



Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

Thursday, April 24, 2014– 10:00 a.m.
Room 100– Otsego County Building
225 West Main Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Members Present: Doug Johnson, Erma Backenstose, Rich Sumerix, John Burt, Undersheriff Muladore, Sheriff Nowicki, Captain Webber, Vicki Courterier, Dave Duffield, Mike Rola, Judge George Mertz, Chief Brett McVannel, Mike Turnbull, Holly Miner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Sumerix, second by McVannel to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2014 Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Criminal Justice Master Plan Update

Burt discussed the update of the Criminal Justice Master Plan. The update of the plan will be done with the goal to be forming a plan for a new jail along with jail alternatives. The Committee will attempt to update two chapters per meeting beginning with Chapters 3 and 4. The Committee members should review the existing plan to determine whether all of the alternatives make sense for Otsego County. Any new ideas for alternatives should be submitted to Burt prior to meetings for distribution to Committee members in advance.

B. Department Updates

Holly Miner: Miner is now with the V.A. rather than Community Mental Health. She position involves working with the homeless population and Veterans outreach. She reported that veterans lose their right to veteran services once they are incarcerated. She further reported on Community Mental Health's funding reduction which has resulted in them no longer being able to provide on-going counseling. They can provide emergency counseling.

Dave Duffield (Fire Department): Runs are at the same level as last year at this time.

Sheriff Nowicki: The Sheriff's Office received a variety of equipment through a Homeland Security grant. They have also applied for a grant for bullet resistant body armor through the Institute of Justice.

They are working with the Administrator to expand offices to the current Economic Alliance offices to house their Road Patrol and Civil Division.

Chief McVannel: The City Police will be going to a new record system soon. AICS is being phased out by the State.

Captain Webber (Jail): Since this is the slow time of year, so they are working on staff training. Webber also reported that there is some grant dollars for mental health counseling, but they may need to ask the County Board for some funding. They have a sub-contractor through Catholic Human Services to use as a provider.

Mike Rola (Prosecutor): Terry Thomasma has been hired as the new Crime Victims' Rights Advocate.

Rich Sumerix: The intersection of S. 27 and Otsego Lake Drive has become very dangerous.

Erma Backenstose: Encouraged the Committee to keep moving on the jail. She also indicated that an expansion of the library and EMS are needed too.

Commissioner Johnson adjourned at 11:00 AM.