

LPSCC MEETING September 6, 2024, at Noon.

MINUTES

Attendance:

Hon. Michael Clarke, Larry Evenson, Mark Lang, Joshua Pond, Margaret Magruder, Todd Jacobson, Jaime Aanensen, Stacia Tyacke, Jerry Cole, James Macfarlane, Shane Kennedy, Jessica Chilton, Andy Hasenkamp, Hon. Nicolas Brajcich

Non-Members Present:

Malea Wendell, Community Adult Division Supervisor Columbia County Community Corrections.

Meeting:

Meeting called to order at around 12:07 PM

Agenda

LPSCC reviewed the agenda of the meeting, Chilton moved to approve the agenda and Tyacke seconded the motion to approve. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Prior Minutes

The minutes were reviewed for the June 4, 2024, meeting. Aanensen moved to approve the minutes and Chilton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

JRI Quarterly Report Presentation and approval. Malea Wendell, Adult Division Supervisor did the presentation of the Columbia County Justice Reinvestment Initiative program. The presentation was done through a power point presentation that was provided to the members. There was a discussion of the four goals of JRI. They include 1. Reduce recidivism through evidence-based practices; 2. Reduce prison utilization for property, drug, and driving offenses; 3. Increase public safety; and 4. Hold Offenders accountable. There was a discussion of the funding and what programs it supports. Wendell presented the 6-month highlights of the program. Wendell indicated that future presentations would focus less on data and more on “why” of the data. Lang hoped that a defense attorney representative could be added to the JRI team. There was a need for LPSCC to approve the presentation. Chilton Moved for approval of the presentation. Aanensen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Presentation was approved unanimously.

Discussion of the Columbia County Jail. Lang expressed concern about the jail operations and if the services of the jail are reduced if the levy does not pass He indicated that before the jail levy the court system did not function very well. There was a significant increase in failures to appear, which led to more charges being filed. He feared of the helpful services for clients in the jail will be lost and that could cause more safety concerns for the community. Chilton indicated that the City of Saint Helens passed a resolution in support of the jail levy. Brajcich, who used to work for the DA’s Office before becoming a

judge, talked about the system before the levy and the increase in services at the jail have allowed people to get treatment. At this time LPSCC cannot take a formal position on the levy. No action was taken.

Membership of Jim Gibson being changed from public to judicial. Gibson was not present. Magruder discussed the issue of keeping his position as citizen member. According to the bylaws, the county would need to amend the ordinance to allow it and LPSCC could not make that change on its own. Lang tabled the issue for now.

New Business

No New business was discussed.

Adjournment. Chilton moved to adjourn the meeting. Aanensen seconded the motion. Lang called the question and vote to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting ended around 12:39 PM

Minutes Approved: _____

Mark J Lang, Chair