt their Resource Guidelines to improve court practice in child abuse and neglect cases; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges will not expect a contract for this proposal but only a commitment from the Livingston County Juvenile Court to train with NCJFCJ staff and adopt their guidelines. The Livingston County Juvenile Court will only commit personnel to the training by NCJFCJ; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Juvenile Court has the support of community stakeholders for this proposal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby endorse commitment to train with National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges staff and adopt their guidelines for a “model court” in the Livingston County Juvenile Court.

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