



GADSDEN COUNTY

Board of County Commissioners

9-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2015 2:00 p.m.

Present:

Eric Hinson, Board of County Commission, Chair of Public Safety Coordinating Council
Major Shawn Wood, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), Vice – Chair
Robert Presnell, County Administrator
Arthur Lawson, Assistant County Administrator
Judge Barbara Hobbs, Circuit Court
Judge Kathy Garner, County Court
Samantha Pordre, Public Defender
Flor Diaz, Public Defender
Derek Jackson, State Probation
Frank Allman, State Attorney
Clyde Collins, County Building Official
Laurel Bradley, County Administration
Jeff Price, BOCC
Stacy Hannigon, BOCC
Capt. Henry Miller, GCSO
Annie Berry, GCSO
Robert Barkley, GCSO
Jolene Williams, GCSO
Brian Alexander, GCSO
Major Tommy Mills, GCSO
Bobby Collins, GCSO
Bill Wills, Court Administration
Kimblin NeSmith, Gadsden Academy
Rihanna Cahman, Student Aide
Antonio Griffin, Student Aide
Beryl Wood, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA ITEMS

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance Meeting called to order

Chair Eric Hinson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Invocation was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Commissioner Hinson. He allowed everyone present to introduce themselves and it was recorded above.

General Business

1. Approval of Minutes (February 13, 2015)

UPON MOTION BY MAJOR SHAWN WOOD AND SECOND BY MAJOR ROBERT BARKLEY, THE COUNCIL VOTED BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2015 PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING.

2. Update on Rural County Summit - Molly and Flakka - One Day Seminar (Shawn Woods, Vice-Chairperson, GCPSCC)

Major Shawn Wood discussed the Rural County Summit concerning molly and flakka in a one – day seminar, which was held on September 9, 2015 at the Florida Public Safety. He gave a brief power-point and presentation.

Judge Garner commented they are attempting to treat symptoms and not the origin. We need to look at what's causing this. What are people looking and searching for with the use of these drugs.

Major Wood said that Judge Garner was correct they are trying to escape from something. We are training Life Coaches to assist us with this epidemic. He introduced Brain Alexander that actually goes out and tries to lead searches that would apprehend those putting the drug on the street.

3. Update on Work Program (Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator/Martha Chancey, Probation Manager)

Mr. Presnell gave report on jail population, averages per month and cost to jail through Sept. He re-iterated jail cost and how it resulted in saved labor. The value was a total of \$136,752.00 from implementation of Gadsden County Work Program to the taxpayers. Mr. Presnell explained the Work – Program where they sign up through the County Probation once they have been sentenced by the Judge and they recommend.

Judge Garner voiced there were several benefits to the program. The most important for a lot of them is they can do the hours in lieu of jail time.

Judge Hobbs explained the program is helpful so the individual (defendant) can stay employed if they have a job because they can schedule their days around their work schedule.

Chair Hinson thanked all involved in the process for their support.

4. Jail Update

(Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator/Clyde Collins, Building Official)

Mr. Presnell commented on the Gadsden County Jail review completed by the Office of Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc. who were hired by the Board of County Commissioners. He said they inspected the jail inside and out and identified some areas that could benefit from improvement. He said the reports are available to anyone that would like a copy.

Mr. Frank Allman asked about jail surveillance.

Mr. Presnell stated they identified two blind spots. He said there were a total of 3 new cameras installed by Sonitrol.

Mr. Clyde Collins said there were issues with the DVR and Camera. He said it has been fixed and there should be no problem getting the surveillance videos.

Judge Hobbs commented on jail population report that is generated daily. She would like a real report with who is in there.

Lt. Miller said they send out a report with the actual count listed as body count and one with the actual count such as inmates that maybe signed out in other counties.

Mr. Presnell announced the Public Defender's Grand Opening, Oct. 6, 2015 for the completed renovations.

Chair Hinson introduced Mr. Kimblin E. NeSmith, Gadsden County Leadership and Law Academy and allowed to speak.

Kim NeSmith came before the Council and briefly described how the Leadership and Law Academy is the only Academy in the United States. He said they were the only School District with Seniors in High School can earn either the Correction Certification, Armed or Unarmed Security Certification and their 911 Dispatch Certification. He said the great thing about this program the seniors can go straight to work upon graduation from High School and completion of the program. He said there was a 100% placement, not enough people for the demand.

Major Wood commented on the excellence of the program. He mentioned that they are leaning toward offering Criminal Justice Classes and Boys Scouts to help with the youth in the County.

Mr. Presnell asked Mr. NeSmith to commit on placement after graduation.

Mr. NeSmith commented that since the start of the program in 2006 – 07 they have had more jobs available than graduates. He said they provide 100% placement.

Chair Hinson introduced his student interns to the Council, Antonio Griffin and Rihanna Cahman.

Questions/Comments

There were no additional questions or comments.

Upcoming Meetings

1. In six (6) months - Date TBD

ADJOURNMENT

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL, THE CHAIR DECLARED
THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:41 P.M.**

ERIC HINSON, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BERYL H. WOOD, DEPUTY CLERK