

February 11, 2003

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 11th day of February, 2003, in the conference room of the County Office Building by Chairman Dave Stockwell. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Dave Stockwell, Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member
Waldo Blanton, Member
William C. Hetherington, Member
Libba Smith, Member

Vice Chairman Melissa Houston and Members Leroy Krohmer and Tim Kuykendall were absent.

Others present were: Paul Garcia, Steve Nelson, Corry Flowers, Bill Yeager, Ed Kearns, Julia Curry, Sonny Scott, Rhonda Hall, Tim Guinn, Tom Belusko, Jennifer Creecy and Cindy Allen.

Chairman Stockwell asked if the Council was in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. Dorinda Harvey answered in the affirmative.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2003, and there being no additions or corrections Waldo Blanton moved that the minutes be approved. Libba Smith seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.
Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for Item #2 under new business, discussion, consideration, and/or action on Jail Fees. Chairman Stockwell stated that in a previous meeting it was agreed to attach the cost of incarceration on each defendant that is sanctioned just like a normal defendant that gets sentenced, plead out, plead guilty, etc. as part of their court costs. The Council does not want to treat one offender different from another but the problem is since it was agreed to, they are going through the Court Clerk's Office and the cost may not be collected until sometime well into the offender sentence. The Sheriff's office was getting \$24.00 a day when he gave the bills to the Council but now that is not being done. So something needs to be figured out how to get the Sheriff his money more timely. After much discussion Chairman Stockwell moved to rescind the vote of 2 months ago wherein it was agreed to add the cost of incarceration of \$24.00 to the defendant rule 8 agreement where, it is collected by the Cleveland County Court Clerk. Libba Smith seconded the motion.

Judge Hetherington stated the form would have to be changed where it says the cost of incarceration assessed at "x" came out, payable directly to the Community Corrections. The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.
Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for item 1 under old business; discussion, consideration, and/or action on reports of unsuccessful offenders in Cleveland County and Statewide. Chairman Stockwell stated that this item is something that Bill Yeager and Ed Kearns was going to get on how Cleveland County on unsuccessful offenders was doing compared to statewide. Bill Yeager stated that part of the annual report and part of what is being done as a division is looking at those factors. He does not know if he has accurate information from Oklahoma County. Mr. Yeager stated that some of the other councils have subcommittees but he doesn't know if this Council wants to do that, he doesn't know if people have the time. The team is looking at this weekly. Mr. Yeager stated it sounds like he is stonewalling but he is not sure exactly what additional information the Council would like.

Dorinda Harvey stated that the Judge had asked how we compared with other Councils. Mr. Yeager stated at that time the Council was comparable with Probation and Parole and that the Council was higher than some and lower than others in terms of failures. Judge Hetherington stated that he was happy with the reports and they tell roughly were the Council is.

More discussion took place.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton to accept the reports on unsuccessful offenders in Cleveland County and Statewide.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on LSI's reporting time and asked if this was any better.

Cindy Allen, Assistant District Attorney, stated that she wants to give everyone a hand, it has been just incredible, they are getting faxed to her office in plenty of time and she really appreciates it. One offender was discussed.

Dave Stockwell moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to strike discussion, consideration, and/or action on LSI's reporting time.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on next year Budget FY2004 and stated that he had a few questions. He inquired if everyone had a change to go through the Budget and look at it. Chairman Stockwell stated that under substance abuse anticipated resources it shows to be budgeting \$113,000.00 for substance abuse treatment and it shows a little over \$20,000.00 coming back in and asked if this was going to be on offender pay.

Mr. Kearns stated it was offender co-pay.

Chairman Stockwell stated that on administration it is being budgeted \$10,000.00 anticipated resources \$10,000.00 is that on offender pay also?

Mr. Kearns stated that would be the administrative fees and Mr. Stockwell wanted to know why that was so much less than last year.

Mr. Stockwell stated that last year there was \$32,000.00.

Mr. Yeager stated that last year it might have just been a projection but he would find out.

