

**MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM**  
**January 21, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Chair Terri Jeffreys called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated, introductions were made and a quorum was present.

- ◆ Adoption of Minutes: Cronce/Haertel moved and second to adopt the November 19, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

- ◆ Jail Population Report – Chief Tom Haugen  
105 daily average in December  
25 female and 82 male for a total of 182 booked in December.  
Chief Haugen said that the crimes people are booked for are located on the website.  
He also mentioned that regarding EHM, there are none and they have 10 offsite in custody in Forks although he said that may not last much longer.

Judge Sheldon asked why the inmates may not be held in Forks much longer.

Chief Haugen responded replied that this budget line was cut during the budget process.

- ◆ DOC Release reports received for the following:  
Mitchell Mills DOC# 370512 Date of Release: 02/02/2015 County of origin: Pierce  
Laura commented that although we are taking this one into Mason County, the County is also exporting two.

- ◆ Update on the Fresh Start house on King Street - Jeff Gunsolley

Since the last meeting they have gone up the chain of command and contacted the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB). Mr. Gunsolley said he is trying to save this house for Mason County releases and not to release sex offenders there. He said the ISRB was overriding DOC in this case. He said he will keep everyone posted.

Chief Moody asked what the goal is for King Street.

Jeff Gunsolley said the goal is to not make it a sex offender house.

Chief Moody told Jeff Gunsolley that he would like to speak with representatives of the ISRB.

Chair Jeffreys asked the group if they feel meeting with the ISRB would be useful in order to gain additional information.

Sheriff Salisbury said he's been through this with DOC before. He said the CJWT doesn't need to meet with the ISRB because the Sheriff's office already has.

Judge Sheldon asked how many sex offenders are there now.

Jeff Gunsolley said there are three.

Mayor Cronce said he is not convinced DOC is changing their practices.

- ◆ Agency/Department Updates:
- ◆ Susan Sergiojan said their office is open and they have a new Administrative Assistant, Sonya Ashe.
- ◆ Jim Madsen said they are focusing on Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives. They are looking for alternatives to detention. Last year they had a successful garden program. He added they will have electronic locks for cells for safety reasons are replacing cameras and monitors. Jim said they are reinvesting in staff. He commented that they will be starting boys and girls evidence based programs. They would like to reach out to the community to provide support and assistance before it gets to the court level.

Chair Jeffreys asked Jim Madsen about the subcommittee listed on bottom of the agenda.

Jim said initially it was a group although at this point he is not sure.

Chair Jeffreys will remove the JDI subcommittee at the bottom of the agenda for now and asked Jim to give updates.

- ◆ Chief Moody said he has had some time to adjust and is getting a feel of the community and making some changes.

Chair Jeffreys asked Chief Moody about the P.A.L. program.

Chief Moody said it's a great program and it gives kids something to do. He added that P.A.L. (Police Activities League) is a non-profit organization and survives on donations.

Chair Jeffreys mentioned the new Mason Transit station and a possible Interlocal agreement to rent space for this program.

- ◆ Judge Steele commented on the community service program and said they do good work.
- ◆ Sheriff Salisbury said the Governor stated that Washington has one of the highest property crime rates in the nation. He added that we also have a very low number of deputies per capita. He stated that officer presence lowers crime. He stated that with the same number of deputies, north precinct, and implementing zone patrols we have reduced property crimes in the north end of the county by 40%.
- ◆ Chief Haugen said the DSU (Direct Supervision Unit) is behind schedule and he never hears anything happening.
- ◆ Ginger Brooks said they are thrilled to have Judge Dan Goodell and added that he is a great addition.
- ◆ Judge Goodell said it's good to be here and he enjoys his work.
- ◆ Judge Meadows said they are working on getting video arraignments. She said they visited Kitsap County to see the paperless court. She mentioned that the Courts still use electronic home monitoring.

Judge Sheldon asked Ginger about the case management system.

Ginger said there are rules about what they have to keep. She said Thurston County is paperless. She said the scanning system they have now doesn't seem reliable and hopes the new system will be a better tool.

Judge Meadows said they have funding for a second probation officer. The problem is that funding is dependant on probation revenues. She said that is a drawback for job seekers.

- ◆ Judge Sheldon said they are very happy to have Judge Goodell. She also mentioned that they need aggravated murder funding regarding the Longshore case. She explained it helps pay for court costs, defense attorneys, expert witnesses, etc.
- ◆ Harris Haertel welcomed Judge Goodell. He said they are on their third graduation from the family recovery program.
- ◆ Mayor Cronce said the City is excited about Chief Moody. He said they have a five year agreement with the County to keep the skatepark open. He stated that the City is changing their street lights to LED. He also commented on sewer funding.

Chair Jeffreys added that part of the agreement is that both parties will try to find a more stable location for the skatepark.

- ◆ Theresia Ehrich said MCSO has been working diligently and tirelessly in stretching their budget allotments and funding.
- ◆ Long Range Planning:

Chair Jeffreys spoke about the Criminal Justice Task Force. She posed the question if more money was put into Criminal Justice, where is it needed the most? She said the Task Force was concerned about crime rate and informed the group that Mason County has the 7th highest crime rate in the State. She said taking road money has pros and cons. She mentioned an increase in sales tax to fund criminal justice. She would like to focus on identifying problems and how they can be addressed. What is the biggest problem that they could have an effect on?

Judge Steele said Domestic Violence (DV) is a huge problem.

Chair Jeffreys said that at the next meeting she would like everyone to come back with ideas of what the biggest problems are and how can they go about changing it. She asked the committee if they agree this venue would be acceptable to discuss this.

Chief Haugen asked what BOCC has done with the information that the Citizens Task Force on Criminal Justice discussed last year and their report.

Chair Jeffreys said they still have the information and can take it forward.

Sheriff Salisbury said the information was provided to BOCC, however no action was taken.

Jim Madsen said he believes in programs. He said it's about how can we all work together to achieve a task.

Sheriff Salisbury said they have already tried to do this eight years ago but they didn't follow through because there was no money. He added that "Catch & Release" doesn't work.

Undersheriff Barrett said there needs to be a county wide vision or mission for criminal justice to achieve goals. He said he has no idea what the County is trying to do for the citizens. He said he only knows what the Sheriff's office is doing. He said without a vision, everyone is spinning their gears without moving in one direction.

Chair Jeffreys gave an example of a mission, for example: Reduce Crime.

Theresa Ehrich said that our county wide vision/mission statement should be a collective effort adopted by BOCC. The Sheriff office has a vision, goals & objectives and mission statement. However without a county-wide vision and appropriate funding we may be working at cross purposes with other criminal justice departments or entities.

Sheriff Salisbury said this needs to go in front of the Board of County Commissioners before we do this.

Susan Sergiojan and Undersheriff Barrett agree because the Board allocates the funding.

Theresa Ehrich said it's the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners to prioritize the needs of the citizens and County, than to fund this vision/mission of the criminal justice system appropriately.

Jim Madsen suggested possibly a resolution to define the responsibilities.

- ◆ Next meeting – February 18, 2015

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Almanzor  
Clerk of the Board