

# **Criminal Justice Collaborative Council**

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**CJCC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Administrative Building, Lower Level Conference Room  
220 N. Main  
February 13, 2009 – 7:30 a.m.

**Members Attending:** David Swartz (Circuit Court Chief Judge), Kirk Tabbey (District Court Presiding Judge), Bob Guenzel (County Administrator), Lloyd Powell (Public Defender), Jerry Clayton (Sheriff), John Shea,

**Members Absent:** Rolland Sizemore, Jr. (Chair, Board of Commissioners), Brian Mackie (County Prosecutor),

**Others Present:** Scott Patton (CJCC Staff), Scott Rasmussen (CJCC Intern), Gregory Dill (Sheriff Administration), Gary Greenfield (Lieutenant – Sheriff), Shala Blakney (Senior Assistant Public Defender), Steven Hiller (Deputy Chief Assistant Prosecutor)

**Meeting Convened: 7:44 am**

## **I. Leadership**

Patton said new leadership will need to be selected. John Shea had been approached and said he was willing to serve as the new Chair for the CJCC. Guenzel suggested that Sheriff Clayton be the Vice-Chair.

There was also discussion about the start time for the Steering Committee and Full Council Meetings. Chairman of the Board of Commissioners Rolland Sizemore had communicated that he would like the meetings to be moved to 4:00 PM. Several participants suggested that a 4:00 PM start time might adversely affect attendance. Guenzel suggested that the council consider amending the by-laws to allow the Board of Commissioners to appoint a member other than the Chair. Patton and Guenzel will discuss.

## **II. CJCC Agenda**

Patton reported that the Jail Overcrowding Act will amend pre-trial procedures and increase the amount of information the Sheriff is responsible for sending to the judge. Patton added that when the act was amended a year ago it allowed for counties to form committees to address overcrowding. Discussion ensued on whether or not to convene the group here. Changing the pre-trial hearing process will affect transportation needs and potentially cause administrative problems for the courts.

The state corrections budget will also be discussed. Patton reported that the Governor is recommending cutting the NBOC budget by 3%, mostly through facility closures. He said too expect a lot of changes throughout the budgeting process. Several members raised the question as to what level of advocacy does the CJCC want to engage in. Patton will talk to Kirk Profit and report back to the council.

The Council of State Government's reports on Michigan state prisons will also be discussed. Patton said there are two reports: one analyzes crime in the state, the second

**Adjourned: 8:30 am**

Next Steering Committee meeting: 04/10/09.

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