

**MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM**  
**September 16, 2015**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Jeffreys called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated. A quorum was present.

- ◆ Approval of minutes – The August 19, 2015 were adopted as written.
- ◆ Jail Population Report – Chief Haugen gave the population report.
- ◆ DOC Release reports received for the following:

Kristina Hoag	DOC# 70694	DOR 08/10/15	County of Origin: Grant
Aaron Richards	DOC# 817753	DOR 09/16/15	County of Origin: Grays Hrbr
Marinda Bond	DOC# 366254	DOR 09/21/15	County of Origin: Kitsap
Erik R. Carter	DOC# 892186	DOR 10/07/15	County of Origin: Thurston
Patrick Kennedy	DOC# 354960	DOR 07/15/15	County of Origin: Pacific
- ◆ Jail population subcommittee update: Discussion pertaining to the increasing volume of outsourcing and immediate solutions – Undersheriff Barrett

Undersheriff Barrett passed out a jail report. He said they estimate that approximately 500 more people could be arrested but are not due to jail space.

Chief Vukich and Chief Moody said their jurisdictions are the same.

Chief Haugen stated he thinks the estimate should include approximately 75 more a year due to warrants that are confirmed but they are unable to take action because the jail is full.

The Undersheriff said 500 is just an estimate.

Chief Moody said 500 is a good baseline but he thinks it's low.

There are currently 35 females housed for Mason County at Nisqually. The capacity is 24 for females now. That is a problem and they will still need outsourcing.

Chief Moody said the City would jail 20-30 if budget wasn't involved.

Judge Steele said it's a revolving door and the criminals know how it works. He said that alternative programs don't work if there isn't a way to jail the people who don't follow through with their programs. He added that they really need incarceration resources.

Undersheriff Barrett said in keeping with the mission and vision, law enforcement need to be able to pick these people up to have an immediate impact. He said the criminals know they aren't going to jail. The Undersheriff asked "what is the system willing to put in place for a goal of a crime free community and better quality of life?"

The group discussed Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM).

Judge Meadows said some people can't afford EHM so they choose jail but then the jail cannot take them.

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Undersheriff Barrett stated that in the current jail population, the number of people who are eligible for EHM is under ten.

Judge Steele spoke about his experiences with EHM and said he chooses community service over EHM.

Undersheriff Barrett reiterated that they need to discuss immediate recommendations to alleviate jail population issues. He suggested they could find out who is eligible for EHM and stated he considers EHM a form of accountability and it's better than releasing them back to the streets. He stated this also frees up space for other offenders. He said he recognizes this is the short term fix.

Judge Sheldon spoke about pre-trial and serving a sentence. She suggested a pre-release program.

Judge Meadows said she had to leave but thanked staff Officers Cassidy and Rankin for their quick response when a dangerous situation occurred in her Courtroom.

Mike Evans said the missing component is the prosecutor's office.

Undersheriff Barrett said he would like to set the tone that we won't tolerate this criminal behavior here. Even if you do something small, you pay the price. He stated it seems like people do what they want now. They would like to head toward the bigger vision to impact crime in the community. Undersheriff Barrett will gather more numbers to be able to show the costs.

Judge Sheldon will draft up a mini report including costs and numbers.

- ◆ Resolution: Adoption of the resolution to amend Resolution 62A-92.

**Judge Steele/Chief Vukich moved and seconded to recommend adoption of a resolution to amend Resolution 62A-92-Establishing the Criminal Justice Working Team. Motion carried. Resolution 46-15 (Exhibit A)**

This proposed resolution will be briefed with the Board of County Commissioners next week.

- ◆ Agency/Department Updates  
Ben Johnson spoke about the substance abuse coalition and said they want to increase services within the next few years. He asked if he could send out a survey to the CJWT.

The group agreed.

- ◆ Next meeting – October 21, 2015
- ◆ Future Agenda Topics
  1. Update from District Court in October
  2. Undersheriff Barrett jail issue update

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Almanzor

RESOLUTION  
NO. 4015

A Resolution amending Resolution 62A-92-Establishing the Criminal Justice Working Team.

WHEREAS Mason County criminal justice professionals have informally organized themselves and worked collaboratively since 1989 to reduce the demands on, and respond to the needs of the criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS in 1992 the Mason County Board of Commissioners entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Skokomish Indian Tribe, Squaxin Indian Tribe and the City of Shelton to form the Criminal Justice Working Team, and

WHEREAS in 1992 the Mason County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 62A-92, formally recognizing the Criminal Justice Working Team as Mason County's Community Corrections Board, pursuant to RCW 72.09.300, and

WHEREAS the 2007 Washington State Legislature amended RCW 72.09.300 and 2007 c 483 s 108 amending the duties of the local law and justice councils formed pursuant to RCW 72.09.300, and

WHEREAS Mason County Board of Commissioners finds through a coordinated, comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approach, Mason County law and justice professionals can reduce crime and enhance safety for Mason County citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mason County Board of Commissioners that Resolution NO. 62A-92 be revised.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Criminal Justice Working Team be re-affirmed and established as the Mason County local law and justice council pursuant to RCW 72.09.300 and organized as follows:

**Purpose.** Pursuant to By-Laws adopted May, 2012, The Criminal Justice Working Team represents the agencies and institutions responsible for the administration of the criminal justice systems in Mason County. The members identify issues, questions and concerns, develop consensus on funding priorities within the criminal justice system, act as a clearing house for criminal justice information, advise political decision makers on criminal justice matters, and strive to keep the public informed. These activities will be aligned with the Vision and Mission statements and implementing Strategies as adopted by the Criminal Justice Working Team. The purpose of the Criminal Justice Working Team is to ensure that the criminal justice system in Mason County runs as efficiently, effectively and openly as possible.

**Membership.** Membership of the Criminal Justice Working Team shall include the following, or their representative:

Mason County Sheriff  
Mason County Prosecutor  
Mason County Public Defender  
City of Shelton Police Chief  
Squaxin Tribe Police Chief  
Skokomish Tribe Police Chief

One member of the City of Shelton Board of Commissioners  
One member of the Mason County Board of County Commissioners  
Representative of the City of Shelton Municipal Court  
Representative of the Mason County Superior, Juvenile and District Courts  
Mason County Jail Chief  
Mason County Clerk  
Mason County Risk Manager  
Washington State Patrol Representative  
Washington State Secretary of Corrections or his or her designees

**Duties.** Duties of the Criminal Justice Working Team include those outlined in RCW 79.09.300 and any other areas pertaining to criminal justice that the group believes need to be addressed.


To execute these duties, the Criminal Justice Working Team will:

1. Act in an advisory capacity;
2. Function as a problem solving task force, and
3. Serve as a liaison to citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted Resolution 46-15 amending Resolution 62A-92, establishing the Criminal Justice Working Team.

ADOPTED this 10 day of October, 2015

ATTEST:

  
Julie Almanzor, Clerk of the Board

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