

Minutes
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
June 27, 2013

Voting Members

Judge James Fleetwood Judge Jennifer Jones Judge Warren Wilbert
 Sheriff Jeff Easter Chief Norman Williams District Attorney Marc Bennett
 Commissioner Karl Peterjohn Commissioner Dave Unruh
 City Councilmember Lavonta Williams Sharon Dickgrafe
 Bill Buchanan Mark Masterson Steve Osburn Marilyn Cook
 Marv Duncan Mike Alumbaugh

Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance

Judge Ben Burgess* Ann Swegle* Kerrie Platt* Jason Scheck*
 Gail Villalovos* Jama Mitchell* Chief John Daily
 Major Glenn Kurtz Erica Lopez Dr. Tim Rohrig Karen Powell
 Renfeng Ma Lorien Showalter David Miller Roger Taylor
 Melinda Wilson Chris Fisher Stephen Owens John Todd
 Janice Bradley Bill Anderson

* Voting designee

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Bill Buchanan moved and Mike Alumbaugh seconded to approve the minutes of April 25, 2013 as written. The motion passed.

Criminal Justice System Population Discussion

Bill Buchanan noted that the County was examining the Day Reporting Center because it is being very underutilized by the District Court and the preponderance of participants being admitted are from the City of Wichita. The issue is whether Sedgwick County should continue to keep paying for the program or institute a charge or fee for it and they will work on exploring this issue and will likely not come to a decision until the fall. Chief John Daily asked what the County's contribution was to the Day Reporting Center. Bill Buchanan stated that it was about \$1 million and that they are looking at the economics of what they can charge counties and if they should charge fees.

Commissioner Karl Peterjohn asked about the numbers for SCOAP and Mental Health Court between 2012 and 2013 and noted that the numbers had been running high year over year and asked if there was any explanation for that. Jason Scheck said he did not have any explanation on that except for a seasonal explanation because the numbers were more comparable early in the year but they would keep an eye on those numbers.

Legislative Review of Governor Approved Bills

Marv Duncan noted that his other job, besides being the Interim Public Safety Director, was as the Government Relations Director for Sedgwick County and that during the legislative session he tracked approximately 200 bills and

brought the ones that had been signed into law by the Governor that might be related to the CJCC for discussion.

The first bill he discussed was SB 16 dealing with the Kansas Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) Act and criminal street gangs. Major Glenn Kurtz stated that based on past experience with federal law enforcement the biggest problem is trying to keep them all separate but that he doesn't think that it will be a big issue for the CJCC. SB 21 on concealed carry and licensing requirements was also discussed and determined not to have a large impact on the CJCC.

HB 2017, about appeals of Municipal Court and District Magistrate judgments and including a provision for the reporting of pornographic materials seized or documented as evidence was discussed and Sheriff Easter asked for the reasoning behind it. Marv Duncan stated that when there are violent sexual crime scenes they want to build a database of the evidence found there. Sheriff Easter noted that no money comes to the Sheriff's department from this but they have to track it so it is another item that they have to train on but it will not affect the jail population.

District Attorney Marc Bennett discussed the Human Trafficking Bill and noted that it was more of a state-wide policy change that removed references to prostitution and increased the penalties associated with victims that are ages 14-16 and included provisions for helping the victims. This includes having an immediate response team from DCF to assess them and get them into a secured facility. There is also a Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund that directs that municipalities turn over money for any prostitution charge in their jurisdiction which will help to fund it.

The last bill discussed was HB 2170 about sentencing, post release supervision and probation. Mark Masterson noted that the Governor recommended \$2 million in 2014 for intervention and supervision and \$3 million in 2015 but at this point it looked like there would be \$1 million for 2014 and it was unsure if 2015 would receive any funding. He would be attending a meeting with Secretary Ray Roberts where he was hoping to get some more information on what will happen.

Legislative Budget Impacts

Marv Duncan discussed the budget bill and asked members what impacts they saw from the bill for their departments. Mark Masterson stated that for Community Corrections it was pretty much the status quo and that some areas were down a little and some were up a little and it was the same capacity in field services. Marilyn Cook noted that there was a 3.5% decrease in block grants for Community Mental Health Centers, approximately \$30,000 due to sequestration, and that they had received a little more money for screening for those without a medical card. District Attorney Marc Bennett discussed that on the juvenile side they lost money for juvenile diversion but that they had worked out how to keep the position funded. Bill Buchanan noted that if they stopped funding this then they would all be on probation and it would be a cost to the state, which is the same issue as Judge Riddel Boys Ranch where

Sedgwick County is the vendor for them and they are not providing money for their program and if they don't fund it those youths will be in the system and cost the state more money. Judge Fleetwood noted that on the judicial side they had mandated that eighty positions remain open and that as soon as the money runs out that will affect them somewhat.

Legislative Platform

Marv Duncan stated that he would send out requests for the County Legislative Platform in mid to late July and that last year the BOCC let them put a CJCC section in the platform. Once the platform is approved by the BOCC he hand delivers it to each member of the South Central Kansas Delegation and many of them read it to see if Sedgwick County has a position on an issue and that this year he would like to try to work even more closely with associations in order to give a more unified voice in Topeka. Commissioner Peterjohn noted that he would like to see more about state mandates in the platform.

Other

Sheriff Easter discussed that they were writing an RFP for the commissary and would be going to an outside vendor and providing service through a kiosk and this change will allow once a week hot meals if they behave properly and that this will free up two staff members and cut down on behavioral issues. They are also looking at video visitation that would provide the community with access to loved ones more frequently and cut down on the movement in the jail. They would charge for this service and it would be put at libraries for those without internet access. This is likely to be in place by the end of the year and will not only benefit the community but the inmates as well by providing them more access to their friends and family and their legal representation. Sheriff Easter also mentioned that they were still 239 prisoners over capacity that day and that they were constantly looking at programs to introduce into the prison to help with these numbers such as job training, mentoring and anger management. This would allow inmates to connect with other people out in the community and help build support for when they are released and hopefully lower recidivism rates.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.
Minutes prepared by Lorien Showalter.