

# COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLANNING COUNCIL

## MINUTES

JULY 14, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order at 8:00 am this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015 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  
Judge Jeff Virgin, Member

Those absent were: Dave Stockwell, Chairman; Sheriff Joseph Lester, Member; and Darry Stacy, Member.

Others present were: Linda Atkins, Debi Cox, Paul Garcia and Bobby Brinkley.

Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston asked if the meeting complied with the **Open Meeting Act**. Tammy Belinson answered affirmatively.

After the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2015 and there being no additions or corrections, Waldo Blanton moved that the minutes be **approved**. Greg Mashburn seconded the motion.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Judge Jeff Virgin, yes.  
Motion carried.

### A. Items of Business:

1. Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Greg Mashburn, to **approve** using up to **\$3,000 of 210 Administrative Fee Funds for incentive items** such as but not limited to grocery gift cards, gas cards, turkeys for the holidays, AA/NA recognition items, GED testing fees, dinner gift certificates, amusement venues, bus passes or other pro-social incentive items for **fiscal year 2016**.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Judge Jeff Virgin, yes.  
Motion carried.

2. Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Greg Mashburn, to **approve the Community Sentencing Supervision Officer cell phone invoice** to be paid out of the 210 Administrative Fee Funds for **fiscal year 2016**.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Judge Jeff Virgin, yes.  
Motion carried.

3. Greg Mashburn moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to **approve using up to \$3,000 of 210 Administrative Fee Funds** for the purchase of drug testing supplies for the Community Sentencing Supervision office for **fiscal year 2016**.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Judge Jeff Virgin, yes.

Motion carried.

4. **Supervision Officer Paul Garcia Presented** on a new Community Sentencing program component. Paul Garcia said that basically what they were trying to do in the beginning is called the Pre-Community Sentencing Program and is a voluntary pilot program designed to let the offenders observe while they are in the program what the expectations are prior to their plea. They will report weekly for drug testing and follow certain rules. The Pre-Community Sentencing Program will consist of:

- Rules and Conditions
- Weekly Reporting
- Random Drug Testing
- Obtain/Maintain employment
- Twelve-Step Meetings

Debi Cox said that Paul has extensive experience with this type of program and he came aboard and is working for Wayne Barnes. That is why they thought it would be a great idea for him to do a presentation and she will keep stats on the pilot program to see if it helps with absconders. Paul's background experience comes from working on pre-trial release for OCS.

5. **Debi Cox said during Review of bills** for the months of April, May and June 2015, that budget balance is zero. She doesn't have the new Budget for the next fiscal year yet. She said that fifty-five people were sentenced in last year and they are at ninety-one right now.

6. **Presentation by District Attorney Greg Mashburn** on April, May and June 2015 activity of Community Sentencing in the District Attorney's Office was made that since the last meeting in April 2015, sixteen people have pled into the program and thirty-one LSI orders were done.

7. **Presentation and Review Status on Bench Warrant** Executions, Arrest of Absconders and Status Report from Bobby Brinkley was heard. He said that they added about four more names to the list he gave to everyone. Three of them are the same ones that have been on the list for a long time. Three of the names that he added would support what Paul just added, after sentencing in last month and doing intake on them, they disappeared immediately after intake. So apparently, their only goal was to get out of jail.

- B.** There was no **new business** to come before the **Board** for discussion.
- C.** There were no **Council Members Discussions** regarding **Community Correction Business**.
- D.** No **comments** were made from the **Public**.
- E.** There being no further business to come before the Board, Greg Mashburn moved that the meeting be **adjourned at 8:16 am**. Waldo Blanton seconded the motion.  
The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Tammy Belinson, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Greg Mashburn, yes; Judge Jeff Virgin, yes.  
Motion carried.

(Clerk's note: Agenda was posted on July 10, 2015 at 8:54 am.)