

**FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.  
Executive Session

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10/22/19

PRESENT: Minner, Trucano, Tracy, Holliday, Goggin

ABSENT: Meyer, Gorman

OTHERS: J. Parente, J. Zoelzer, J. Gilbert, J. Ezra, Annette Schoeberle, R. Faccin, A. Dunstan

1. Closed Executive Session to Discuss Litigation (exempt under the provisions of 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11 and 12) ("Litigation against a Public Body and Settlement of Claims."))

2. A review of the Lavite case was provided by Mr. Gilbert. He explained that the county has attempted to settle the case but the Plaintiff is refusing to even discuss settlement. Madison County asked for mediation but the Attorney has ignored our request and continues to file various motions that only extend the case. In the mean-time, the cost of the case continues to increase due to the incurrence of legal fees by both sides. The Attorney has now filed a second lawsuit, a federal discrimination case so the legal costs will continue to grow.

3. A review of a new settlement offer by the Plaintiff to settle the case. The offer is a reduction over the previous offer to settle. Mr. Gilbert has submitted the proposal to Mr. Prenzler and he has yet to receive a response. Mr. Prenzler has asked to have his legal and political advisors present, but the State's Attorney's office has denied this request since the individuals are currently involved in litigation against Madison County in other cases. In the mean-time, as directed by Mr. Prenzler, Mr. Gilbert has filed pleadings with the court that will initiate the process to appeal the case. He will continue to push Mr. Prenzler for a response to the current settlement offer.

Mr. Holliday moved, seconded by Ms. Tracy, to adjourn Executive Session. **MOTION CARRIED.**