

# COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLANNING COUNCIL

## MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order at 8:00 am this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 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  
Sheriff Joseph Lester, Member  
Libba Smith, Member  
Darry Stacy, Member

Those absent were: Chairman David Stockwell; Judge Thad Balkman, Member; and Greg Mashburn, Member.

Others present were: Linda Atkins, Debi Cox, Wayne Barnes and Kelsi Rolland.

Vice-Chairman Melissa 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 meeting of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2014 and there being no additions or corrections, Waldo Blanton moved that the minutes be approved.

Libba Smith seconded the motion.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Darry Stacy, abstain.

Motion carried.

### A. Items of Business:

1. Tammy Belinson moved, seconded by Darry Stacy, to approve the **Appointment or Re-Appointment of Non-Statutory Board Members**, whose term expired **November 2013**. The new terms are as follows:

Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston	November 2014
Member Waldo Blanton	November 2014
Member Libba Smith	November 2014

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.

Motion carried.

**2. Review of bills** for the months of January, February and March 2014.

(At this point Judge Thad Balkman entered the meeting at 8:10 am.)

Libba Smith moved, seconded by Sheriff Joseph Lester, that the bills for the months of January, February and March 2014 be approved for payment.

Debi Cox said that the budget is in excess so they are looking at putting some people in treatment since there will be money left over. There are seventy-two people in the program now. They have had twenty-four people sentenced in this fiscal year. Sentencing was really slow at the beginning of the fiscal year. She thinks that is why they haven't spent money like they normally do, because last year they had fifty-four.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Darry Stacy, yes; Judge Thad Balkman, yes.

Motion carried.

**3.** Due to the absence of the **Assistant District Attorney**, no **Presentation** was made regarding the January, February and March 2014 activity of Community Sentencing in the District Attorney's Office. Tammy Belinson, Secretary, said it will be under old business for discussion at the next meeting.

**4. Presentation and Review Status on Bench Warrant** Executions, Arrest of Absconders and Status Report was given by Wayne Barnes.

Wayne Barnes said that they now have five (5) absconders. He said that when they are still on the list they will get them eventually. (A copy of the report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.)

**B. New Business:**

Debi Cox said that there is an Oklahoma Correctional Conference scheduled for October 21-24, 2014. The location has not been determined.

Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston said that the council members would know if there is an interest in attending if they had a list of the topics.

**C. Council Members Discussions regarding Community Correction Business.**

Judge Thad Balkman discussed doing Community Sentencing once a month instead of twice a month and added that they are doing two on Wednesday afternoons. Instead of doing half they will just do all of them.

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

**E.** There being no further business to come before the Board, Waldo Blanton moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 am. Darry Stacy seconded the motion.  
The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Judge Thad Balkman, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Sheriff Joseph Lester, yes; Libba Smith, yes; Darry Stacy, yes.  
Motion carried.

(Clerk's note: Agenda was posted on April 4, 2014 at 9:07 am.)