

MINI-CASSIA JOINT JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 28, 2023

The Mini-Cassia Joint Justice Committee met this day with McCord Larsen (Cassia Prosecutor) chairing the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Prosecutor McCord Larsen at 8:00 AM

Also in attendance: Kent Searle (Cassia Commissioner), Dan Schaeffer (Minidoka Commissioner), Jarrod Thompson (Cassia Undersheriff), Dave Pinther (Minidoka Sheriff), Lance Stevenson (Minidoka Prosecutor), Amber Prewitt (Misdemeanor Probation Director), Shannon Taylor (MCCJC Lieutenant), Kerry McMurray (Cassia Assistant to the BoCC), Trent Bodily (Juvenile Detention Director), Mitzi Ramsey (Minidoka Deputy Clerk), and Michelle Wallace (Cassia Deputy Clerk)

Previous Meeting Minutes: The Mini-Cassia Joint Justice Committee Minutes from 03/14/2023, were discussed.

Motion and Action: Approval for meeting minutes from 03/14/2023, **Motion by** Dave Pinther– Minidoka Sheriff, **Seconded by** Kent Searle – Cassia Commissioner, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Action Items

Shannon Taylor –MCCJC Lieutenant: Taylor presented the name Sergio Ramirez for a Detention Deputy position as a conditional new hire pending completion of a background check.

Motion and Action: Approval for conditional hiring for Sergio Ramirez for Detention Deputy Position, pending completion of background check, **Moved by** Dan Schaeffer – Minidoka Commissioner, **Seconded by** Kent Searle – Cassia Commissioner, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Taylor presented the name Alexandra Juarez for a Part Time as Needed Detention Deputy position.

Motion and Action: Approval for Part Time as Needed hiring for Alexandra Juarez for Detention Deputy Position, **Moved by** Kent Searle – Cassia Commissioner, **Seconded by** Dan Schaffer – Minidoka Commissioner, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Taylor reviewed previously discussed PST cameras and server purchase. The current server does not have sufficient memory to store the needed six months backup video recordings required by PREA. The server bid with 340 terabyte system is \$38,331.11. PST anticipates that within the next three months there will be a 20% increase in that price. The bid for the eleven new cameras is an additional \$4,448.75.

The current service contract is set to renew in April. The scheduled annual contract payment is \$3,800.00. Taylor does not have money in the budget to cover these expenses but with the large price increase in the next three months he would like to proceed prior to the next budget season. With the new contract the annual payment of \$3,800.00 would not be paid for the next three years.

Prosecutor Larsen requested that Taylor explain why the server needs to be replaced. Taylor stated that in the process of exploring the purchase of new cameras with the added capabilities it was discovered that the current server does not have enough memory to support the additional storage needs. The current server is saving 90 days' worth of video for all camera systems. The new one would support six months of video recordings.

Larsen inquired with Prosecutor Stevenson and Cassia Assistant to the BoCC McMurray if the six months of video recording would be beneficial for any litigation matters, both agreed it was necessary.

McMurray mentioned that recently there were changes with the law that require six months of backups; this would put the County in compliance with statute. Undersheriff Thompson mentioned that it is also PREA Compliant for privacy rights. Sheriff Pinther agreed the expense is worth the need. Taylor will bring it forward to the Cassia BOCC for review and then Minidoka with the Joint Justice Committee's approval and support.

Adult Misdemeanor Probation – Amber Prewitt: Prewitt requested the approval for the purchase of new firearms for the probation officers. They will need to add Red Dots and Lights in the event they need them for safety purposes for night home searches. Trade in value on the current firearms is \$275.00 each. The probation officers will personally purchase those directly from the dealer. Prewitt reviewed several options with Undersheriff Thompson as well as four different dealers for the best price. The total trade in cost for the current firearms that will be purchased back by the officers is \$2,225.00.

The new firearms which include Red Dots, Lights and new Holsters for the total of \$6,015.00. Prewitt mentioned she does have money in her budget to cover this expense and stressed the importance for her officers to have the most up to date equipment. Undersheriff Thompson is in support of this purchase. Sheriff Pinther wanted to clarify that the old firearms will not be purchased from the County, they will be purchased from the dealer directly, he stated that he is in support of the purchase for the officers. Prewitt said the purchase will be for Gen 5 G17 or GEN 5 G47. They will most likely go with the Glock GEN 5 G47's due to current availability.

Motion and Action: Approval for purchase of new firearms and necessary equipment not to exceed \$6,100.00, pending Board Approval, **Moved by** Jarrod Thompson – Cassia Undersheriff, **Seconded by** Dave Pinther – Minidoka Sheriff, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Trent Bodily - Juvenile Detention Director: Bodily presented the name Tammy Schlooder for a Detention Officer position.

Motion and Action: Approval for hire of Tammy Schlooder for Detention Officer Position, **Moved by** Dave Pinter – Minidoka Sheriff, **Seconded by** Dan Schaffer – Minidoka Commissioner, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Reports of Activity

Mitzi Ramsey – Minidoka Deputy Clerk: Deputy Clerk Ramsey reported Juvenile Detention Center expense budget is at 41.18% expended with 48% of the year completed. The trust balance is \$534,656.47.

Michelle Wallace – Cassia Deputy Clerk: Deputy Clerk Wallace reported Misdemeanor Probation revenues are at 58% and expenditures are at 44% with 48% of the year completed. Jail revenues are at 51.18% and expenditures are at 47% with 48% of the year completed. Funds from IDOC Inmate Medical were received this morning in the amount of \$6,673.11 that are not reflected in today's funds. The jail trust balance is currently \$924,332.59.

Trent Bodily - Juvenile Detention Director: Bodily reported they currently have seven total residents; three from Cassia County and four from Minidoka County. Bodily reported the PREA audit is complete and they are 100% compliant for the next three years.

Adult Misdemeanor Probation – Amber Prewitt: Prewitt reported that they currently have 1016 active probationers, with 460 on pretrial release. They are currently fully staffed. Prewitt mentioned that their B Budget is currently at 37%.

Shannon Taylor –MCCJC Lieutenant: Taylor reported a population of 146 inmates: 53 Cassia, 36 Minidoka, 1 ICE, 37 IDOC, 18 US Marshall, and 1 courtesy. Taylor reported they are currently down two officers. One position they hope will be filled after background is complete. They are testing tomorrow with several applicants between the jail and patrol. Idaho Sheriff's Association Jail inspection was completed yesterday and was passed. The roof is still being worked on.

Minidoka Prosecutor – Lance Stevenson: Stevenson mentioned Minidoka has received OPIOD money that he is currently checking to see if those funds can be used in order to purchase a Body Scanner for the Jail for drug related incidences. He is hoping that both counties can split the cost, but he is checking into specifics to see if those funds can be used for such purchase and it will be addressed in the future.

Stevenson mentioned that they had recently interviewed all the Jail Detention Officers and the court found that all Officers were compliant with their job duties and responsibilities and are very professional in how they treat the inmates and protect the rights of the prisoners.

8:35 AM Adjourn

8:35 AM **Motion and Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kent Searle - Cassia Commissioner, **Seconded by** Dan Schaeffer – Minidoka Commissioner, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Next Mini-Cassia Joint Justice Committee Meeting

(Virtually by Zoom)

Scheduled for 8:00 AM, Tuesday, April 11th, 2023