

April 11, 2006

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 11th day of April, 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
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member
William C. Hetherington, Member
Leroy Krohmer, Member

Member Waldo Blanton was absent at roll call. Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston, Members Tim Kuykendall and Libba Smith were absent.

Others present were: Christine Brannon, Wayne Barnes, Tracy Ramirez, Steve Nelson, Debbie Cox, Carmen Jackson, Terri Paxson, Dan Merritt, Sid Stell, and Tim Guinn.

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 March 21, 2006, and there being no additions or corrections William C. Hetherington moved that the minutes be approved. F. DeWayne Beggs seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer to approve the Review of the bills for the months of February, 2006.

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

Motion carried.

Member Waldo Blanton entered the meeting at this time.

Chairman Stockwell moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to table discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve the FY2007 Plan and Budget.

Ms. Jackson stated until the Council gets the appropriation amount the budget can't really be prepared and the Legislators haven't said how much this will be.

Judge Hetherington asked Ms. Jackson about changes statutorily?

Ms. Jackson stated there is a bill, the Community Sentencing Act, which is being called the cleanup bill. It is basically asking to allow people who have highs and are not mentally ill to

come into the program, because there is starting to be a number of those people and before these people were being eliminated. Hopefully that is going to allow an additional pool of people. There is also in the bill (that has been talked about) on how to come up with incentives, to be able to use the administrative fee money more the way the Council's would like. State Finance has all of these rules about how to spend the money and the cleanup bill also is asking them to alleviate that so the Councils would be able to do more individual things that the Council's want to do with their administrative fee money without all of the red tape.

Ms. Jackson stated drug court has really done some innovated things on incentives and the legislators have been asked to allow Community Sentencing to do the same.

Ms. Jackson said nothing has been heard about the appropriations.

Chairman Stockwell inquired about the amount of money this Council still has and if that would hurt this Council as far as allocations for next year.

Ms. Jackson stated all Councils in the State have a surplus all as all of their numbers are down and explained some of the reasons and discussion took place.

Chairman Stockwell asked for roll call as there was a motion to table and a second.

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

Motion carried.

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

Terri Paxson told the Council that one absconder had been arrested on a public intoxication charge. A motion to revoke is pending and he was being held on a Rule 8 bench warrant. He is now out of jail as he posted bond. Ms. Paxson stated a report was turned in this week, as the U.S. Marshall's Office was doing a sweep, and maybe there will be some positive results in a few weeks.

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

Terri Paxson said four cases had been closed since last month, one case so far this month, there were six individuals sanctioned, seven incentive recipients, ten absconders and sixty-two are in the program. There were only two individuals that were not compliant.

Wayne Barnes stated all of his people have jobs, if they are not in treatment, everyone works and he has never seen this.

Judge Hetherington told the Council about graduating the Community Sentencing poster child.

Chairman Stockwell would like to insure that when the budget and plan is done, at least the plan, that some language is in it explaining why the Council did not spend all of the money it was given. He thinks some of the reason was the Council does not use the money for inpatient and things like that.

Ms. Jackson stated she thinks since the Council didn't have to use its money for residential beds it saved this Council over \$40,000.00.

Ms. Jackson asked if there was anything new for next year that the Council wants in the plan and stated that \$25,000.00 was given to do mental health court?

Judge Hetherington said that mental health court does exist. The kickoff date is May 1st. The Judge thinks that is going to impact Community Sentencing some, in terms that if the individual is identified early on as a mental health case, it will be like drug court it is a true deviation program. Judge Hetherington explained how the mental health court would work and discussion was held.

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.

Motion carried.