A quorum was present for the meeting.

Discussion of Past Items from Minutes
The Council discussed a past question from Commissioner Peterjohn regarding a jump in SCOPE program variance between this year and last year. Their research indicates the variance is a result of a seasonal anomaly.

Approval of Minutes
Bill Buchanan moved and Mike Alumbaugh seconded to approve the minutes of June 27, 2013 as written. The motion passed.

Criminal Justice System Population Discussion
All members present signaled that they had been given sufficient time to review the intake population documents and there were no questions.

Legislative Platform Review
Judge Fleetwood asked if anyone was present who could discuss the Legislative Platform Review. No one responded in the affirmative. Judge Fleetwood indicated that the platform seemed to replicate much of the 2012 platform including sufficient funding for the operation of the courts and the public defender’s office. He then asked if anyone would like to address any issues. Mark Masterson said that the state will reassess funding for corrections. He said that the public debate would not happen until January when the Governor’s proposed budget is worked by the Legislature. The legislature’s decision will affect the jail population but we are unsure to what effect. Bill Buchanan asked how many beds were in the Adult Residential Facility. Mark Masterson said that the facility holds 65 with an average of 62 inhabitants per day. Mr. Buchanan then asked how much it costs to house an individual in
residential as opposed to the state prison. Mr. Masterson responded that it depends on the security. Annually, it is about $20,000 a year for low security and $25,000 for medium security. The residential costs about $18,000 a bed annually but he said he would have to verify these numbers. Judge Fleetwood noted that discussion of the legislative platform remained an item for discussion and was therefore not subject to a vote at that time.

Other Business
Judge Fleetwood brought up HB 2170 and its effects on CJCC issues and jail population because of how it alters probation violation procedure. He explained that the bill requires a “quick dip” or mandatory jail time before they could be sent to prison. Shorter quick dips are done locally. Increased jail days can therefore be expected. This does not affect the 60 days of probation that a judge can order. One board member pointed out that new misdemeanors, felony offenses, or findings that public safety is imperiled can result in direct commitment.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Jeff Robbins.