



Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

Thursday, June 2, 2011 – 9:00 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 9:00 AM

Members Present: Doug Johnson, Rich Sumerix, Paul Liss, Erma Backenstose, Rachel Frisch, Holly Miner, Kyle Legel, Sheriff McBride, Dona Wishart, Mike Turnbull

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Sumerix, seconded by Mr. Liss, to approve the February 24, 2011 Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Criminal Justice Master Plan Update

Ms. Frisch reported that Mr. Burt has incorporated all changes into the update of the Master Plan and considers it complete. He will place the Plan on the County's website.

B. Department Updates

Commission on Aging – Ms. Wishart stated that as part of the studies performed during the Michigan Communities Project, safety and security are very important to the elderly, and is a consideration when the elderly are looking for a place to retire. She appreciates the work done on the Criminal Justice Master Plan.

Community Mental Health – Ms. Miner reported that CMH has found a new location. They plan to purchase the building across the street from the Wal-Mart in Petoskey. A new addition will be necessary. Mr. Liss commented that CMH hopes to be moved into the new building in November.

Probation/Parole – Mr. Turnbull indicated that there is a new director and a new deputy director in Corrections.

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.

Finance – Ms. Frisch reported that the County's audit is complete and that she is planning a budget workshop for department heads, managers, and elected officials on June 22.

Commissioner, Rich Sumerix – Mr. Sumerix reported that he is on the committee to select the new director for the Health Department.

Sheriff – Sheriff McBride reported that he has applied for the COPS Fast Grant. The work camp is doing well, and there has been no overcrowding in the jail for a few months.

Commissioner, Erma Backenstose – Ms. Backenstose confirmed the date of the groundbreaking for the new animal shelter as Tuesday, June 7.

Commissioner, Paul Liss – Mr. Liss asked what the planned use is for the DNR property. Mr. Johnson responded that Rotary was looking into doing a park there. Mr. Liss mentioned that the VFW is looking for a place for a new building. He wondered if that location might be a possibility. Mr. Johnson will ask Mr. Burt to look into whether that would be permissible.

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:22 AM