Mr. Stockwell asked about the Service Cost Sub-total under community service in the amount of \$15,000.00 and asked for an explanation.

Mr. Kearns stated that is figured on paying Julia Curry for the supervision, coordination costs and is based on an average of each offender being assessed 300 hours.

Chairman Stockwell asked what community sentencing assessments \$13,500.00?

Mr. Yeager stated it is LSI's.

Mr. Stockwell stated that the Council is requesting \$199,000.00 from whatever the legislature gives the statewide community sentencing program. This is up from last years \$133,000.00, which the Council received. Mr. Stockwell stated that in the narrative he wants to include in the portion dealing with treatment and the providers that they clarify that the providers must submit bills monthly and make an acknowledgement in the narrative that the Council is using a sliding scale for offender pay. With those two inclusions and the clarification on the anticipated resources he does not have any problems approving the budget for FY2004.

Judge Hetherington asked how many are assumed that are going to be in the program with that budget in the next fiscal year.

Mr. Kearns stated that it was based upon the idea that the system would double in the number of offenders and that factors in people that would be discharging and with an average number coming in.

Judge Hetherington asked how many participants does this budget anticipate will be in the system on an ongoing basis, on a day-to-day basis.

Mr. Yeager stated it could maintain a daily count of 100.

William C. Hetherington moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to approve next years Budget FY2004 with the additions that Chairman Stockwell referred to earlier. (Sliding scale and the requirement to submit a bill timely.)

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, Consideration, and/or Action to review previous months (January) bills.

After a brief discussion about the January billing, it was pointed out to the Council that as of the end of January it is approximately \$365.00 (after the meeting it was figured to be \$385.00) over what was budgeted and at some point this deficient will have to be made up to make sure the Council is not short later in the fiscal year. Each month was budgeted for \$11,136.00.

After more discussion, Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Libba Smith, to approve the January bills.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for Review Status on Bench Warrant Executions and Arrest on Absconders.

Julia Curry handed out a report with a list of offenders that were outstanding (AWOL) and that they are trying to find these people.

Judge Hetherington stated he would like to see on the report absconders arrested last month and the totals.

Chairman Stockwell called for Presentation on Status Report from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Corry Flowers.

Julia Curry stated that the report that was handed out should be self-explanatory and Jennifer Creecy has refined it to where there is a lot of information on each client in a very short space. There are a lot of folks that are doing very well.

The report was complimented.

Judge Hetherington wants to make sure that Corry Flowers and Julia Curry feel like they are being able to supervise the participates in a way that the Council intended from the very beginning. He is disturbed by the absconding rate that's equal to normal supervision he thinks that a lot more should be directed in efforts to catching people who have absconded. He is not saying that the Council is not doing a good job of that he is just saying that from the very beginning it was the Council intension that these people be supervised by folks that do not have the case load that normal department of corrections probation and parole people have.

Judge Hetherington thinks that Corry and Julia have done an incredible job getting this going and he is real proud of their efforts. He doesn't want to sound critical of their efforts and he's not, but he thinks the Council needs to stop and take a real honest look for the next few months at a very honest evaluation of how the Council is doing with Corry saying he is happy with 40 case or a 50 case load. But if Corry thinks 35 or 40 is the max the Council needs to know this. The Council needs to know what Julia and Corry's comfort ranges are to properly supervise so there won't be confusion and problem at sanction hearings. He is seeing a little more of that which leads him to believe the max is getting reached as to how many can be supervised properly.

The next concern of Judge Hetherington is the number of strictly substance abuse folks that is going to the department of corrections and with the budget concerns that the state has now the Council is definitely going to be asked as a planning council to bare a heavier burden in keeping substance abuse people out of the penitentiary. He thinks the Council needs to look at the comfort level and if the Council is only going to be able to have a hundred in the system next year then so be it he thinks that a good number, but there is going to be pressure to take more than that and must more than our budget can handle and he thinks the Council needs to be concerned and watch this closely.

(William C. Hetherington exited the meeting at this time.)

More miscellaneous discussion took place.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Libba Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. F. DeWayne Beggs seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.