

March 11, 2003

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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  
Waldo Blanton, Member  
William C. Hetherington, Member  
Leroy Krohmer, Member  
Tim Kuykendall, Member  
Libba Smith, Member

Vice Chairman Melissa Houston and Member F. DeWayne Beggs were absent at roll call.

Others present were: Julia Curry, Jennifer Creecy, Ed Kearns, Steve Nelson, Tim Guinn, Debbie Cox, Bill Yeager, Tom Belusko, Paul Garcia, and Jamie Stepstead.

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

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2003, and there being no additions or corrections, Libba Smith moved that the minutes be approved. Waldo Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Vice Chairman Melissa Houston entered the meeting at this time.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to review previous months (February) bills. After a brief discussion and some questions and answers Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to approve the reviewing of previous months (February) bills.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.  
Motion carried.

Member F. DeWayne Beggs entered the meeting at this time.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action for Final Approval of FY2003-2004 Budget. At the last meeting there was a question regarding the additional \$10,000.00 or \$20,000.00 and it was decided that was the anticipated offender pay. The Council approved the budget last meeting with the provisions regarding offender pay and sliding scale. Chairman Stockwell asked if that got included in the budget?

Ed Kearns stated that he wanted to wait until today and see if there were any additional changes and he would get it back to Chairman Stockwell tomorrow.

Chairman Stockwell asked if there was any change in the budget from what was given to the Council last month and Mr. Kearns stated that there was not. Chairman Stockwell stated that in the minutes from last month it states what the Council wants included in the narrative that portion dealing with treatment and the providers that they clarify that the providers must submit monthly bills make an acknowledgement in the narrative that the Council is using a sliding scale for offender pay. With that included in the narrative he thinks the Council will accept the budget as it is.

Melissa Houston stated that the anticipated resources is the offender pay on a sliding scale and that is what is not reflected and Chairman Stockwell stated yes and that would be reflected in the narrative. Mrs. Houston thinks an asterisk needed to be inserted on the budget summary.

Dorinda Harvey inquired about two Senate Bills and wondered how they would affect the budget for Community Sentencing. Discussion took place on both bills.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Tim Kuykendall, to approve the budget for FY2003/2004 with the inclusion that were discussed in the last meeting, (see minutes from last meeting) as far as the sliding scale, offender pay, and the asterisk on the budget summary.

Judge William C. Hetherington had questions about other bills before the legislature that could affect the budget and other issues of Community Sentencing and more discussion took place.

Bill Yeager stated on the budget the Council will have to keep watching it and not go above it unless there is more money given to the Council. Mr. Yeager does not think there will be a cut, it sounds like it will be at least the same as last year and he believe the Council will get what it has requested. He would just keep that cap on of 100 people unless the Council receives more money.

Judge William C. Hetherington stated that he has to sign the budget and he has to declare that the attached plan meets the needs of the court for purposes of sentencing pursuant to the authority ----- . He will only sign this if the planning council has an understanding that it is his obligation to be sure by this law that it does meet the needs, because his name is on it and it isn't going over 100 offenders because he thinks the Council's people are stretched thin now. More discussion took place.

Chairman Stockwell called for the vote: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith.  
Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on Jail Fees and procedures to pay. He stated that at the last meeting the vote was rescinded requiring the extra \$24.00 be assessed by Rule 8, which make the offender pay the Court Clerk's Office and when that was paid it would go to the Sheriff and it was decided that the Sheriff needs his money quicker. Chairman Stockwell's suggestion would be to let it be part of supervision responsibility to collect the \$24.00 in addition to the \$6.00 that they are already collecting, monitor that and get the money to the Sheriff sooner.

Tim Kuykendall asked if there was not going to be different way of collecting the money depending upon whom the service provider is? Whether probation officer or the agency doing the probation, would it be more consist to have it collected through the Court Clerk with a better accounting record for auditing purposes? If the supervising agency does this,

the Council has to be sure they have proper accounting procedures and document the payments sufficient for the State Auditor.

Chairman Stockwell stated that they are already doing that when they collect their administrations and they indicated that it wouldn't be any burden or hardship.. He doesn't think Corry Flowers would be collecting but Julia Curry with Oklahoma Court Services would be collecting all of them.

Julia Curry explained how the money would be collected, a DOC receipt (payment for jail fee whatever it is to be called and it would be audited through the Department of Corrections) would be given and the money sent to the Department of Corrections so it is in the administrative budget.

Tim Kuykendall wants to be sure there is a good procedure for documenting all money that is collected and where it goes once it is collected.

Mr. Kearns agreed with Mrs. Curry that it would be collected the same as the administrative fees it would be earmarked to go back into the system budget. Originally it was talked about that the Sheriff would go ahead and bill the system each month, the money would come out of the budget, but then when the supervising authority collected the cost of incarceration it would go back into the administrative fee.

Chairman Stockwell stated then it would work out as a wash until all the money is collected. More discussion took place and Mr. Kuykendall was still concerned about the auditing.

Chairman Stockwell stated that what the Council is going to do now is have the supervising agencies collect the \$24.00 from the offender; there will be a procedure setup for the Council to look at as to how long the offender has to pay (30, 60, or 90 days). The Sheriff will submit his bill to the Council, the Council will pay it, the offenders will pay the supervising agencies and that money will go into the DOC revolving fund for this planning council.

Melissa Houston moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to have the offenders pay the cost of his incarceration as a sanction and that money will be given to the Sheriff up front and then reimbursed back to the system.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F.

DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes (with the understanding that the Council will address audits next meeting); Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on how to deal with people that have new charges. Chairman Stockwell stated that he thinks the Council needs to decide or give some parameter or guidance to the District Attorney's Office possibly, on how the Council feels it should deal with people that are in community sentencing already that go out and get new charges filed against them. Because the Council is obligated to make sure this is a safe program for the community. If the Council has any thoughts regarding new charges it needs to be discussed.

After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Stockwell moved, seconded by Melissa Houston, to strike discussion, consideration, and/or action on how to deal with people that have new charges.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F.

DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

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

Julia Curry has presented the Council with a list of absconders and that the one that is in red has been arrested. Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Creecy are going to spend a couple of days and try and find these people and get them incarcerated.

Tim Kuykendall expressed his concern about Mrs. Curry and Mrs. Creecy going out and looking for the offenders and Mrs. Curry told him they would go out with their officer.

Mr. Kuykendall and Chairman Stockwell also asked if the Sheriff could look for the offenders.

Sheriff Beggs stated he would give the list to someone.

William C. Hetherington exited the meeting at this time.

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

Julia Curry handed out the Status Report and Libba Smith stated it was nice to see the number of successful discharges getting at long as the unsuccessful.

Ed Kearns stated that one of the documents he passed out was a report on the number of community sentencing hours. Mr. Kearns told the Council that from August, 2002, through January, 2003, there has been over 2800 hundred hours completed and since he has been tracking this from July 1, 2001, through January, 30, 2003, there has been over 11,000 hours completed.

Bill Yeager stated that at the next meeting he would be able to supply the completion survey on a statewide basis. This report would show completions, terminations, etc.

Sheriff Beggs asked for some type of procedure to be set up as far as the bench warrant executions and arrest of absconders.

Libba Smith stated that a few meeting ago Judge Hetherington mentioned some type of a meeting on Monday, March 30, at 8:30 a.m. and Chairman Stockwell stated it was an incentive hearing.

Jennifer Creecy told the Council that it had been rescheduled to April 8, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in Judge Hetherington's courtroom.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Melissa Houston moved that the meeting be adjourned. Leroy Krohmer seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F.

DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.