

MINI-CASSIA JOINT JUVENILE PROBATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 08, 2022

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

7:30 AM The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Searle.

Present: Wayne Schenk (Minidoka Commissioner), Kent R. Searle (Cassia Commissioner), Dave Pinther (Minidoka Sheriff), Dixie Tate (Juvenile Probation Administrator), Lance Stevenson (Minidoka Prosecuting Attorney), McCord Larsen (Cassia Prosecuting Attorney), Tonya Page (Minidoka Clerk), Joseph Larsen (Cassia Clerk), Mitzi Ramsey (Minidoka Deputy Clerk), Michelle Wallace (Cassia Deputy Clerk), Trent Bodily (Juvenile Detention Director), Renee Waite (IDJC Liaison), and Margaret Fortner (Mount Harrison High School Principal)

The Mini-Cassia Joint Juvenile Probation Committee Minutes for February 8, 2022, were discussed. A motion was made to approve said minutes by Sheriff Dave Pinther, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Schenk, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Reports:

Dixie Tate reported that the department had just completed a probation review with positive feedback by the State and other probation peers around the state. The results should be received within a couple of months. Tate is currently working on the Office of Drug Policy (ODP) Grant and is hoping to hear about grants to help fund programs such as "Strengthen Families" as well as "No Drug Use." Training opportunities and activities were reviewed. A brief review of the activities of the WILD program was provided. The newest hire for the department, Enrica Molina, will start on March 14th, 2022. The department is fully staffed.

Renee Waite reviewed the 2021 Mini-Cassia Annual Juvenile Justice Report. It was discussed that the success rate for both Diversion and Probation is over 90%. Waite stated that 90% of the charges were related to misdemeanors, and that status offense rates were very low.

Trent Bodily reported that there are currently four juveniles in detention, with three from Minidoka County and one from Cassia County. One of the four will be going to the IDJC. Bodily will be presenting a name at the Jail Committee Meeting to fill the full time opening in the department.

Tonya Page reported that the Juvenile Probation numbers are looking good, with expenses sitting at 35.2% with 43% of the year elapsed. Current revenue received is just over \$110,000. It was discussed that they had received over \$21,000 in grants.

Wayne Schenk inquired about a vaping tax that had been proposed. It was discussed that while it did not pass, that there is hope that it may be considered in a future session.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Kent R. Searle, seconded by Sheriff Dave Pinther, Motion carried at 7:56 AM

Next Juvenile Probation Meeting

Scheduled for 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, **April 12, 2022**