



Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

Thursday, February 24, 2011 – 10:00 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 10:00 AM

Members Present: Doug Johnson, Rich Sumerix, Paul Liss, Erma Backenstose, Melissa FitzGerald, Rachel Frisch, Nancy Morgridge, Holly Miner, Marie Frick, Kyle Legel, Sheriff McBride, Brian Webber, John Burt, Undersheriff Nowicki

Others Present: Debbie Dunham

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Sumerix, seconded by Sheriff McBride, to approve the December 1, 2010 Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Criminal Justice Master Plan Update

Mr. Burt reminded the Committee that the experts that were brought in to analyze the County's jail system and provide feedback, recommended that we have a Criminal Justice Master Plan. The original was created in 2008 and has now been updated to reflect current information.

Mr. Burt asked the Committee members to review the updated plan. He spoke of the accomplishments to date: created a victims/witness room, installed an additional door at the jail, and completed a ventilation project in the jail.

B. Department Updates

Catholic Human Services – Ms. Morgridge reported that CHS is very busy. They hired a new counselor. They continue to be involved with the drug court.

Community Mental Health – Ms. Miner reported that CMH has completed its fiscal year report. Of all the counties CMH serves, Otsego County had the second highest number of jail diversions. CMH is looking for a new location for its Petoskey offices, as the building they are currently in is being closed down.

Community Corrections – Ms. Frick reported that her region has been changed and now includes Otsego, Montmorency, and Crawford Counties.

Prosecuting Attorney – Mr. Legel reported that the transition to a paperless office is now completed with respect to criminal cases. There are approximately 20 participants in the drug court program at this time.

Sheriff – Sheriff McBride reported that the first day of training for the Sheriff deputies to be tribal officers at the Casino in Vanderbilt is complete. He is also working with Gaylord Schools to potentially provide an officer to work on the school grounds during the school year, and then possibly be funded through the Marine grant for the summertime.

Jail – Mr. Webber reported that the jail is no longer overcrowded. There are 31 inmates today. He reported that we would have 62 inmates without the drug court program and the work camp. There is a vacant corrections officer position that has been posted. The state has approved our jail to take fingerprints for purposes such as licensing, child care, etc. It will generate some revenue, as the County's portion of the fingerprint fee is \$15.

Administration – Mr. Burt had nothing further to report.

Road Patrol – Undersheriff Nowicki reported that on President's Day (Monday, 2/21/11), the state police went without a car on the road for the afternoon shift, due to cutbacks and retirements.

Commissioner, Rich Sumerix – Mr. Sumerix had nothing to report.

Commissioner, Paul Liss – Mr. Liss is on the CMH Committee and reported that they are looking at some building options in Petoskey, for the CMH offices.

Commissioner, Erma Backenstose – Ms. Backenstose had nothing to report.

Animal Control – Ms. FitzGerald reported that the shelter continues to have dogs dropped off that are unhealthy, because the owner cannot afford medical care. They also have a very high cat population. The animal shelter building plans will go before the Planning Commission on Monday, February 28, 2011.

Finance – Ms. Frisch had nothing to report.

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM