



Clinton County Justice Coordinating Commission
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MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 16, 2019 **Time:** 3:30 PM **Location:** Clinton Community College – Room 139

Members Present: Steve Diesch, Carole Dunkin, Becky Eskildsen, Gabe Gluba, Marlita Greve, Kevin Gyrlion, Paul Hammond, Kim Hess, Rick Lincoln, Dave Porter, Kim Ralston, Dan Srp, Liz Srp, Penny Vacek
Staff Present: Margaret Kuhl, Amanda Schwartz

Press: John Rohlf (Clinton Herald)

Quorum: yes (11)

I. Call to Order, Introductions and Approval of 3/21/19 Minutes

Chair Porter opened the meeting at 3:30 PM with introductions. A motion to approve the March 21, 2019 minutes was moved by Sheriff Lincoln and seconded by Carole Dunkin. Motion passed - all eyes

II. Financial Report

The FY 2019 budget amount remaining is \$24,718.05. A motion to approve the balance was moved by Supervisor Srp and seconded by Carole Dunkin.

I. Director Report

Margaret Kuhl provided copies of the jail referendum studies if anyone was interested. The CCJCC office will be relocated to the third floor of the Courthouse in the near future. Kuhl also provided updates from recent Justice Management Institute conference calls regarding data assistance with CCJCC. The JMI is taking a different turn and is assessing how CCJCC collaborates, strategies and plans. There may be a grant opportunity for the Program Coordinator position in the jail through JMI. Another follow up call is scheduled with JMI on May 24th for more updates.

II. Committee Reports and Discussion

- Alternative Sanctions & Diversions: Kelly is planning to setup a meeting for next month.
- Courts: The group met on Tuesday and discussed a few court forms, electronic notification court appearances through text messaging, how to handle people that get released from jail that may still be under the influence of drugs and alcohol and talked about some people being over at court for a lengthy amount of time. The next meeting is scheduled for August 13.
- Jail Programming & Reentry: There may be some grant funding available through JMI for the programming position. The group has met with Work Force Development and Eastern Iowa Community College to assist with pre-established programs. The City of Clinton was awarded the Byrne Jag Grant and is sharing it with the county for the new jail programming computers in the jail classroom. The computers will be purchased once the facility is up and running.
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse: The May meeting has been rescheduled to June 18.
- Citizen Members: No updates

III. Region Updates

- Becky Eskildsen provided updates with funding concerns due to a few bills recently passed in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2021. Becky plans to have more information after the June 18th meeting on the Mobile Crisis System. The Crisis Stabilization Center in Scott county opening has been pushed back to the end of July.



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IV. Jail Overcrowding

- Lt. Hammond stated there are 57 inmates in jail and can only hold 44. Twelve of those inmates are being held out of county and one is a juvenile. April's numbers were a little low on total book in and are averaging about 145 people a month being booked in. Marlita Greve stated a few reasons for longer jail stays with some inmates are due to a lack of qualified attorneys being able to be appointed in the area and the out of county attorneys do not prefer to travel. She also thought the pre-trial release where people were being released without bond depending on their record history were being released quicker but the legislative put a halt to that process. Chief Porter asked about the availability of using Skype to meet with their client electronically to avoid travel needs. Marlita stated GoToMeetings has been used and cannot be hacked and would need to be setup through the jail. Chief Deputy Diesch stated a secured Skype account was setup in the Clinton County jail about two years ago and invited the attorneys to participate. There has not been an interest from the Jackson, Dubuque nor the Scott County public defenders.

V. New Law Center Updates

- Moving dates and information – Communications moved in last week and have been live for a week. The move was very technical and overall the move went well. The State Fire Marshall needs to inspect the sprinkler system and the elevators must pass inspection before the building can be open to the public. June 12th is the planned move in date for the administrative employees who work directly with the public.
- Soft Opening – Scheduled for Saturday, June 15th from 2-10 PM. The volunteer mock inmates will help the jail staff train in using the new jail equipment and general operations of the facility prior to the move in of actual inmates. Mike Rastrelli offered to donate pizza during the training.
- Grand Opening – Scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd from 10 AM – 2 PM. There was discussion about having separate days available to allow the press and law enforcement to tour the building.

Open Forum

The current Court operations are temporarily located in the Clinton County Administration Building. The planned return date to the Courthouse is Tuesday, May 28th. Sheriff Lincoln recognized Corey Johnson and his maintenance staff for doing a great job overseeing the jail project, temporary courthouse move and keeping the other county buildings running and cleaned. Lt. Hammond and Chief Deputy Diesch recognized Megan Govier and Jaimie Meeker for their hard working writing the new jail policies. Supervisor Srp provided updates on the limited parking that will occur once the old building is torn down and the new parking lot will be built in front of the law center.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Lincoln. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 3:30 PM. Agenda items are to be emailed to Margaret Kuhl.

Amanda Schwartz