

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
October 15, 2009

Call to Order. Chair Deupree called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 4:00 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Chair Neil Deupree, David O’Leary, Ed Pearson, Captain Russ Steeber, Eric Nelson, Ruth Bettin, Regina Dunkin, Tom Gubbin (for Art Thurmer), Supervisor William Grahn (for Supervisor Sandra Kraft).

Committee Members Absent: Judge James Daley, Charmian Klyve, Supervisor Marv Wopat, Rich Gruber, Lorenzo Henderson, Jose Carrillo, Jan Devore, Chief David Moore.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst; Josh Smith, Assistant to the County Administrator.

Others Present: Supervisor Larry Wiedenfeld; Supervisor Robert Fizzell; Kay Deupree, League of Women Voters.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Grahn moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Captain Steeber. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2009. Supervisor Wiedenfeld pointed out an error on Page 3. The last sentence of Citizen Participation should read, “Chair Deupree said Janesville has a new School Superintendent and we will invite her also. Mr. Pearson moved approval of the minutes of September 17, 2009 with this correction, second by Ms. Bettin. ADOPTED.

Recommended County Budget Update. Mr. Smith distributed Mr. Knutson’s budget letter. He explained there is a reduction of one position in Community Corrections. The 2010 budget includes an average daily census in corrections of 179. The Human Services Board will get \$110,000 additional for AODA and IV drug treatment. The Detention Center is not slated to be closed in the 2010 Budget, in fact, a couple of new positions are being recommended.

Mr. Pearson said the Psych Tech positions will assist with weekends, more productive programming and community surveys. In 2010, the Community Service Program will be managed in-house rather than contracting with Rock Valley.

Captain Steeber advised the Sheriff continues to look for alternate ways to manage the Jail population, such as increasing programming, i.e., Electronic Monitoring, the Workender Program, Drug Court, RECAP, Work Release. He commented all of these programs seem to be very successful.

Mr. O’Leary said his budget is a cost-to-continue. He informed the committee that we need to change the way we do business with regard to Holiday Court. Currently, when there is a

need for Holiday Court, it is necessary to bring in employees and pay overtime. He said Rock County is the only county in the State that does this. He is looking into shifting to 48 hour affidavits instead. Ms. Dunkin asked how much money is in the 2010 Budget for Jail projects. Mr. Smith advised all of the funding for the Jail Project has been accrued in the budget through the collection of the sales tax. Phase I is the renovation and repairs of Pinehurst. Chair Deupree said this will involve building a new sally port and a new booking area. The old booking area will be remodeled into a medical area.

Supervisor Grahn asked about the use of geothermal which has been discussed, with Mr. Smith advising Samuels Group integrated geothermal, fire alarms and building automation controls into the design.

Report on Victim Information & Notification Everyday Program (VINE). Captain Steeber distributed a pamphlet on VINE and explained this is a system to notify victims when a person is being released. It is also available for anyone to check the release and custody status information about offenders in county jails.

Jail Project Update. Discussed above.

Update on Advocating for Alcohol Tax. Chair Deupree advised he went to Madison Tuesday morning. He signed up to speak, but due to the large number of people, it was not possible. He did hand deliver letters to our local representatives emphasizing the need for money for treatment and requesting the use of the alcohol tax and the increase in the beer tax for treatment. The Human Services Board, at their meeting yesterday, approved a letter to go to local representatives. Chair Deupree said he was impressed by the number of kids in the hearing room.

Chair Deupree welcomed Ms. Pohlman McQuillen back. She said she will be going to a meeting of statewide Planner/Analysts in Stevens Point the end of October. Discussions are planned on specialty courts. Chair Deupree said Ms. Pohlman McQuillen is working on updating the budget for the Drug Court grant (federal). Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the funding is down by \$49,000 and will ask for a change in the in-kind match to be in compliance with the grant.

CJCC Priorities – Means of Evaluation. Chair Deupree asked what would show us whether we are accomplishing what we want to accomplish with substance abuse? Mr. O’Leary said it is easiest to measure failure and suggested reviewing individuals who have gone through the Drug Court, running their histories and determining if they are coming back into the system or going into other systems. Mr. Nelson referenced the LaCrosse study, which took five to seven areas and examined them. The study estimated a savings of \$1,000,000 over a five-year period. He said you also have to count the social savings – drug free babies, parents with families, etc. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said we do have a Drug Court Evaluator who has conducted evaluations for other jurisdictions, however, at least five years is typically needed before a full outcome evaluation can be done.

Mr. Gubbin said the focus is on recidivism and saving of taxpayer money. Chair Deupree said it appears we need: 1) Data mining to find out whether people have re-offended after Drug Court, 2) To look at other counties evaluating their programs and determine what kind of evaluation procedures they have, 3) Put a dollar figure on the results we get. Mr. O'Leary said we need to publicize a message. Mrs. Deupree said the County Health Department has a Health Educator who might be able to coordinate messages. She also suggested Kate Baldwin at Partners in Prevention.

Supervisor Grahn requested that the minutes reflect tonight's snack, provided by Mrs. Deupree, is fantastic.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations. Chair Deupree said the next meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2009, 4:00 P.M., here in the Courthouse Conference Center.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Chair Deupree said he recently attended a Disproportionate Minority Contact Conference. He said one of the programs was "School to Prison". Mr. Gubbin said school programs are criminalizing things that were not criminal years ago – thus the "School to Prison" connotation. The program on the second day was "Cultural Differences and How Decisions are Made".

Ms. Dunkin said Judge Daley received the Eisenberg Award at a recent State Public Defender's meeting for his work with the Veterans Court. She commented it was a very proud moment for Rock County.

Adjournment. Chair Deupree adjourned the meeting at 5:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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