

MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM
April 17, 2013
MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair Susan Sergiojan called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated. A quorum was present.

Adoption of Minutes

Harris Haertel/Mayor Cronce moved and seconded to approve the March 20, 2013 minutes as circulated. Motion carried.

Jail Population Report

The average daily population for March was 104 inmates, of that number 80 were male and 24 were female. 69 of the 104 had felony charges and 35 of the 104 had gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor charges.

Agency/Department Updates

DOC/WCC - Steve DeMars - prison system continues to work on how to deal with gang units. He hasn't heard anything on the new reception center. Brought up a tour of the WCC facility - Steve will send out an email for CJWT members to sign up for the tour on May 15, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Probation Services - Harris Haertel reported that for juvenile court, they have staff training in Atlanta. Staff have completed a aggression replacement training session. Family recovery court is reviewing applicants, he and Doug Sayan will be meeting with veteran state officials to see how veterans could be served in the problem solving court system. Harris suggested that in June, the CJWT meeting schedule be reviewed. There was a suggestion for a sub committee to explore criminal justice budgets. Harris talked about the problem solving courts.

City of Shelton - Mayor Cronce stated the City is looking at implementing regulations to deal with the growing population of homeless, such as no dumpster diving. Staff has suggested that all rental properties have a business license and the properties are inspected annually, he has concerns with the impact from this and does not support more government regulations.

Superior Court - Judge Finlay stated they continue to be challenged with their case load. The court room in the courthouse basement will be for district court and they will not be gaining an additional court room because the existing district court will become office space. Judge Sheldon - normally operate three courts in Superior Court but they do not have a 3rd space. They have outgrown their space. Mayor Cronce suggested there is a possibility of part-time use of their court space. Judge Sheldon said they have discussed this in the past, but have not had a regular schedule.

Denny Temple addressed the homeless population.

Doug Sayan talked about the Mason County Reentry Coalition, a transition offender program. They work closely with the offenders to have a successful reentry into society. They are recruiting new mentors. They meet the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am at Alpine Way. It was suggested he speak at a Mason County BAR Association meeting.

Emergency Best - Marty Best stating they are seeing the impact from the terrorism attack in Boston, the state has requested to be notified of any large events. Mason County staff is required to have NIMS training. CERT training in June and they are working on citizen training.

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MCSO - Sheriff Salisbury stated the County needs to look for additional revenues, they are short on deputies and have a number of staff retiring. He reviewed his law enforcement breakfast schedule. Producing an annual report. New Chief will be responsible for the north end of the county, Chief Osterhout will be responsible for the south end. He is requesting an efficiency audit for his office.

Susan Sergiojan suggested a sub committee to work on the criminal justice tax issue. Judge Sheldon pointed out the criminal justice system is interconnected and the entire group needs to look at the tax issue. The June agenda will focus on the 3/10 of 1% tax.

Judge Steele - video arraignment equipment is working well. Municipal Court runs approximately 2.5 days a week, have not had a jury trial in the past two years.

Next Meeting

The May 15 meeting will be a tour of the prison; June's agenda will focus on the 3/10 of 1% tax.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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