

July 13, 2004

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 13th day of July, 2004, 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
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member
Waldo Blanton, Member
Libba Smith, Member

Members William C. Hetherington and Leroy Krohmer were absent at roll call. Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston and Member Tim Kuykendall were absent.

Others present were: Dan Merritt, Carmen Jackson, Jennifer Creecy, Steven Nelson, Debbie Cox, Hart Brown, Tracy Ramirez, 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 June 8, 2004, 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; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on the issuance of reimbursement by the Sheriff to DOC until the Council has determined legally how it is to be done. Chairman Stockwell stated that he had spoken to Senator Cal Hopson and he needs to prepare an official request of him and he will get the Attorney General's Opinion done.

Chairman Stockwell stated that he needed to get the two statutes that are in conflict on paper to Senator Hopson so that the Attorney General will know what needs to be looked at.

Chairman Stockwell moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton to table this item.

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

Motion carried.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Libba Smith, to approve the review previous months May bills.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to review previous months June bills and asked Carman Jackson about Oklahoma Court Services' bill not being available and wanted to know the reason that the month of June was so much more than any previous month.

Ms. Jackson stated that Oklahoma Court Services computer crashed but will be back on track soon and that for the month of June there is a bill from New Hope for residential treatment. (Leroy Krohmer entered the meeting during this discussion.)

Waldo Blanton asked about any money that would be left over and Ms. Jackson stated that there will still be an opportunity for the vendors to go back and find out if they have any omitted services and any things after that the money goes back into the pot.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by F. DeWayne Beggs, to table discussion, consideration, and/or action on previous month June bills.

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

Motion carried.

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

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on new legislation pertaining to offenders who have a mental illness being put into Community Sentencing. Different Council Members had hoped for a person from the District Attorney's Office to be at the meeting and Chairman Stockwell stated that it was his understanding that the District Attorney is still the gatekeeper for who is offered community sentencing.

Chairman Stockwell wanted to know if the program was ready to handle mentally ill individuals.

Ms. Jackson stated that the vendors are available to handle them because there are already individuals in the program that have a lot of mental disorders, but she does not think there is additional funding necessary to target those people. Ms. Jackson spoke of a Dr. Olsen. Ms. Jackson stated that we did not get any additional funding and these individuals are very expensive and without additional money she doesn't think the program could handle any more people than is already being dealt with.

Judge Bill Hetherington spoke about the mental health people and a mental health court. A mental health court is going to be designed for Cleveland County, but it makes sense to the Judge to see if it could be handled within community corrections cheaper. It is the same staffing and structure as drug courts but a little different than community corrections.

LSI's were discussed relating to mental health and mental health evaluations.

Chairman Stockwell asked if community sentenced individuals could be sent to mental health for their services and not have to pay for it?

Ms. Jackson explained the mental health program and how some of it worked and that mental health thinks that community sentencing received enough money to pay for services. More discussion took place on mental health and several individuals will be asked to attend the next meeting.

Chairman Stockwell moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to table discussion, consideration, and/or action on new legislation pertaining to offenders who have a mental illness being put into Community Sentencing.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called to Review Status on Bench Warrant Executions and Arrest of Absconders. One absconder was discussed that had been busted.

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

Mr. Barnes and the Council discussed his caseload and the caseload of Oklahoma Court Services.

Libba Smith asked about the DOC payments of \$530.00?

Ms. Jackson stated it was the administrative fee collection.

Jennifer Creecy with Oklahoma Court Services stated that she would like to explain what happened with the comprehensive report. Ms. Creecy stated that Oklahoma Court Services has already been paid all that they can be paid for the report. So there is a free condensed report that was given to the Council.

Ms. Jackson stated that the Council is getting the reports quarterly but it was started on an off month and the last two for FY04 has already been done and now they are back on track to get the report every quarter in FY05.

Chairman Stockwell asked if there was a surplus of money why is the Council not going to be able to pay Oklahoma Court Services for this report?

Ms. Jackson stated that it was voted on and it is in the meeting minutes to do it quarterly and now since this is a new fiscal year it is going to have to be voted on again for FY05.

Chairman Stockwell called for miscellaneous discussion and Ms. Jackson discussed a couple of individuals that were incarcerated, one was held to long and the other release too early.

Ms. Jackson stated that after visiting with several people (in the Court Clerk's Office and Sheriff's Office) she thinks it has been worked out so this won't happen again.

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

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

Motion carried.