

February 8, 2005

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 8th day of February, 2005, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 605 E. Robinson, Norman, Oklahoma, by Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Melissa Houston, Vice-Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member
William C. Hetherington, Member
Leroy Krohmer, Member
Tim Kuykendall, Member
Libba Smith, Member

Chairman Dave Stockwell and Member Waldo Blanton were absent.

Others present were: Christine Brannon, David Williams, Steve Nelson, Rhonda Peterson, Tracy Ramirez, Jennifer Creecy, Julia Curry, Debbie Cox, Terri Paxson, Wayne Barnes, Sonny Scott, Cheryl Farnsworth, and Tina Potts.

Vice-Chairman Houston 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 11, 2005, Vice-Chairman Houston stated that there was a correction that Senator Hobson name was misspelled. County Clerk, Dorinda Harvey stated it would be corrected. F. DeWayne Beggs moved that the minutes be approved with that correction. Libba Smith seconded the motion.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.
Motion carried.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to approve the review of the bills for the month of December.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.
Motion carried.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to elect Dave Stockwell Chairman for 2005.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.
Motion carried.

Leroy Krohmer moved, seconded by Dorinda Harvey, to elect Melissa Houston Vice-Chairman for 2005.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, abstain, Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes. Motion carried.

Member Leroy Krohmer asked about the appointment of Board Members and after a brief discussion Secretary Dorinda Harvey stated that she would put this on as an agenda item for the next meeting to appoint and/or re-appoint Board Members.

Vice-Chairman Houston called for Review Status on Bench Warrant Executions and Arrest of Absconders.

Jennifer Creecy stated that there has not been a new absconder since August. And to her knowledge there have not been any leads on the absconders.

Libba Smith asked if there was a procedure for removing the absconders that are not found from the list and if that affects the Councils seventy-five percent (75%) compliance figure?

Ms. Creecy stated that they stay on the list forever and that it can affect the figure but only until the next fiscal year and then the absconders are taken off of the compliance report.

Discussion took place on one absconder.

Vice-Chairman Houston called for Presentation on Status Report from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Wayne Barnes.

Ms. Creecy stated that there were eight-three (83) people in Community Sentencing there were no new one in January. Oklahoma Court Services has twenty-seven (27) and Wayne Barnes has forty-six (46) and there were two (2) cases closed. Ms. Creecy wanted the Council to notice the number of violation reports (4) and that they are really trying to emphasize good behavior.

Libba Smith was a little concerned about the overall compliance report only being at seventy-five percent. (75%).

Julia Curry stated that Pottawatomie County had dipped below the seventy-five percent (75%) twice and Leroy Krohmer stated that he had heard that McClain County had dropped down to the low sixties a couple of times.

Wayne Barnes was very pleased with Court and spoke of some of his experiences.

Vice-Chairman Houston asked if it was about time to start doing next years budget and plan? Debbie Cox stated that Carmen Jackson had it and the State is going to be giving the Council about the same amount of money.

Judge Hetherington stated that Dr. Margaret Olsen was doing a study for the Council to give it some idea of what kind of a budget request that needed to be made for mental health resources. Judge Hetherington told the Council of some of the things that had been done and spoke of the Governor's State of the State Address the day before where the Governor stated that he was going to increase the budgets for drug court and community sentencing.

Discussion took place and it was asked if there could be an agenda item for next month on the report.

Libba Smith asked about the counties that do not meet their seventy-five percent (75%) compliance figures if there was money that was not going to be spent this year that this Council could do something before the fiscal year is ended?

Vice-Chairman Houston stated that would be something that DOC or Justin Jones would have to address.

Ms. Smith asked about this year's Council Budget that it has not even spent half.

Julia Curry explained to Ms. Smith how the budget would balance out later.

Leroy Krohmer asked that for the next meeting an item be put on the agenda about a report on other counties success ratings. Mr. Krohmer wanted to ask Senator Cal Hobson to come to the next meeting.

Judge Hetherington stated that there are some significant differences in success rate statewide.

Vice-Chairman Houston stated that the Council need to confirm that Justin Jones or someone from his Department will be here before the Council has Senator Hobson here; she would hate to have Senator Hobson here and there only be the Council present.

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

Before the roll was called Judge Hetherington spoke of Wayne Barnes' first court session last week and gave a brief synopsis.

The next court date is February 14, 2005, at 3:30 P. M. Libba Smith wanted to know how unique this court program that the Council is going was and asked if other places were doing it.

Judge Hetherington stated it was unique to District 21 because Judge Blalock was also doing it but he was not sure it was being done anywhere else.

Wayne Barnes and Debbie Cox stated there were other counties that have this.

Vice-Chairman Houston asked for roll call on motion to adjourn which had been seconded.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.