

JANUARY 8, 2002

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 8th day of January, 2002, in the west 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
Melissa McLawhorn, Vice-Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
DeWayne Beggs, Member
Waldo Blanton, Member
Tim Kuykendall, Member

Members Leroy Krohmer and Libba Smith were absent and member William C. Hetherington was absent at roll call.

Others present were: Steve Nelson, Debbie Cox, Corry Flowers, Richard Stevens, Julia Curry, Jennifer Beck and Ed Kearns.

Chairman Dave 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 meeting of December 11, 2001, and there being no additions or corrections, DeWayne Beggs moved that the minutes be approved. Waldo Blanton seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa McLawhorn, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes.
Motion carried.

Upon the request of Chairman Dave Stockwell, DeWayne Beggs moved, seconded by Dorinda Harvey, to table for two more months utilizing the new drug-testing machine available through the Cleveland County Adult Drug Court System.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa McLawhorn, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes.
Motion carried.

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

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Melissa McLawhorn, to table until the next meeting the Presentation of Financial Affairs, Audit. etc., by Oklahoma Community Sentencing Division.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa McLawhorn, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes.
Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration and/or action on FY 2003 Budget, the dollar amounts on the budget have not been changed but he and Vice-Chairman Melissa McLawhorn had gotten together and changed some of the narrative and asked the Council Members to review it. After questions and answers and a short study of the budget Chairman Stockwell asked if anyone wanted to move to approve the budget there being none he stated that the Council would get back to this later in the meeting.

Julia Curry from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Corry Flowers gave a Status Report on Community Sentencing and answered questions about some of the offenders. Julia handed out a report dating from July 1, 2001, to November 30, 2001, showing the total number of clients in the program (68), number of clients with Community Service Hours (52), total number of Community Services Hours Sentenced (10,928), total Community Service hours completed (3,115), total number of revoked Community Service hours (750), number of clients with Community Service hours successfully completed (7), number of Community Service hours done by clients who have successfully completed all Court ordered Community Service (1244), number of clients with unsuccessful completion due to probation revocation (3), number of Community Service Hours unsuccessfully completed (750) and a list of current Community Service Providers, number of clients at each organization and hours completed at each organization.

Julia also gave out an incentive recommendation report on one client. She stated the treatment team has not approved it, as they have not met because of the holidays and this is just her report and recommendation. More discussion took place on community service and offenders.

Tim Kuykendall asked if there was money in the budget to pay a bounty on hiring somebody on their off time to find the people (offenders) who have gone AWOL.

Ed Kearns stated there was not currently anything allocated for that. He would have to check to see if budget funds could be used to pay for a salary.

Chairman Stockwell stated the Council did not want to call it a salary, but contract labor service.

Ed Kearns stated he would check on this and see if money could be shifted for that purpose. More discussion took place on unsuccessful completions.

Chairman Stockwell stated that the Council would get back to the budget and asked Mr. Kearns about page eight (8), items one (1) and two (2) and asked where the offender number of ninety (90) came from and Mr. Kearns stated it was the number that came up at an earlier meeting. Chairman Stockwell thought he had taken a document to Mr. Kearns with a number of three hundred and eight-five (385) on it.

Mr. Kearns stated the ninety (90) was the number, based upon the projection with gradual increases in numbers.

Vice-Chairman McLawhorn asked if it was the ninety (90) along with the sixty-two (62) that were already in program, and Mr. Kearns said it was not, it would be a total of ninety (90). There was a concern about the ninety (90) number and the number of offenders that are being sentenced each month.

Mr. Kearns stated that right now about five (5) are being sentenced per month.

Richard Stevens explained to the Council that if he could get an entire month without a jury docket he thinks that numbers would be more. Mr. Stevens thinks it will be more like four (4) or five (5) a week at least for those weeks without jury dockets and holidays. Last month even with the holidays and jury dockets five (5) were sentenced to the program.

Waldo Blanton stated with just the number that is going in and the number that fails and gets out and if it takes two years to do the program then mathematically a figure should be able to be obtained which should be around two-hundred and thirty (230).

Chairman Stockwell asked if the number of ninety (90) were changed would that mess up the entire budget and Mr. Kearns stated it would have an impact on it. Mr. Kearns said it was actually set up for seventy (70), being that all ninety (90) were not going to come in at the same time and the ones are that currently in the system by the beginning of next fiscal year would still be under supervision but the vast majority would have their treatment completed. If there were a very large increase it would affect the budget.

Tim Kuykendall stated he had several question about the budget as did other Council Members and it was continued to be discussed.

Judge William C. Hetherington told Chairman Stockwell that he had to leave the meeting at this time but it was his understanding that he had to sign off on the budget and Chairman Stockwell stated he did.

Chairman Stockwell asked Mr. Kearns when was the last day to get the budget to him and Mr. Kearns stated the Council still has about three (3) weeks. Chairman Stockwell stated that he would recommend that the Council have a special meeting in about two (2) weeks. Mr. Kuykendall requested that each Council Member really look at the budget and then come back and discuss it at length, because he is not voting on anything he does not understand and he has a lot of question about where the numbers are coming from.

Chairman Stockwell stated the Council Members that have concerns (which several do) need to address them to Mr. Kearns before the meeting so that information can be brought to the meeting.

More discussion took place on the budget and Chairman Stockwell asked Mr. Kearns to redo the budget based on a number larger then ninety (90) and that number being two-hundred and fifty (250). Mr. Kearns was asked to mail the new budget and narrative or the same one he thinks can be used.

Mr. Kearns stated that if the numbers are increased the narrative will have to be mended it would not be anything major. Italics on the changes would benefit Chairman Stockwell. The date for the special meeting will be January 18, 2002, at 1:00 P. M.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Melissa McLawhorn to table the discussion on the budget until the special meeting.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa McLawhorn, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes.
Motion carried.

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

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa McLawhorn, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes.
Motion carried.