



Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council

Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: October 13, 2014 12:00 PM

50 2nd Street, Shalimar Florida

Public Safety Coordinating Council Members

Present	Name	Agency
x	Dave Parisot, Chairman	Board of County Commissioners
x	Paul Lawson	Chief Corrections Officer
	Judge Flowers	Circuit Judge
	Judge Maney	Chief County Judge
x	Jay Jones	Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Designee
x	Bill Bishop	Assistant State Attorney
	Tom Murphy	Assistant Public Defender
x	Deborah Brown	Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Services
	Kelli Huckabee	Pretrial Services
X	Tina Ferland	Judicial Corrections Services, County Probation Provider

Other Attendees:

Dino Villani, Department of Public Safety
 Tammy Matthews, Department of Corrections
 Paul Farnsworth, Department of Corrections
 Susan Priddy, Corizon Health Services Administrator
 Allison Mikel, Court Administration
 Janice George, Big Bend
 Donald Allgood, Clerk of Court
 J. D. Peacock, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
 Matthew Harrison, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

Meeting opened at 12:41 pm.

Welcome:

Minutes

1. Motion was made and seconded for minutes from previous meeting approved as sent.

Old Business

2. No old business to address.

New Business

- a. Chief Lawson reported that there are fourteen open vacancies for certified staff and seven are in the process of background investigations prior to being hired which still do not fill the positions needed to open the Upstairs unit. It may be months before that housing unit can be utilized.
 - b. Chief Lawson reviewed the statistics for video visitation covering at home visits verses on site visits. The new video visitation units were operational starting July 9th. The on-site visitation is gradually increasing while the offsite visitation is staying at approximately 60 to 70 per week. We will continue to monitor progress.
 - c. Janice George reported working with Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties' law enforcement agencies to improve safety and reduce Baker Act admissions. She has requested approval to offer additional CIT training to Okaloosa County. Chief Lawson asked that jail staff be included.
 - d. Sgt. Harrison requested an updated review of the established bond schedule. He presented Orange County's bond schedule as an example which reduces discretion for setting bonds. Mr. Bishop stated the bond schedule was established in 2007 in conjunction with law enforcement, the state attorney's office, jail staff and judicial review. He agreed that if necessary he would participate in reviewing it again. The decision was tabled until the December meeting.
3. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the jail population statistics. The current count is over capacity.
 4. Ms. Huckabee was not in attendance to review Pretrial statistics.
 5. Commissioner Parisot discussed problem of juvenile detention days where the juvenile is sentenced on multiple crimes, gets sentenced to short time in custody then gets out and does the same crime again sentenced to longer time in custody.
 6. Major Peacock announced this will be his last meeting in attendance as representative of Okaloosa Sheriff's Office. He will be assuming his new role as Clerk of Court, but will continue to attend as their representative when possible.
 7. Commissioner Parisot announced this will be his last meeting as commissioner. He would like to continue to participate in county activities as an activist, because the county continues to have issues worth fighting for such as jail expansion and juvenile justice issues. He would like to see a possible penny sales tax enacted to support budgeting for necessary county expansion. He expressed gratitude to the people and participation of the agencies involved in the PSCC and feels other counties could look at this county to see how active participation helps gets issues resolved and accomplish improvement.

The next full meeting for the Public Safety Council will be December 8, 2014.

Meeting ended at 12:40 pm.

Carolyn Ketchel
County Commissioner