

**MINI-CASSIA JOINT JUVENILE PROBATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2022**

The Mini-Cassia Joint Juvenile Probation Committee met this day with Kent R. Searle (Cassia Commissioner) chairing the meeting.

Also in attendance: Jeremy Pittard (Juvenile Judge), Dixie Tate (Juvenile Probation), Renee Waite (IDJC Liaison), Kent McClellan (Minidoka Commissioner), Jarrod Thompson (Cassia Undersheriff), Dave Pinther (Minidoka Sheriff), McCord Larsen (Cassia Prosecutor), Lance Stevenson (Minidoka Prosecutor), Jeanne Allen (Cassia High Principal), Trent Bodily (Juvenile Detention Director), Mitzi Ramsey (Minidoka County Deputy Clerk), Tonya Page (Minidoka Clerk), Michelle Wallace (Cassia County Deputy Clerk), and Joe Larsen, (Cassia Clerk) present.

Called to Order: Cassia County Commissioner Kent Searle at 7:30 AM

**Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

The Mini-Cassia Joint Juvenile Probation Committee Minutes for January 11, 2022, were discussed. A motion was made to approve said minutes by Kent McClellan, seconded by Jarrod Thompson, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

**Reports of Activity:**

**Juvenile Judge – Judge Jeremy Pittard**

The committee welcomed Judge Jeremy Pittard as the newly-appointed Juvenile Judge. He will meet with Dixie Tate today to familiarize himself with and discuss Juvenile Probation processes.

**Mini-Cassia Juvenile Probation – Dixie Tate, Chief of Probation**

The drug and alcohol treatment program continues to grow with 40 youth in the state-funded SUDS program. They administered 84 drug tests in January, of which 31 were dirty. They currently have four juveniles participating in drug court and one juvenile receiving drug and alcohol in-patient treatment. In January, female WILD program participants logged 84 hours working for the Humanitarian Center and the VFW Hall in Burley. Male WILD program participants helped the at Assessor's office moving snow, worked at Lake Walcott, and worked at the Minidoka County Museum logging 168 hours. That program continues to grow. Two staff members attended Idaho POST training for Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement receiving seven Idaho POST credits.

Dixie presented the name of Enrica Molina for the Committee's approval for hiring for a Juvenile Probation Officer position.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Kent McClellan to approve hiring Enrica Molina as a Juvenile Probation Officer, seconded Jarrod Thompson, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

**IDJC District 5 Liaison – Renee Waite**

Renee reported there were currently 152 juveniles in State custody. There were 19 juveniles in custody from District 5; three from Cassia County and six from Minidoka County. Superintendent Green retired from IDJC’s St. Anthony campus. They are currently looking for qualified candidates to fill that position. The IDJC Legislation passed the House with no opposition and now is heading to the Senate for approval. They are working on grants to assist with youth assessment and crisis centers, but are waiting on legislation. The Twin Falls Juvenile Detention Center has moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Twin Falls County West building until construction is completed. The probation review, which was designed by administrators, will be conducted on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The data has now been finalized and they will be setting meetings with the commissioners and presenting to this Committee as well.

**Juvenile Detention Center – Trent Bodily, Director**

Trent reported there are currently five juveniles in detention; four from Minidoka County and one from Cassia County. Due to a detention officer retirement coming up in March, they are currently advertising to fill that position with a male officer. They are down five members of their staff due to illnesses and some have Covid. He asked for assistance in keeping their population below eight detainees until their employees currently out with illness are able to return to work.

**Tonya Page – Minidoka County Clerk**

Tonya reported that financials currently look really good. Juvenile Probation revenues total \$388,786.53. With 35% of the fiscal year gone by, 29% of budgeted amounts have been expended. The remaining cash balance in the trust is \$310,750.48. With 35% of the fiscal year gone by, Juvenile Detention has expended 29% of budgeted amounts. Remaining cash balance in the trust is \$390,341.25.

**McCord Larsen – Cassia County Prosecutor**

McCord said he would try to accommodate Trent’s request to keep Juvenile detainee numbers as low as possible.

**Lance Stevenson – Minidoka County Prosecutor**

Lance introduced all the sitting Committee members to Judge Pittard and reviewed with the Committee who the voting members are.

**MOTION**

8:05 AM McCord Larsen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jarrod Thompson. The motion carried with a unanimous yea vote.

**Next Juvenile Probation Meeting**

Scheduled for 7:30 AM Tuesday, March 8, 2022 by Zoom