

**MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM**  
**October 16, 2013**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Co-Chair Susan Sergiojan called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated. A quorum was present.

Adoption of Minutes

The September 18, 2013 minutes were accepted as published.

Jail Population Report

Sheriff Salisbury reported that the average daily population is 113 which is the count for today.

Department of Correction's County of Origin Notification Form

Laura Cole reported on William Petties who will release to his father's house in Belfair.

Update - Criminal Justice Sales Tax

Sheriff Salisbury presented information from Kittitas County who has passed this tax. Suggested a criminal justice committee be formed to explore all taxing options, including an increase to property tax, and to also form a citizens committee.

Judge Sheldon noted the property tax option is much harder to pass.

Discussion that all of the criminal justice system needs funding to provide the proper service levels. Jail population continues to be a problem.

Susan suggested a sub-committee be formed to write a letter to the Commissioners requesting they appoint a citizen's advisory committee. After discussion, it was agreed that the entire CJWT is affected, so the letter can come from the CJWT.

*Dawn/Sheriff Salisbury moved and seconded to prepare a letter to the Commissioners requesting a citizen's committee be formed to explore all revenue options for criminal justice and authorize the Chair sign. Motion carried. One abstention from Cmmr. Neatherlin.*

Update - Reimbursement for Extraordinary Aggravated Murder Expenses

Susan talked about the process to apply for reimbursement of extraordinary aggravated murder expenses. Information needs to be gathered from all impacted offices. Susan requested offices submit financial information on murder charges (from start of charge to September 30, 2013) to Robyn by end of October.

Separate expenses from aggravated murder charges vs. other murder charges. Susan will have Robyn send out an e-mail.

Alternatives to Incarceration Programs

Due to time constraints this will be moved to the November agenda.

Agency/Department Updates

DOC - Laura Cole updated on staffing.

Commissioner Neatherlin - it is budget season and there will be a supplemental appropriation to the 2013 budget and the Board is approving general obligation bonds for jail improvements.

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Chief Eklund - half way house on 1602 and 1604 King Street in Shelton for sex offenders. Laura clarified it is for all recently released offenders, not just sex offenders. Sheriff Salisbury expressed concern there was no notice to local law enforcement and there is a day care nearby. There was discussion of this proposal. Laura suggested she invite a DOC representative to the November CJWT meeting.

Judge Sheldon - would like to resurrect the discussions with WCC about an electronic link between the prison and the court room so not all offenders need to be brought to the courthouse. The new jury system has been implemented and they are very happy with it.

Sheriff Salisbury is concerned with the potential loss of jail staff and the impact to the jail population cap.

Marty Best is working on Emergency Management funding options. A severe winter weather season is predicted.

Public Defense Susan Sergoan - one of her contract attorneys has left and she is carrying that caseload.

Future Agenda Topics

The following items were brought up as future agenda topics:

Alternatives to Incarceration Programs

Department of Corrections representative to discuss half way house

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 (moved from November 20)

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zoren  
Assistant to County Commissioners