

January 10, 2006

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 10th day of January, 2006, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 605 E. Robinson, Norman, Oklahoma, by Chairman Dave Stockwell. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

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

Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston, Members F. DeWayne Beggs, Leroy Krohmer, and Tim Kuykendall, were absent.

Others presents were: Carmen Jackson, Debbie Cox, Steve Nelson, Tracy Ramirez, Rhonda Peterson, Terri Paxson, and Wayne Barnes.

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 December 13, 2005, 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; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.
Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve the Review of the bills for the month of November, 2005, and stated there was a lot of money the Council was not spending.

Libba Smith asked Carmen Jackson if the Council was going to be able to spend the money if the Council gets the mental health portion going and what?

Ms. Jackson stated there needed to be more people put into the program.

Dave Stockwell moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to approve the review of the bills for the month of November, 2005.

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

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve the request for an audit.

Dorinda Harvey stated since the Council was dealing with public funds she thinks there needs to be one.

Libba Smith was curious that no one requires our Council or the other Councils to have an audit.

Carmen Jackson stated it was because DOC is audited and DOC is the keeper of the money, the Councils don't get audited individually. Community Sentencing Division is audited and the funds are audited for the whole state.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by William C. Hetherington, that this Council request an audit.

Ms. Jackson stated that she would take the minutes in and ask for an audit.

Chairman Stockwell asked about a time frame.

Dorinda Harvey amended her motion, and seconded by William C. Hetherington, that this Council request an audit and it be done by the end of FY2006.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, 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 of Absconders.

Terri Paxson stated that one individual came off the list and one had been added. Ms. Paxson had given each Council Member a copy of her Community Sentencing Probation Planning Council Report that she does quarterly and it was discussed in depth as far as the report seeming negative, the number of AWOL's, the motions to revoke, etc.

Discussion also took place about defendants not being put into the program and the amount of money that this Council still has available. There was almost nineteen hundred (1900) felonies filed last year and this program only has seventy-seven (77) people and Drug Court only has about one hundred (100). That is less than ten (10) percent of all charges filed last year that made it in a diversionary program such Drug Court, Community Sentencing, etc. Chairman Stockwell thinks that the Assistant District Attorney that handles these cases leans more toward sending the defendants to Drug Court before Community Sentencing and different Council Members gave reasons why they think this is done.

Discussion took place about the differences between Community Sentencing and Drug Court and how to get more defendants into Community Sentencing.

Also discussed in depth was the environment that the defendants return to after they go through the programs.

Chairman Stockwell called for presentation on Status Report from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Wayne Barnes.

Ms. Paxson stated there were no new cases in December, one (1) closed case, eight (8) sanctions, two (2) incentives, four (4) with motions to revoke or AWOL, and on the compliance Oklahoma Court Services was at eighty-one (81) percent.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Dave Stockwell moved that the meeting be adjourned. William C. Hetherington seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.