Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council

Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting: October 22, 2015 12:00 PM

Courthouse Annex Extension, Fort Walton Beach

Public Safety Coordinating Council Members

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<th>Present</th>
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<td>Carolyn Ketchel</td>
<td>Board of County Commissioners</td>
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<td>Paul Lawson</td>
<td>Chief Corrections Officer</td>
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<td>Judge Brown</td>
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<td>Jay Jones</td>
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<td>Bill Bishop</td>
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<td>Deborah Brown</td>
<td>Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Services</td>
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<td>Kelli Huckabee</td>
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<td>Tina Ferland</td>
<td>Judicial Corrections Services, County Probation Provider</td>
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Other Attendees:

Paul Farnsworth, Department of Corrections
Tammy Matthews, Department of Corrections
Pat Hanratty, Department of Corrections
Joseph Foley, Department of Corrections
Susan Priddy, Corizon Health Services Administrator
Sandra Hoffa, Corizon Health Services, Clinical Social Worker
John Sloan, Florida Department of Corrections
Jack Hammontree, Florida Department of Corrections
Laurie Keller-Lithgow, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
Todd Watkins, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
Janice M. George, Big Bend CBC
Paul Wallis, Department of Juvenile Justice
Mary Sollenberger, Clerk of Court
Allison Mikel, Court Administration
Lisa Lydston, Bridgeway Services, Inc.
Ray Sansom, Okaloosa Academy Schools

Meeting opened at 12:01 pm.

NOTE: THE NEXT MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO DECEMBER 10, 2015
Welcome:

Minutes

1. a. Attendees introduced themselves and the agency they represent.

   b. August minutes were approved as sent.

2. Old Business
   None

   a. Mr. Farnsworth reported an increase in arrests for drug charges. He reported all other statistics remain consistent.

4. Pretrial Services Report
   a. Mr. Farnsworth reported no significant change in pretrial statistics.

5. New Business
   a. Mr. Lawson presented four options that could be considered for expansion of the jail. He will be presenting two items to the BOCC on November 3rd addressing steps needed to move forward in necessary expansion. He requests the council vote on both options prior to presenting the options to the BOCC. The first motion requested is for purchase of the property next to the jail. The price has been negotiated to a reduced price and would offer options for expansion. The second motion requested is to hire a consultant to review the four options for expansion. Motions did not move forward for either consideration.

   The four options for expansion presented were: (1) build on the current site using the plans developed previously, (2) build adjacent after purchasing the property, adding a 32,000 s.f. building, (3) consider purchasing the property across the street but price has not been researched or negotiated, (4) build near the prison (OCI) at the 20 acres and migrate fully to that location over time.

   b. Committee members discussed the various options but did not feel comfortable voting on financial recommendations. Commissioner Ketchel reminded committee members that the jail has significant overcrowding that need to be addressed. She reported the building is old and may not sustain continued repairs.

   c. Mr. Sansom presented a program providing an overview of the Okaloosa Academy Schools. The schools offer education to high risk students that need additional encouragement and oversight to stay out of trouble and in school.

   The goal of the school is to provide an education as a gate to better life free from criminal activity. Many of the students in this school do not have stable home environments nor supportive father figures. They are not taught life skills, parenting skills or ethics and values. The school becomes the family structure.
The next full meeting for the Public Safety Council will be December 21, 2015. Mr. Farnsworth will send an email notification of meeting dates for 2016.

Meeting ended at 1:02 pm.

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Carolyn Ketchel
County Commissioner
Chairperson Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council