

POLK COUNTY
POLK COUNTY LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL
February 6, 2012 - 12:00 Noon
Courthouse Conference Room

Judge Charles Luukinen called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Judge William Horner
Judge Monte Campbell
Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner
Jennifer Wheeler, Commissioner
Stan Butterfield, District Attorney
Bob Wolfe, Sheriff
Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
John Teague, Dallas Police Chief
Vern Wells, Independence Police Chief
Darrell Tallan, Monmouth Police Chief
Marty Silbernagel, Community Corrections Director
Trish Reding, Juvenile Department Manager
Mike Williams, Children's Services
Heidi Bittick, Court Administrator
Lt. Eric Altman, Oregon State Police
Steven Walls, County Bar Association
John Mercier, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Members Absent:

Craig Pope, Commissioner
Geoff Heatherington, Mental Health
Steve Harder, OYA Supervisor
Brian Dalton, Dallas Mayor
Barbara Tipton, Citizen
Judge Fred Avera
Jerry Wyatt, City of Dallas
John McArdle, Independence Mayor

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

At the last meeting, the Committee instructed Judge Luukinen to send a letter inviting the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to join the Council, to which the Tribe responded that they are interested in becoming a formal member of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. John Mercier, Public Works Director for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde attended the meeting.

MOTION: STAN BUTTERFIELD MOVED, COMMISSIONER JENNIFER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE BE GIVEN A MEMBERSHIP SEAT ON THE POLK COUNTY LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND JOHN MERCIER BE APPOINTED AS THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TRIBE.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2011

MOTION: JUDGE MONTE CAMPBELL MOVED, COMMISSIONER JENNIFER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2011.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. JUVENILE SERVICES REPORT

Trish Reding reported that the department is waiting to hear back regarding their budget at the both the State and local levels.

6. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Marty Silbernagel reported that the forecast budget for Corrections will be released tomorrow. It is rumored that Community Corrections will receive \$6.7 million back, and so Marty is optimistic that he won't have to make many cuts.

7. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Stan Butterfield reported that he is operating understaffed after losing two Deputy District Attorney's in the last month. Interviews are being conducted to fill these positions later this week, but until the positions are filled, there may be a delayed response time from the District Attorney's office.

8. SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sheriff Wolfe reported that the first officer for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Police Department completed training and is now serving. Funding has been received from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund for the Sheriff's Department for the next fiscal year for the County to continue to patrol the Grand Ronde area. Sheriff Wolf reported that he attended a SB412 training hosted by the Tribe. Two tribes in the State of Oregon have completed the necessary paperwork to make them SB412 compliant, and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are currently working on completing the paperwork.

Sheriff Wolfe is starting work on budget reductions, at least two of his patrol positions will be cut, and those deputies are currently in the process of background checks for transferring to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department. The Jail has implemented some cost saving measures, including switching to a cold breakfast. The Public Health department has also taken over all of the medical services at the jail, and that is working much better than previous medical staffing through ConMed. The Jail has also changed providers for pharmaceuticals, which will save approximately \$10,000.

9. CHIEFS OF POLICE REPORTS

- a. Dallas** – Chief John Teague said that Officer Lee Ingram passed away last week. The City of Dallas is now down to operating with 5 officers filling 12 positions on patrol.
- b. Independence** – Chief Vern Wells reported that the City is working to restrict outdoor marijuana grows. Also, the City is still cleaning up after the heavy flooding. Approximately 20-30 homes and businesses sustained water damage.
- c. Monmouth** – Chief Tallan reported that the Monmouth Police department is starting the budgeting process, but is not expected to be reduced this year. The City Council is looking at facility needs, since the Police Department has outgrown their current building. The City Municipal Court is working towards adding video arraignment for inmates housed at the Polk County Jail.

d. Oregon State Police – Lt. Eric Altman reported that the State Police have had personnel cuts, which is limiting the amount of time the State Police are able to spend in Polk County.

10. COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Heidi Bittick, Court Administrator reported that she is awaiting budget news from the State.

11. DRUG COURT

Judge Horner said the program currently has twenty three participants. Since 2005, there had only been one person that had graduated from drug court that was subsequently convicted for drug use, but this morning another graduate was convicted on drug charges. Judge Horner reported that he isn't anticipating budget cuts in Drug Court until the end of the biennium.

Judge Horner has announced his retirement once his term is over. He is the 3rd longest serving judge in the State of Oregon. A successor has to file by March 6 in order to run in the May primary. The winner of the election will then start on the first working Monday in January, 2013.

12. CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

John Mercier, Public Works Director with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde reported that the Tribe's budget is set on the calendar year, so they will not start the budget process until July. John also explained that the Spirit Mountain Community Fund usually provides funding for the Sheriff's Department for patrol deputies in Grand Ronde, but because the funding is a grant, the amount changes from year to year.

The next LPSCC meeting was set for Monday, May 7, 2012 at 12:00 noon. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes by Heather Alvarez