

MINUTES
MINI-CASSIA JAIL COMMITTEE MEETING
Date: November 9, 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, Minidoka Deputy Clerk Ramsey and Cassia County Administrator McMurray.

3. Approval of minutes: **Undersheriff Thompson moved to accept the minutes of October 26, 2021, with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan.** Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

4. **Criminal Justice Center – Director Renz**
 1. **Personnel – action item** - They are three positions down, one of the new employees quit, just wasn't for him. Director Renz has received two applications, Tayson Snarr is retesting and the other is Nicolete Aburto, Dan would like to talk with Amber before hiring. Undersheriff Thompson moved to approve the hiring of these two applicants, Mr. Snarr and Miss Aburto, as long as they pass the testing and a get a recommendation from the board, with a second voiced by Sheriff Pinther. Motion carried.
 2. **Guardian RFID Contract Draft- action item** - Director Renz talked with Administrator McMurray and he informed him that he has talked with both prosecutors and they both approved the changes. Director Renz has sent it off to RFID and they are good with the changes we made. Undersheriff Thompson moved to present the Guardian RFID contract to the two Commissioner Boards, with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.
 3. **ICE Amendment – action item** - As discussed last week, we are not going to sign off on their requested amendment which would obligate Cassia County to abide by the Presidents executive order on COVID issues, including mandatory vaccinations for all employees. Undersheriff Thompson moved to reject the amendment, with a second voiced by Sheriff Pinther. Prosecutor Larsen commented on record as Prosecutor and as a tax payer, that the vaccine mandate is a horrible idea and proud that they have taken this issue up, as he believes it to be unconstitutional. Motion carried.
 4. **Review update proposal to inmate rules – action item** - With the change of the commesary contract a few inmate rules needed changed. Director Renz to allow inmates to wear sweats in the day room, but anytime they come out of the housing units they must wear the orange issued uniforms. There has been a lot of grievences over food when there is a change of vegetables from the menu. Director Renz added that meals may vary according to inventory so when they grieve it, they are able to site the rule and be done with it. He also added that Bible studies and service groups could be suspended due to health and safety issues. Director Renz has also added a definition of legal mail.

Administrator McMurray gave Dan a definition of what legal mail is and added that definition word for word. The legal mail definition was read by Director Renz. Undersheriff Thompson moved to accept the rule changes of the jail inmate policy, with a second voiced by Sheriff Pinther. Motion carried.

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 - JDC** has \$32,00.00 in the bank as of last Friday, so for the month of November there will not be enough for all the expenses to be transferred. She has estimated, by January to be in the negative of \$193,000 dollars when the first payments come in. Clerk Page would like to propose that Minidoka and Cassia both fund early. This will be put on both County Commissioner agendas.

Prosecutor Stevenson suggested a joint meeting to get all the Commissioners on board together.

Clerk Larsen – Deputy Clerk Wallace reported on misdemeanor probation expenses; with 10% of the year gone, they are at 9% expended, revenue is at 5%. Jail expenditures are at 9% with revenue at 5.64% which leaves a remaining cash balance in the jail trust at a negative \$10,620.66, and will remain negative until the first payment from Minidoka around January.

9. **Juvenile Detention Center – Director Bodily** – This morning their population was 5 juveniles in detention: 3 from Minidoka and 2 from Cassia.

10. **Adult Misdemeanor Probation – Director Prewitt** – They have currently 972 active probationers, 370 on pretrial, this is up 3 active and 8 pretrial in the last two weeks. Director Prewitt is putting in a big order for testing supplies but is running into problems because of shipping. This order was placed last week and should take them through the next 6 months. The goal is to bring forth a new contract for testing in January or February.

11. **Criminal Justice Center – Director Renz** - 123 in custody, 46 Cassia, 37 Minidoka, 21 State, 17 US Marshall, 1 Twin Falls, and 1 other, with a total of 39 beds rented today. Director Renz reported he is getting closer to getting the IGA contract with the US Marshall completed on the price they will pay. He is working with Heather on the questions that are being asked in the contract. It should be done and submitted next week. He requested \$75.00 per day, the same as IDOC pays. Payments have not been received for August and September from IDOC, the person who processes the payments has been given more duties so it will just take longer for a while. US Marshall is also behind on their August payment and the reason for that is we have been billing them for zoom court time, but it is not in the current agreement, they have sent an addendum to allow for that billing. Director Renz will be sending that addendum to Prosecutor Stevenson, Prosecutor Larsen and Administrator McMurray and put it on the Commissioners agenda. After a brief

discussion, a quarterly jail review with both Boards of County Commissioners will be held on November 29th at 8:00 A.M.

Sheriff Pinther moved to enter into executive session pursuant to IC-74206 (1)(b), with a second voiced by Undersheriff Thompson. Roll call vote, Undersheriff Thompson aye, Commissioner McClellan aye, Commissioner Searle aye, Sheriff Pinther aye. Motion carried, entered into executive session at 8:01 A.M.

8:44 A.M. exited executive session and matters will be taken under advisement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

12. Nothing to report

Next Meeting: November 23, 2021, 8:00 A.M. via zoom.

Commissioner McClellan **moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 with a second voiced by Undersheriff Thompson.** Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M.