

Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council

Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: August 11, 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
	Bill Bishop	Assistant State Attorney
	Tom Murphy	Assistant Public Defender
x	Deborah Brown	Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Services
x	Kelli Huckabee	Pretrial Services
	Tina Ferland	Judicial Corrections Services, County Probation Provider

Other Attendees:

Dino Villani, Department of Public Safety
 Stefan Vaughn, Captain, Okaloosa Department of Correction
 Tammy Matthews, Department of Corrections
 Paul Farnsworth, Department of Corrections
 Susan Priddy, Corizon Health Services Administrator
 Renee Hodrick, Corizon Director of Nursing
 Allison Mikel, Court Administration
 J. D. Willis, Okaloosa Correctional Institution
 Jack Hammond, Okaloosa Correctional Institution
 Sheila Barbee, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Office

Meeting opened at 12:01 pm.

Welcome:

Minutes

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

New Business

Chief Lawson introduced Renee Hodrick from Corizon as the new Director of Nursing at the facility.

Chief Lawson presented an overview of the corrections budget. The count that was used during the budget process was 603 but the count has increased close to 700. Five additional officers have been requested to re-open the pod that has been closed but have not approved. A suggestion was made by Commissioner Parisot to establish a reserve for future building costs.

Chief Lawson reviewed the SB 522 which updates the Jimmy Rice Act which allows the Department of Children and Families with the State Attorney to review sexual predator cases for continued incarceration after sentence. If the offenders meet specific criteria, they would be transferred for continued incarceration at Arcadia, Florida which is a 900 mile round trip.

Chief Lawson provided an exhibit of operation panels that control doors and security at the jail need upgrading. Many are not fully operational nor are the intercoms. The Board authorized the Department of Corrections to pursue replace and to pursue reimbursement from FEMA. A project work order has been submitted.

Mr. Villani requested information on cost for jail expansion. Chief Lawson discussed options available that include building on site behind the current jail or building off site next to the prison and DJJ. Both options present issues that would need to be addressed prior to becoming operational, including staffing, food service and medical care.

Ms. Huckabee reviewed the Pretrial Services budget.

Chief Lawson stated that the Board authorized funding to allow Corizon to add a Mental Health Counselor in an effort to provide weekend coverage and conduct group sessions.

Mr. Villani stated the Baker Act contract has been renewed for an additional year. The contract provided for Walton and Okaloosa County with 70% of service and cost with Okaloosa County.

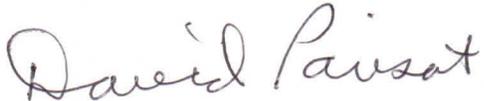
Chief Lawson reviewed the change to video visitation. The equipment was installed at no cost and offers visitation on-site with no fees and off-site from home for a fee. The hours to visit on-site are from 10 am till 5 pm. He explained that it operates similar to Skype. Video visitation improves security throughout the facility and reduces the introduction of contraband.

Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the jail population statistics. The current count is over design capacity. The time required in transferring sentenced inmates to prison remains within established guidelines but the length of stay has increased.

Ms. Huckabee reviewed the Pretrial Services statistics. She explained that non-monetary bonds have decreased because the charges of defendants and criminal histories have increased so it has become difficult to recommend. She also explained how the bonds on a previous charge are revoked when a person already on bond is arrested on a new charge.

The next full meeting for the Public Safety Council will be October 13, 2014.

Meeting ended at 12:45 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Parisot".

Commissioner David Parisot, Chairman
Public Safety Coordinating Council