

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLANNING COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 14, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order at 8:00 a.m. this 14th day of January 2014 in the conference Room 200 of the Cleveland County Office Building by Vice Chairman Melissa Houston. Tammy Belinson, County Clerk/Secretary, called roll and those present were:

Melissa Houston, Vice Chairman
Tammy Belinson, Secretary
Waldo Blanton, Member
Greg Mashburn, Member
Libba Smith, Member
Rusty Sullivan, Member
Judge Thad Balkman, Member

Chairman David Stockwell and Sheriff Joseph Lester, Member, were absent.

Others present were: Debi Cox, Carl Buckholts, Bobby Brinkley, Wayne Barnes and Linda Atkins.

Vice Chairman Houston 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 October 08, 2013 and there being no additions or corrections, Libba Smith moved that the minutes be approved. Carl Buckholts seconded the motion.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Rusty Sullivan, abstain; Judge Thad Balkman, yes.
Motion carried.

A. Items of Business: (Sheriff Joseph Lester entered the meeting at 8:10 am.)

1. Following a brief discussion, Libba Smith moved to approve the **FY 2015** plan and budget. Tammy Belinson seconded the motion.
The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Rusty Sullivan, yes; Judge Thad Balkman, yes.
Motion carried.
(A copy is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.)
2. Following a brief discussion, Greg Mashburn moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to approve using **210 Funds** to pay Sheriff for invoices beginning July 2013 to October 2013, due to no contract being in place.
The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Rusty Sullivan, yes; Judge Thad Balkman, yes.
Motion carried.

3. Vice Chairman Houston called for **Review of bills** for the months of October, November and December 2013.

Sheriff Joseph Lester moved that the **bills** for the months of October, November and December 2013 be approved for payment. The motion was seconded by Greg Mashburn.

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

Motion carried.

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4. **Presentation** was made by District Attorney's Office on October, November and December 2013 activity of Community Sentencing. Carl Buckholt's said that there have been twenty-four (24) LSI requests and five (5) pleas.

5. **Presentation and Review Status on Bench Warrant** Executions, Arrest of Absconders and Status Report from Bobby Brinkley and Wayne Barnes. Bobby Brinkley said that the number is a little higher than normal because the LSI is high scores. He said that the new ones added all were high risk individuals that absconded shortly after they took them into the program.

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6. **Discussion, Consideration and/or Action** regarding the way UA system administers the frequency of testing. Wayne Barnes went over the number of testing done which comes to a total of 1,260 over a three-month period. Out of that number, twelve tested positive. When they first come into the program they have a problem with them and try to motivate them to do well by getting into counseling. He tested after Christmas and New Year's Day. He had two test positive after New Year's Day. He concluded by saying that the system is working well.

Debi Cox commented that Judge Balkman is doing a great job.

F. There was no **new business** to come before the Board.

G. Council Members had further discussion regarding **Community Correction Business concerning absconders being listed with NCIC.**

Bobby Brinkley said that the Sheriff is out there looking for them.

Sheriff Lester said that is part of the Fugitive Task Force duties. He said that it takes about a week to find them and one was found out- of -state.

Bobby Brinkley said that the top three on the list for some time went missing and the rest are new absconders. The top two are homeless and are bouncing around. He said that Jeffrey Buck had an arrest made and even though they attempted to recycle him, he managed to walk off again. Mr. Brinkley said there is a concern about Jeffrey Buck because word is that he has a gun and needs to get him off the streets. There is no information about his whereabouts.

Wayne Barnes said that at the Casinos is where they are found most of the time hanging out if they don't go underground.

Melissa Houston said that it would be interesting to see a breakdown of the scores as to where people end up.

Bobby Brinkley said they haven't dealt with the high risk individuals long enough to put the data together yet. He said that if there is an indication they are not going to make it they do reject them.

Melissa Houston said public safety is number one.

Bobby Brinkley said they are taking them if there is a possibility for a chance to make it.

H. No **Comments** from the **Public** were made.

I. There being no further business to come before the Board, Sheriff Joseph Lester moved that the meeting be **adjourned** at 8:25 am. Waldo Blanton seconded the motion. The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Rusty Sullivan, yes; Judge Thad Balkman, yes. Motion carried.

(Clerk's Note: Agenda was posted on January 3, 2014 at 12:34 pm.)