

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Minutes – September 15, 2016

Call to Order. Vice Chair Horozewski called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:02 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Devan Dutra (alt. for Bill Rankin), Lance Horozewski, Steve Howland, Supervisor Sandy Kraft, Billy Bob Grahn, Sheriff Robert Spoden, Perry Folts (alt. for David O’Leary), Kelly Mattingly (alt. for Eric Nelson), Judge Daniel Dillon, Chief David Zibolski and Kate Luster.

Committee Members Absent: Mary Weaver, Troy Enger, Chief David Moore, Angela Moore and Marc Perry.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary; Gina Koehl, Deferred Prosecution Director; and Jacki Gackstatter, Clerk of Courts.

Others Present: Neil Deupree; Lynda Owens; and Ethel Below.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Howland moved approval of the agenda, second by Chief Zibolski. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2016. Sheriff Spoden moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Ms. Kraft. ADOPTED.

Follow up Discussion on US Department of Justice Memo on Enforcement of Fines and Fees and Bond Practices. Mr. Horozewski recapped our previous discussion on this topic. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen provided handouts. Judge Dillon said that it is a very common practice for ordering incarceration in lieu of paying fines. He said that most if not all Rock County Circuit Court judges ask an individual if they are able to pay. One could assume that if an individual is represented by a public defender then they have a financial need. Judge Dillon read parts of a recent article about a jurisdiction in Arkansas essentially operating a “debtor’s prison.” Mr. Mattingly explained how the intake and determination of indigency process used to work. Due to legislative mandate, the Public Defender’s office can no longer represent individuals at indigency hearings. Currently, automatic commitments are issued for unpaid fines. Sheriff Spoden said that if someone is picked up on an arrest warrant, they will always check if an individual is eligible for the Workender or bracelet program. There is room available in the Workender program. The average size is 35 but is designed for 50 to 60 individuals. There is also a waiting list of organizations that would like Workender assistance. Judge Dillon and Chief Zibolski suggested a court date be given immediately after a warrant pick up to determine whether the individual has the ability to pay. Judge Dillon requested that Chief Zibolski send him a memo with his proposal. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said that a partial analysis has been done on AWCs (arrest warrant commitment) using jail data and could be cross-referenced with CCAP to see what individuals have a public defender, which may be a good indication if an individual is indigent. Chief Zibolski is currently working with Dara in IT to pull municipal data. The committee decided that we will revisit this topic in a few months once more data has been gathered.

Update and Discussion on EBDM Initiative. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said there has been no Phase VI announcement yet. Unofficially, it appears Rock County will move forward into Phase VI.

It has been recommended by the review team at NIC that the state team along with all six locals be funded for Phase VI. There is a NIC executive team meeting today and announcements should be made by Monday at the latest. Workgroups will be meeting soon to start on the implementation plans.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. Chief Zibolski said his department will hold their second conversation with the community this evening. The first event was very interactive and there were approximately 60 attendees. The Beloit Police Department along with the help of a pastoral advisory team is working to grow the law enforcement relationship with the community. They are looking to alleviate any incorrect beliefs.

Sheriff Spoden said that they have received a record number of traffic enforcement grants this year. It has been helping greatly with OWI enforcement. He also praised the RECAP Farm to Table dinner and encouraged everyone to attend next year's event. They will also be sponsoring a bowling event with youth next month called Gutter Busters.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen reminded everyone that there will be CIT training coming up in October.

Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action.

- Discussion on Admission requirements for Drug Court
- Follow up discussion on enforcement of fines/fees and bond practices
- Discussion of TelMate program with Sheriff's Office

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Mr. Deupree said that he is familiar with the Workender program through his association with the Green Rock Audubon Society. It has always been a great experience working with the program. He said that there was a RECAP presentation at his church recently and it was a very impressive, positive experience. He also thanked Sheriff Spoden on behalf of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee for sharing the budget costs with Human Services to fund the Case Manager that works at the jail with individuals who have mental health issues.

Ms. Luster said that the Heroin and Opiate Abuse Prevention Task Force is holding an event at the Rock County Fairgrounds on Oct. 5th from 6 to 7:30 P.M. This event will have testimony and information sharing to raise awareness.

NAMI is sponsoring a suicide prevention and awareness event along with a 5K fun run/walk on October 1, 2016 at Palmer Park. Interested individuals can register online at www.NAMISAPEvent.ezregister.com.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, October 20, 2016, 3:00 P.M., Courthouse Conference Center, 2nd Floor Courthouse East.

Adjournment. Sheriff Spoden moved adjournment at 3:44 P.M., second by Chief Zibolski.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
HR Secretary

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