

Minutes

MINI-CASSIA EXECUTIVE BOARD OF JUVENILE PROBATION

VIA Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 856 1372 2383 Passcode: 397744
Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 7:30 AM

Minidoka County representatives present for this meeting were: Commissioner McClellan, Sheriff Snarr, Prosecutor Stevenson, and Clerk Page.

Cassia County representatives present for this meeting were: Commissioner Searle, Undersheriff Thompson, Prosecutor Larson, and Clerk Larsen.

Others present for this meeting were: Judge Hodges, Probation Officer Tate-Dennis, and Lt. Renz.

Welcome/Introduction of Guests: This meeting was called to Order at 7:31 AM by Commissioner Kent McClellan. No guests were present.

Sheriff Snarr moved to approve the **minutes of December 8, 2020**, with a second voiced by Commissioner Searle. Motion carried.

Reports of Activity:

Juvenile Judge – The Honorable Judge Mick Hodges

Judge reminded all that he is a voice and not a voter. There will be some national people coming in to audit drug court and to give some training. Drug court numbers should increase with moving into a medium need. He spoke of the governor's State of the State. Drug Court was cut back to one non-Medicaid funded spot last year. Changes in statutes are coming and status offenses are high on the list. They are using a new provider for drug court kids – switched to Preferred.

Juvenile Probation Dept. – Dixie Tate-Dennis, Chief Probation Officer

Dixie reported that there has been some really complex mental health cases; case loads are consistent; completed our Strengthening Families and TND funded programs and had COVID-19 graduations; will start again in March with eight referred and waiting; one strengthening families program will start in March; SUD program completed; had 47 drug tests in December of which 6 were dirty tests, submitted reimbursement to State; 30 kids are in outpatient drug and alcohol program; WILD kids have been working on regular and new projects; will wrap up staff evaluations for 2020; and Renee sent out newsletter that has some good training offered.

IDJC District 5 Liaison – Renee Waite – not present

Juvenile Detention Center – Trent Bodily, Director

Trent reported that as of current there are 6 kids in detention of which 2 are from Minidoka and 4 are from Cassia. Mental health cases continue to be challenging but the department does manage. Trent inquired on the likelihood of mental health court in which Judge and Dixie responded.

Sheriff Snarr, PA Stevenson, Clerk Larson, Commissioner Searle, and Undersheriff Thompson had nothing to report.

Clerk Page reported on the juvenile detention and juvenile probation budget numbers, both are sitting at 23% expended on a 27% year.

Sheriff Snarr moved to adjourn with a second voiced by Commissioner Searle. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 via Zoom