

MINI-CASSIA JOINT JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 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), Trent Bodily (Juvenile Detention Director), Kerry McMurray (Assistant to the Cassia BoCC), Tonya Page (Minidoka Clerk), Mitzi Ramsey (Minidoka Deputy Clerk) and Michelle Wallace (Cassia Deputy Clerk)

Previous Meeting Minutes: The Mini-Cassia Joint Justice Committee Minutes from 05/23/2023, were discussed.

Motion and Action: Approval for meeting minutes from 05/23/2023, **Motion by** Dan Schaeffer – Minidoka Commissioner, **Seconded by** Kent Searle – Cassia Commissioner, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Action Items

Amber Prewitt – Misdemeanor Director: Prewitt requested the approval to extend the weekend testing hours from 8:00AM to 9:00AM to accommodate some offenders who work on the weekends as to not interfere with their jobs. McCord inquired if there was an average cost for these extended hours. Prewitt responded that the extended hours will be twice a month for an hour and a half pay for two employees, and the pay varies per employee.

Motion and Action: Approval for the extension of weekend testing hours, **Moved by** Kent Searle – Cassia Commissioner, **Seconded by** Jarrod Thompson – Cassia Undersheriff, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Prewitt requested approval for departmental standardized wage increases. This was presented to both Cassia and Minidoka commissioners and will be on the Cassia agenda again next week in hopes of finalizing the increase. This increase is due to the amount of caseloads that is currently at 110 offenders per probation officer and 190 offenders on pre-trial release. That along with certifications, trainings, GPS monitoring, SCRAM monitoring, various drug testing along with bringing up her staff to the level of other probationers. These increases are requested to cover all the extra work their office completes and the resources that are provided to the community. Pinther inquired if there was a percentage amount for the increase. Prewitt responded with a 15% overall that will be divvied between officers based on performance and it will bring the starting wage to \$20.20 an hour.

Motion and Action: Approval for the Departmental Standardized Wage Increases, **Moved by** Kent Searle – Cassia Commissioner, **Seconded by** Jarrod Thompson – Cassia Undersheriff, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Reports of Activity

Tonya Page – Minidoka Clerk: Clerk Page reported Juvenile Detention Center expense budget is at 58.49% expended with 69% of the year completed. The Juvenile Detention trust balance is currently \$251,342.00.

Michelle Wallace – Cassia Deputy Clerk: Deputy Clerk Wallace reported Misdemeanor Probation revenues are at 72% and expenditures are at 65% with 70% of the year completed. IDOC Funds for March were received last week for the total of \$103,060.00. Jail revenues are at 94.75% and expenditures are at 68% with 70% of the year completed. The jail trust balance is currently \$235,088.32. Misdemeanor Probation trust balance is currently \$310,349.27.

Trent Bodily - Juvenile Detention Director: Bodily reported they currently have seven total residents; three from Cassia County and four from Minidoka County.

Amber Prewitt – Misdemeanor Probation Director: Prewitt reported they currently have 1,005 active probationers, with 453 on pretrial release. They are awaiting the second funding from both counties and almost all Misdemeanor revenue lines are around 90% and SCRAM is at 86%.

Jarrold Thompson –Cassia Undersheriff: Thompson reported the current Inmate population of 158 inmates: 51 Cassia, 37 Minidoka, and 66 rented beds. They are currently down three deputies and no applications have been received at this time. They will continue to look for new applicants.

Unfinished Business Action Items

Jarrold Thompson –Cassia Undersheriff: Thompson reported that both Minidoka and Cassia County have agreed to the use of OPIOID Funds for the purchase of a body scanner for the jail. The purchase will be made from Command Sourcing for the total of \$148,930.00 and the cost will be split between counties. Searle inquired if more than one bid had been received. Thompson responded that they have received two quotes from different sources in order to meet the requirements, but they will verify with legal counsel. The scanning capabilities of the unit were discussed.

Motion and Action: Approval for the use of OPIOID Funds for the purchase of a body scanner from Command Sourcing in the amount of \$149,000.00, **Moved by** Dave Pinther – Minidoka Sheriff, **Seconded by** Dan Schaeffer – Minidoka Commissioner , followed by a unanimous yea vote.

8:20 AM Adjourn

8:20 AM **Motion and Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Kent Searle – Cassia Commissioner, **Seconded by** Jarrold Thompson – Cassia Undersheriff, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

Next Mini-Cassia Joint Justice Committee Meeting

(Virtually by Zoom)

Scheduled for 8:00 AM, Tuesday, June 27th, 2023