

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLANNING COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 8, 2013

8:00 A.M.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order at 8:00 a.m. this 8th day of October 2013 in the conference Room 200 of the Cleveland County Office Building by Chairman Dave Stockwell. Tammy Belinson, County Clerk/Secretary, called roll and those present were:

Dave Stockwell, Chairman
Tammy Belinson, Secretary
Waldo Blanton, Member
Sheriff Joseph Lester, Member
Greg Mashburn, Member
Libba Smith, Member
Rusty Sullivan, Member
Judge Michael Tupper, Member

Vice Chairman Melissa Houston was absent at roll call.

Others present were: Debi Cox, Carl Buckholts and Linda Atkins.

Chairman Stockwell asked if the meeting was in Compliance with the Open Meeting Act. Tammy Belinson answered affirmatively.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 09, 2013 and there being no additions or corrections, Judge Michael Tupper moved, seconded by Sheriff Joseph Lester, that the minutes be approved.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Rusty Sullivan, yes; Judge Michael Tupper, yes.

Motion carried.

(At this point, Melissa Houston, Vice Chairman, entered the meeting at 8:05 am.)

A. Items of Business:

1. Sheriff Joseph Lester moved, seconded by Rusty Sullivan, to **approve the Schedule of meeting dates** for calendar year 2014.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Rusty Sullivan, yes; Judge Michael Tupper, yes.

Motion carried.

2. Chairman Stockwell called for **Review of bills** for the month of July, August and September 2013. He asked why the Sheriff's Department was not among those being reviewed for payment.

Debi Cox explained that it is due to a contract being negotiated, the contracts are good for five years and the five years were up this past June 2013. Ms. Cox had sent a contract over in May 2013 for Undersheriff Rhett Burnett's review. They sent the contract back to their legal. Thus far, there is no contract. Chairman Stockwell asked if they can go back after ratifying the contract and pay from July 1, 2013.

Debi Cox said that based upon prior conversations, it depends on the date of the contract. She will take this matter up with her supervisor.

Chairman Stockwell asked how much longer it will take to get the contract.

Debi Cox said that it is in the works.

Mr. Stockwell asked that when the contract is complete she tell the Sheriff.

Debi Cox stated that she will certainly do so.

Chairman Stockwell called for approval of submitted bills for payment.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Rusty Sullivan, that the bills submitted for payment for the months of July, August and September 2013 be approved.

Chairman Stockwell asked if it would help to reserve approval of the Sheriff's bills out of this until they come in. He asked if it would speed up matters by doing it that way. Hearing no objections from the Board members, the Chair asked that the current motion on the floor be withdrawn.

Motion made by Waldo Blanton was withdrawn and Rusty Sullivan followed by withdrawing his second.

Chairman Stockwell moved that the bills be **approved** for payment for the months of July, August and September 2013, and that, subject to the submission, and respect for payment of the bills, the bills for the Sheriff's County Detention for July, August and September 2013 be **approved** for payment. Waldo Blanton seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, no; Greg Mashburn, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Rusty Sullivan, yes; Judge Michael Tupper, yes.

Motion carried.

3. **Presentation Assistance District Attorney**, on July, August and September 2013, activity of Community Sentencing in the District Attorney's Office.

Carl Buckholts stated that there were fifteen (15) LSI requests and five (5) new people who entered the program.

Chairman Stockwell asked for Mr. Buckholt's opinion as to the number fifteen, on the average, being high or low.

Carl Buckholts said that fifteen is low and five is low.

Debi Cox said that at the present time they have eighty that are active.

Chairman Stockwell said the goal is to have that number at one hundred.

Carl Buckholts said that next term that number will be higher.

4. Presentation and Review Status on Bench Warrant Executions, Arrest of Absconders and Status Report from Bobby Brinkley and Wayne Barnes.

Debi Cox said that she has presented a handout to the Board from Bobby Brinkley. She explained that extenuating circumstances have prevented Bobby Brinkley and Wayne Barnes from attending the meeting.

Sheriff Lester asked if she had a list.

Debi Cox said that she does have a list. She stated that Bobby Brinkley has said that there are no additions to the list and some removals from the list.

Carl Buckholts said that they have had a few people picked up on warrants in the last month and have had a few people considered absconders in county jails in other places and have now made it back to Cleveland County.

Judge Tupper said that had they not been detained for committing a new crime, they would have been here. He said that there are three showing warrants and he will check on their status.

Melissa Houston asked are they pulled from community sentencing after committing a crime.

Carl Buckholts said that it all depends on the type of crime. He added that incarceration of the offender is in the county wherever arrested. At that point, they file a motion to revoke and issue a warrant. Following resolution of the case the offender returns to complete their community sentencing in this county.

Judge Tupper said that they do get a lot of public intoxications and a few DUI's. He said that they have not terminated anyone for committing new crimes and, most assuredly, take a hard-line on violent crimes. Judge Tupper said that many offenses consist of substance abuse and alcoholism. He does not make a habit of asking for their days of sobriety since they do things differently as compared to Drug Court. He said they do discuss sobriety and concluded that tracking the days of sobriety on some of them would be difficult.

Dave Stockwell requested that this item be on the next agenda for discussion about the way our UA system administers the frequency of testing.

Dave Stockwell asked Debi Cox to find the number of tests done and to report back to him on this matter.

B. There was no New Business to come before the Board for discussion.

C. No discussions were had by the Council Members about Community Correction Business.

D. No Comments from the **Public** were heard.

E. There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Dave Stockwell moved that the meeting be **adjourned at 8:16 am.** Waldo Blanton seconded the motion. The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Rusty Sullivan, yes; Judge Michael Tupper, yes.
Motion carried.

(Clerk's note: Agenda was posted on October 03, 2013 at 8:48 am.)