

MASON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING TEAM
November 19, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Jim Madsen called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, Shelton, WA. An attendance roster was circulated, introductions were made and a quorum was present.

- ◆ Call to Order – Chair Jim Madsen
- ◆ Adoption of Minutes: Mayor Cronce/Harris Haertel moved and seconded to adopt the September 17, 2014 meeting minutes as published.
- ◆ DOC Release reports received for the following: There were no reports received.
- ◆ DOC Discussion on releases and the parole board process:
Jeff Gunsolley reported that he spoke with the DOC Field Administrator to gather some information regarding the house on King Street being used for Fresh Start. He said there are currently five people living there. He said he doesn't want to see a lot of sex offenders released there. He stated he has recommended denying some releases but the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB) makes the final decision. He added that an ISRB representative could possibly come to a meeting to explain more. At the next meeting, Jeff will give an update and they will decide what the next step will be.

Gary Cronce commented that there is nothing the City can do even if they are breaking the renter's law.

- ◆ 2015 Planning – 3/5 year strategic plan for criminal justice: Jim Madsen said he would like to create a vision statement for the County.
- ◆ Selection of the 2015 Chair for the Criminal Justice Working Team:
Jim informed the group that Cmmr. Jeffreys has volunteered to Chair the Working Team next year.
Ginger Brooks/Steve Demars moved and seconded to appoint Terri Jeffreys as the Chair and Theresia Ehrich as the Vice-Chair of the 2015 Criminal Justice Working Team. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Cronce volunteered to fill in and help out as needed.

- ◆ Agency/Department Updates:
- ◆ Judge Steele said that the video system is working fine. He will discuss this more in the near future.
- ◆ Jeff Gunsolley from the DOC Shelton field office said business as usual.
- ◆ Lt. Les Watson from the Shelton Police Dept said they now officially have a new Chief. Darren Moody is the new Shelton Police Chief.
- ◆ Dennis Bosman from WSP said business as usual.
- ◆ Harris Haertel thanked Lt. Les Watson for speaking at the League of Women Voters meeting. He commended him for his presentation and sharing ideas and information regarding the

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drug issues in Mason County. He added that Drug Court graduation will be held on Monday, November 24 at 3:45 p.m.

- ◆ Judge Amber Finlay said they now have a portable bench and they are very happy because it looks like a courtroom now.
- ◆ Theresia Ehrich said they just sent over another supplemental because they are so over budget due to their jail medical costs. She said they are still trying to get corrections officers. She commented that it's hard to recruit officers because of the pay they offer. She stated that renovations are still moving along and they are doing the best they can. She added that she is thankful for the task force for all the work they have done.
- ◆ Steve Demars from Washington Corrections Center (DOC) commented on the Longshore trial. He said as high profile as this case was; everything went very smooth. Kudos to everyone who assisted with the Longshore case. He added that there may be more cuts at DOC.

Mayor Cronce asked if the Affordable health Care Act helps reimburse corrections at the Mason County Jail.

Theresa answered no.

- ◆ Ginger Brooks said they are excited about the new bench. She reiterated how everything went smooth pertaining to the Longshore trial.
- ◆ Shelby Conklin said it's business as usual
- ◆ Jim Madsen said it's been business as usual. He added that they are utilizing the North Precinct to meet with kids and parents. He said they are still using the evidence based programs. He stated that it's very rewarding to work with the kids. Dependency cases are still increasing.
- ◆ Everyone thanked Jim for a great year of being the Chair of the Criminal Justice Working Team.
- ◆ Next meeting – **Cronce/Steele moved and seconded to cancel the Dec 17, 2014 Working Team meeting. Motion Carried unanimously.**

The next CJWT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Almanzor
Clerk of the Board

