

**MINUTES**  
**MINI-CASSIA JAIL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Date: October 26, 2021**  
**Time: 8:00 a.m.**

1. Call to order by Prosecutor Larsen at 8:00 A.M.
2. Roll call: Minidoka County representatives present were: Prosecutor Stevenson, Commissioner McClellan and Sheriff Pinther. Cassia County representatives present were: Prosecutor Larsen, Commissioner Searle, Under Sheriff Thompson. Others present were: Criminal Justice Center Director Renz, Adult Misdemeanor Probation Director Prewitt, Juvenile Detention Director Bodily, Minidoka Clerk Page, Cassia Deputy Clerk Wallace and Minidoka Deputy Clerk Ramsey and Cassia County Administrator McMurray.
3. Approval of minutes: **Sheriff Pinther moved to accept the minutes of October 12, 2021, with a second voiced by Under Sheriff Thompson.** Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS**

4. **Criminal Justice Center – Director Renz**
  - a. Personnel – action – They have one opening to fill at the MCCJC caused by an employee who retired and another leaving for personal reasons but will be staying on part time.
  - b. Guardian RFID Contract Draft- action – Director Renz sent the draft contract to Administrator McMurray who made a couple changes. Prosecutor’s Larsen and Stevenson did not have a chance to review it yet.
  - c. Director Renz received an email Thursday afternoon from Jose Munoz with ICE, who wants to modify their contract with us and wanted an answer yesterday. They want to include the Federal COVID rules including the Presidents executive orders that would include mandatory vaccination of all jail employees. Undersheriff Thompson stated that Cassia will not do a mandatory vaccination and Sheriff Pinther will not impose a mandatory vaccination. Prosecutor Larsen stated, “Would the ramifications stop all ICE inmates being housed?” Director Renz did not know as we still have a contract with them. Since the new administration took over in Washington our revenue from ICE inmates has dropped significantly at about half than there was before the new administration. Prosecutor Larsen commented that just because they want us to sign an amendment this will not get them out of their current contract. A non-official vote was taken that it will not be approved and will officially be on the next agenda.
5. **Adult Misdemeanor Probation – Director Prewitt**
  - a. Personnel – action – None at this time.
6. **Juvenile Detention Center – Director Bodily**
  - a. Personnel – action – None at this time.

7. Executive Sessions was not needed.

## **REPORTS OF ACTIVITY**

### **8. Budget Matters - Clerk Page, Clerk Larsen –**

Clerk Page – JDC is 6% year gone 5.8% spent, they are spending \$74,000 a month on payroll and benefits. Only \$112,000 in the bank, going to run out of money. We need a slush fund. The Joint Power Agreement says that the justice fund will carry the deficient until the tax turn over but this is two years running and the agreement says that when this happens both counties will get together and increase funding or shut down. Deputy Clerk Wallace – Misdemeanor probation is at 7% of the year gone with revenue at 3%, expenditures are at 6%. Jail is at 6.67% year gone with revenue at 1.55%, expenditures are at 5%

9. **Juvenile Detention Center – Director Bodily** – This morning their population was 7 juveniles in detention: 5 from Minidoka and 2 from Cassia. The new nurse has started and very pleased with her.

10. **Adult Misdemeanor Probation – Director Prewitt** – Currently they have 969 on active probation and 362 on pretrial release. Overall everything is going well: looking for contractors to do the extension on bathrooms; getting bids for other avenues on testing when their contract is up; products are getting more difficult to get your hands on, and many items are on backorder. Director Prewitt is going to place an order next month to see if we can get the items here and just store them to make sure we have supplies on hand. The new guy is doing a great job, he is trained in pretrial already. A discussion was held regarding the need for a list of vendors for probationer counseling, this same list to be available in both Counties.

11. **Criminal Justice Center – Mr. Renz** – Population is 112 with Cassia at 39, Minidoka at 37, 20 IDOC, 15 US marshal, 1 Twin Falls with 36 beds rented. Random drug testing is going well.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS**

12. Nothing to report

**Next Meeting:** November 9, 2021, 8:00 a.m. via zoom.

Thompson **moved to adjourn with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan.** Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 am