



Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, December 1, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.
Room 100 – Otsego County Building
225 West Main Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM

Members Present: Melissa FitzGerald, Mike Hyde, Sheriff McBride, Brian Webber, Judge Allen, Judge Morse, John Burt, Kyle Legel, Matt Nowicki, Vicki Courterier, Holly Miner, Doug Johnson, Rachel Frisch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Judge Allen, seconded by Judge Morse, to approve the August 25, 2010 Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Department Updates

Animal Control – Ms. FitzGerald reported that the shelter is at full capacity. The economy has had an effect on the number of animals at the shelter. There has been an on-going issue with abandoned animals that she plans on addressing in an upcoming newspaper article.

Jail – Mr. Webber reported that the jail is no longer overcrowded. The Work Camp is shoveling snow for the City again.

Courts, Judge Allen – Judge Allen reported that she has invited a Professor from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School to speak at the Gaylord Schools about cyber bullying and other cyber crimes. He is scheduled to speak during the school day on December 2, 2010 and also have a parent presentation that evening.

Courts, Judge Morse – Judge Morse reported that the Drug Court has been a successful program. By having these individuals in the Drug Court program as opposed to being housed in the County Jail has saved the County approximately \$195,000. Judge Morse will distribute the report which details how she arrived at that figure at the next Justice and Public Safety Committee meeting.

Administration – Mr. Burt reported that the generator is in the process of being moved.

Finance – Ms. Frisch reported that the 2011 budget was adopted at the November 23, 2010 board meeting.

Prosecuting Attorney – Mr. Legel reported that the transition to a paperless office is underway and going well.

Road Patrol – Undersheriff Nowicki reported that the Road Patrol is busy with the winter weather.

Courts – Ms. Courterier reported that the Drug Court grant is ending and they are looking into a Mental Health Court grant. She also reported that the new Circuit Court Collections Clerk was successful in collecting many old, unpaid fees. We can expect to see increased collectability due to those efforts.

Community Mental Health – Ms. Miner reported that the attorney general's opinion on billing the jail for mental health services has been resolved. CMH will not charge the jail for services and will continue to fund those services out of CMH's general fund. She also reported that she is planning a training in the jail in December.

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:07 PM