



PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

A meeting of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council was held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 via Zoom virtual meeting platform

X	Judge Wells Ashby (<i>Chair</i>)		Nick Lelack, <i>County Administrator (Vice Chair)</i>
X	Erik Kropp, <i>Deputy County Administrator</i>	X	Phil Chang, <i>County Commissioner</i>
	L. Shane Nelson, <i>Deschutes County Sheriff</i>	X	Keith Witcosky, <i>Redmond City Manager</i>
X	Sara Crosswhite, <i>9-1-1 Operations Director</i>		Deevy Holcomb, <i>Community Justice Director</i>
X	Stephen Gunnels, <i>District Attorney</i>	X	Thomas Spear, <i>Defense Attorney</i>
X	Angie Curtis, <i>Court Administrator</i>		Roger Olsen, <i>NAMI Central Oregon</i>
X	Mike Krantz, <i>Bend Police Chief</i>		Devin Lewis, <i>Redmond Police Chief</i>
	Mike Womer, <i>Sunriver Police Chief</i>		Jason Van Meter, <i>Black Butte Police Chief</i>
X	Anthony Broadman, <i>Bend City Council</i>		Chris Seber, <i>OSP Area Commander</i>
X	Joseph Mabonga, <i>Oregon Youth Authority</i>	X	Donna Mills, <i>Citizen Member</i>
	Erin Taylor, <i>Citizen Member</i>	X	Gil Levy, <i>Citizen Member and KIDS Center Director</i>
X	Janice Garceau, <i>Health Services Director</i>		Roberto Robles, <i>Oregon State Police Sergeant</i>
X	Tanner Wark, <i>Deputy Director Community Justice (voting designee in Deevy Holcomb's absence)</i>		

Also present were: Trevor Stephens, *Business Manager Community Justice*; Captain William Bailey, *DCSO*; and Angie Powers, *Deschutes County Board of Commissioners Administrative Assistant*.

Media present: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Ashby called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF LPSCC MEETING MINUTES:

Action: Motion made by Donna Mills to approve the February 7, 2023 and April 4, 2023 minutes.

SECOND: Councilman Broadman

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None presented.

4. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT FORMULA GRANT:

Trevor Stephens, Community Justice Business Manager, spoke about the Deschutes County Justice Reinvestment Preliminary Grant Application. He is asking LPSCC for a letter of support and approval to submit the grant application for the 2023-2025 biennium. This is formula funding, which is separate from the supplemental and competitive grant. The County's Justice Reinvestment Program, herein referred to as JRP, is a Downward Departure program. It is a collaboration between the Circuit Court, District Attorney's Office, Adult Parole & Probation and the State of Oregon, to reduce prison utilization and recidivism while maintaining accountability and public safety with prison-eligible individuals who are supervised in the community in lieu of prison.

The formula grant was created out of HB 3194, and provides funds to counties for addressing concerns about growing prison populations. Its goals include prison bed reduction and a reduction in recidivism (for drug, property and some prison-eligible driving offenses), with a focus on public safety and client accountability.

Deschutes County's JRP program focus has been Downward Departures, Short-Terms/Transitional Leave (STTL) and the Alternative Incarceration Program (AIP). A focus has been reducing barriers for this population, while safely and effectively supervising clients. Trevor reported that Deschutes County is currently 17% below baseline for prison utilization. Recidivism for Justice Reinvestment is measured in three-year increments, and there is a downward trend in the Justice Reinvestment population for recidivism.

Trevor shared that the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) has asked if we have any potential JRI-related research options, related to drug and property offenders. He solicited suggestion from the group, asking attendees to please email himself or Deevy

Holcomb with ideas. A brief discussion on recent research projects related to racial disparities and the pretrial population took place.

In response to a question by Donna about Measure 110 impacts, Tanner Wark spoke about crimes which are no longer classified as felonies or misdemeanors, and the difficulties in discerning whether impacts are Measure 110 related or COVID-driven. Chief Krantz added that there is an increase in crimes associated with increased drug use and addiction on the streets.

Responding to Chair Ashby, Trevor shared that prison bed utilization data is measured in “prison bed months” as total prison usage for drug, property and some driving offenses. They are aggregating months over the entire inmate population in Deschutes County.

Councilman Broadman noted that the LPSCC letterhead needs updated prior to signing and sending.

Action: Motion made by Councilman Broadman to approve the Support Letter for Preliminary 2023-2025 Downward Departure/Short Term Transitional Leave Plan and to authorize Chair Ashby’s signature on the letter *on updated letterhead*.

SECOND: Commissioner Chang and DA Gunnels.

VOTES: All yes. Motion carries.

5. CHANGE TO RECORDING / LOCATION OF PUBLIC LPSCC MEETING PROCEEDINGS:

Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant, spoke about this topic. The goal is for consistency, and to make things more easily-accessible to community members by posting all meeting information in one location. Currently, meeting materials are being posted in two different locations on the County’s website, which can be confusing for staff and the public. It is proposed for all committee meeting agendas, agenda packets (attachments), approved minutes and video recordings to be posted in a central location online, the County’s Meeting Portal at <https://www.deschutes.org/meetings>, as opposed to posting only on the Events Calendar, which has been LPSCC’s practice thus far. This would also include recording LPSCC meetings and posting the meeting videos in this same location. This is similar to the way in which BOCC meetings are noticed publicly.

Chair Ashby and others expressed support for this change, no motion required.

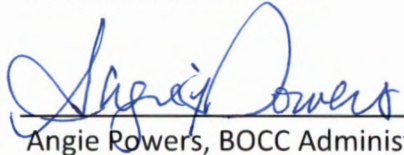
6. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Chief Krantz recognized Deschutes County Behavioral Health for their collaborative efforts, as May 1st was the launch date for the Community Crisis Response program. Janice Garceau, Health Services Director, spoke briefly about the importance of supporting long-term funding for the program.

- Chair Ashby provided a brief update on behalf of the Court:
 - Listening sessions were recently held with the civil, family and criminal bars. Some changes are being implemented in response to feedback from justice partners.
 - Courthouse expansion plans are underway, and he expressed gratitude to the County for their partnership, and appreciation for their two new judges.
 - A large amount of data cleanup has taken place, with thousands of cases being cleared and increased data integrity accomplished. Angie Curtis reports that they are clearing more criminal cases than they are taking in.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Ashby adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant