



Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

Friday, May 30, 2013 – 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, Erma Backenstose, John Burt, Paul Liss, Rich Sumerix, Undersheriff Muladore, Sheriff Nowicki, Captain Webber, Judge Mertz, Melissa FitzGerald, Regina Theriault, Holly Miner, Robert Mammel, Cindy Pushman, Lt. Derrick Carroll, Brett McVannel, Jon Deming, Vicki Courterier

Others Present: Wesley Smith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Sumerix, second by Liss to approve the May 30, 2013 Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Sumerix, second by Liss to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2013 Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Jail

Mr. Burt updated the Committee on recent efforts towards a regional jail centering on the northeast part of the State.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Dog Park Rules

The Committee discussed draft Dog Park Rules prepared by Burt, FitzGerald, Larry Edwards, and the Friends for Life with suggestions from MMRMA, the County's insurance carrier. The Committee suggested adding the following to the Policy: '14. Continued use of the property as a dog park is contingent upon volunteers providing the maintenance and upkeep for the park'. Motion by FitzGerald, seconded by Sumerix to recommend the draft Dog Park rules, with the addition of number 14, to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Portable Metal Detector

The Committee discussed a portable metal detector system. The Court is interested in such a system for both the Alpine Center and the downtown Courthouse. Burt will set up a demonstration of the equipment.

C. Criminal Justice Master Plan Update

The Committee discussed the update to the Criminal Justice Master Plan. The only information needed to complete the update is from the jail. Webber will provide the data to Burt.

D. Department Updates

Jail: Webber reported that the jail was up to 39 or 40 people over Memorial Day weekend, but it is down to 34 now. There are 12 people in the Work Camp, though nine of those have jobs leaving only three people to actually work on the crew. Nowicki reported that they are in the process of getting five new video cameras for the jail, as well as two new transport vehicles for the jail and the Work Camp.

Courts: Courterier reported that the Courts are getting run a test to connect the I-TEC ticket writing program used by the State Police with the Court system to alleviate manually delivering the tickets each day. Courterier is also working on increased use of the Polycom system to reduce inmate transports.

Burt: The 911 Committee is working on getting mobile laptops for the law enforcement vehicles. Burt is waiting to hear back from Rich Uslan at Motorola on which software the State of Michigan will allow local law enforcement to use.

Animal Control: FitzGerald reported that the number of cats is up. Also, they have started a new FaceBook page which has helped with placing animals, as well as reuniting animals with their owners.

Sheriff: Muladore recently completed a week long class for new Undersheriffs. New furniture has been installed in the Sheriff's Office.

State Police: Lt. Carroll reported that they have started a designated trooper program which assigns troopers to a County and allows them to take their vehicles home at night.

City Police: McVannel reported that they are down to five officers currently, but have just offered positions to three new officers.

EMS: Deming reported that they have completed the Incident Action Plan for the Big Ticket Festival. One thing that has changed is that backpacks will be searched. He also reported that Otsego's Hazmat team, along with Traverse City's team, will be participating in an exercise with the National Guard.

Mammel: Mammel recommended a book titled 'When Brute Force Fails: How to have less crime and less punishment' by Mark A.R. Kleiman, ISBN 978-0-691-14208-1.

NEMCOG: Theriault reported that that she recently found out that NEMCOG's community corrections budget has been cut by 30% (\$32,000). She is going to meeting with judges to decide which programs will get cut. Theriault also reported that the GED program is getting privatized which is going to result in higher costs as well as getting tougher to pass due to a new focus on continuing education rather than obtaining employment.

Community Mental Health: Ferguson reported that NCCMH recently did a diversion from the jail to a psychiatric hospital. She also reported that there have been more instances of people being found incompetent to stand trial and not guilty by reason of insanity lately. NCCMH employees

will be meeting with staff from the Center for Forensic Psychiatry to learn more about the process and conduct training.

DHS: Pushman reported that DHS is putting in a new computer system that will allow the transfer of court orders without hand delivering or mail. She also reported that there is a \$1 million grant for rural juvenile delinquency that they are looking into. Also, the DHS office will be moving to the old Carter's store when the local State offices complete their consolidation around September.

Mr. Johnson adjourned at 11:00 AM.