



Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council

Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: June 22, 2017 12:00 PM

Courthouse Annex Extension, Fort Walton Beach

Public Safety Coordinating Council Members

Present	Name	Agency
	Graham Fountain	Board of County Commissioners
x	Stefan W. Vaughn	Chief Corrections Officer
x	Judge Brown	Circuit Judge
x	Judge Grinsted	County Judge
x	Jay Jones	Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Designee
x	Bill Bishop	Assistant State Attorney
	Tom Murphy	Assistant Public Defender
x	Julie Gaither	Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Services
x	Kelli Huckabee	Pretrial Services
x	Tina Ferland (Ms. Davis)	Judicial Corrections Services, County Probation Provider

Other Attendees:

Paul Farnsworth, Department of Corrections
C. Eric Esmond, Major, Department of Corrections
Joe Foley, Captain, Department of Corrections
April McQueen, Lieutenant, Department of Corrections
Travis Huisken, Sergeant, Department of Corrections
Susan Priddy, Health Services Administrator, Corizon Health Services
J. D. Peacock, Clerk of Court
John Anderson, Clerk of Court Office
Harold Mason, Okaloosa Sheriff's Office
Jeremy Gilbert, Okaloosa Sheriff's Office
Valerie Broxson, Court Administration

Meeting opened at 12:05 pm.

Minutes

1. a. April minutes were approved as sent.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. Ms. Anderson provided an update on cashless bonds. The policy on bonds is under review to reflect acceptance of cashless bonds. The system is ready to be installed on the jail website and hopes to eliminate the use of the cash bond.

book. The test procedures went well. Mr. Peacock requested input on amount of a cashless bond which can be accepted. Mr. Bishop suggested keeping it low to start since it will be using credit cards. Chief Vaughn had a study completed and determined at one point the facility had approximately 60 inmate eligible for a bond \$2500 or less. A decision was made to start accepting cashless bonds up to \$1000.

3. Jail Report

- a. Judge Brown noted the increase in inmate transfers. Mr. Farnsworth explained the increase is due to the amount of ICE inmates has increased. The ICE inmates are routinely picked up quickly.
- b. Judge Brown noted a decrease in GPS activity. Ms. Huckabee reported the fluctuation is normal.

4. New Business

- a. Mr. Farnsworth discussed the felony court minutes review he conducted. The review looked at felony court minutes from 01 October 2017 until 19 June 2017. He considered those cases that had the potential to be resolved at a court session. Mr. Farnsworth's review indicated that 30% of felony cases are resolved while 70% are continued. How to reduce the number of continuances, which would move court cases through the system more efficiently, was discussed. The data has been submitted to the Judiciary, State Attorney's office, and the Public Defender's Office for review and consideration.
- b. Chief Vaughn asked for suggestion of what information is necessary for this meeting. He asked if additional data needed to be collected and should some current data collection be discontinued. Any input is welcome.
- c. Chief Vaughn attended the FCAC meeting as a commissioner. He noted that Orange County has a robust Pretrial Services Program that pays off handsomely. Our county needs to continue to show commitment to obtaining additional pretrial services.

The next full meeting for the Public Safety Council will be August 24, 2017. Mr. Farnsworth will send an email reminders for upcoming meetings.

Meeting ended at 12:58 pm.



Commissioner Graham W. Fountain
Vice-Chair, Okaloosa County Commission
Chair, Public Safety Coordinating Council