



Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – 10:30 a.m.
Room 100 – Otsego County Building
225 West Main Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

Roll call – Present: Doug Johnson, Paul Liss, Mike Hyde, John Burt, Erma Backenstose, Ken Glasser, Angel Oppermann, Mike Thompson, Sheriff McBride, Brian Webber, Rachel Frisch, Judge Morse, Vicki Courterier, Mike Turnbull,

Others present: Blake Davis, Nancy Morgridge, Holly Miner

Members Absent: Judge Allen, Judge Cooper, Judge Murphy, Kyle Legel, Matt Nowicki

NEW BUSINESS

A. Overview of Committee

Mr. Johnson explained to the Committee that the former Justice and Public Safety Committee is being incorporated into the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC). The CJCC will plan to meet on a bi-monthly basis.

B. Department/Agency Updates

Angel Oppermann, Animal Control Director

Ms. Oppermann reported that the Animal Shelter is extremely overcrowded. The architectural services bids have been received, and a meeting is scheduled for the Animal Shelter Subcommittee next Wednesday (9/23/09). Mr. Hyde chairs that subcommittee.

Mike Hyde, County Commissioner

Mr. Hyde had nothing to report.

John Burt, County Administrator

Mr. Burt reported that the jail ventilation project is scheduled to begin soon and is scheduled to be completed by the end of November.

Blake Davis, Michigan State Police

Mr. Davis reported that they have been very busy with home invasions and breaking and entering crimes. The MSP is waiting to hear what the State will do with respect to further cuts, layoffs, and furlough days, and what that will mean to us locally.

Nancy Morgridge, Catholic Human Services

Ms. Morgridge reported that CHS has had to cut staffing due to the economy. They are trying to manage the reduced staff time to minimize cuts to counseling service levels.

Ken Glasser, County Commissioner, Chairman of the Board

Mr. Glasser had nothing to report.

Rachel Frisch, County Finance Director

Ms. Frisch had nothing to report.

Mike Thompson, Emergency Management, 9-1-1 Director

Mr. Thompson reported that the number of 911 calls has been on the rise. He anticipates 26,000 calls in the next year. He explained that 911 is not state-funded, but gets its funding through surcharges on land lines and cell phones.

Paul Liss, County Commissioner, Vice Chairman of the Board

Mr. Liss reported that he is on the Mental Health Board, and they anticipate cuts also. Their board is meeting next week to discuss what cuts will take place.

Judge Morse, District Court Judge

Judge Morse reported that the Supreme Court has recommended that we lose a judge in our circuit. She is not sure how that will turn out. If the recommendation does come to fruition, the elimination will be done by attrition. It has not been determined which of the circuit judges would be affected. Judge Morse also reported that the Drug Court has a new officer, Abe Cruz. Judge Morse reported that we will not be able to tap the resources of the Mental Health Grant.

Vicki Courterier, Court Administrator

Ms. Courterier had nothing to report.

Erma Backenstose, County Commissioner

Ms. Backenstose had nothing to report.

Sheriff McBride

Sheriff McBride had nothing to report.

Mike Turnbull, Michigan Department of Corrections

Mr. Turnbull reported that MDOC-FOA is increasing staff to accommodate the influx of prisoners being released as a result of prison closings. In addition, the MDOC is going to great lengths to maintain offenders in the community by utilizing evidence based practices. Mr. Turnbull also reported that he recently saw a presentation on a Sober Living House run by a man from the Detroit area who is considering opening one in Grayling. The presentation was excellent, and Mr. Turnbull would like him to consider Otsego County as a possible location. Mr. Turnbull asked the Committee if he should arrange to have the presentation before the Committee. The Committee was interested. Mr. Turnbull will work with Mr. Burt on the date.

Brian Webber, Jail Administrator

Mr. Webber reported that there are 45 inmates in the jail this morning, and 19 in the work camp. Of the 45, the population is predominately felons. With the new sentencing guidelines from the state, he expects a very busy year at the jail.

Holly Miner, Community Mental Health

Ms. Miner reported that Community Mental Health (CMH) has also made cuts, and has had to close some kids programs. She reported that the numbers are very high for potential mental health clients, so CMH must devote its limited resources to only the most severe and chronically critically ill cases. She then gave an example of a mental health diversion.

Mr. Johnson, County Commissioner, CJCC Committee Chair

Mr. Johnson reported on the prescription drug collection program that had been recently implemented. Sheriff McBride reported that the area schools have also decided to be a partner in the program, with the county board of commissioners, the sheriff's office, and the prosecutor's office.

Mr. Burt will arrange a time for the next CJCC meeting and notify the Committee.

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM.