



Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

Thursday, June 26, 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, Paul Liss, John Burt, Undersheriff Muladore, Sheriff Nowicki, Captain Webber, Vicki Courterier, Dave Duffield, Mike Rola, Judge George Mertz, Jon Deming, Kevin Tate

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Sumerix, seconded by Courterier, to “approve the April 24, 2014 Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee minutes with the addition of Kevin Tate under Members Present”. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Criminal Justice Master Plan Update

The Committee discussed the update to the Master Plan. Burt needs to get jail statistics from Captain Webber. The Committee decided to remove any mention of a potential jail location in the plan until more input can be sought. The Committee also removed the table on recidivism since the information is not accurate.

B. Department Updates

CMH: Tate updated the Committee on efforts to get people enrolled in Medicaid to better fund treatment.

Prosecutor: Rola updated the Committee on the difficulties of having staff out of the office on extended leave. He also discussed potential change to the way concealed weapons permit applications are done with a reorganization of the gun boards that currently handle applications.

Backenstose: She indicated that she wanted a location to be included in the plan. She also discussed the need to get the public to tour facilities like EMS and the Jail.

Burt: Updated the Committee on an incident involving one dog killing another dog at the Animal Control facility. Changes in procedure have been made to prevent this from happening in the future.

Courts: Courterier discussed the recent Michigan Supreme Court decision that prevents courts from adding on expenses that are not allowed by statute. Courterier did not think there would be a large impact on Otsego County.

Sheriff: Nowicki informed the Committee that the Sheriff's Office just received a new Ford Interceptor. He also discussed safety at summer events.

Jail: Webber indicated that the jail population is down with 26 inmates, and 12 at the Work Camp. The numbers have been increasing some since May, but not as much as usual at this time of year. The Sheriff has been sweeping people with warrants for their arrest while there is room in the jail.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 28 at 10:00 am in Room 100.

Commissioner Johnson adjourned at 10:40 A.M.