



# GADSDEN COUNTY

## Board of County Commissioners

9-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351

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### PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

August 1, 2014

1:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Eric Hinson, Board of County Commission, Chair of Public Safety Coordinating Council

Major Shawn Wood, Gadsden County Sheriff's Office, Vice – Chair

Robert Presnell, County Administrator

Arthur Lawson, Interim County Manager

Victor Holder, Public Defender

May Andrews, State Probation

Clyde Collins, County Building Official

Martha Chancey, County Probation

Laurel Bradley, County Administration

Jeff Price, County Budget Director

Nina Moody, Public Defender

Susan Wilson, Court Administration

Olivia Smith, County Administration

Robert Barkley, GCSO

Timothy Ashley, GCSO

Mathew Sampson, State Probation

Beryl H. Wood, Deputy Clerk

#### **1. Welcome**

Chair Eric Hinson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He allowed everyone present to introduce themselves and it was recorded above.

The State Attorney's Office was excused for this meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes – August 2, 2013**

**UPON MOTION BY SUSAN WILSON AND SECOND BY NINA MOODY, THE COUNCIL VOTED BY VOICE VOTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2013 PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING.**

3. **Facilities Management – Jail Update**

Clyde Collins, County Building Official, gave update on facilities at the jail. He said they have completed the updates and repairs to the jail locks, lighting, security system, hot water heaters were repaired, repainted the jail, etc. They spent over \$600,000 at the jail for improvements. He stated the next big project at the jail would be repairs with the Air Handlers.

Mr. Presnell said everything that was identified in the Jail Inspection Report has been corrected; there are no outstanding issues with the jail. He thanked the County Commission for supporting the updates.

Major Wood spoke of the improvements to the jail. He complimented the work and the staff for improving the Security System and Booking desk. He said he was glad the County took the time to do the improvements. He invited the Council to the Jail for a tour if they had not been.

Chair Hinson gave applause to all that were involved.

4. **Work Program Update**

Martha Chancey, County Probation, gave an update of the Work Program. The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners approved the operation off the Work Program on October 15, 2014. She said the program hours are Monday – Thursday 7-3pm and Friday 8-4pm and the benefits of the program are that it replaces jail for participants; last chance before being sentenced to serve jail time, helps with jail overcrowding and Public Works receives free labor. The man hours worked since program started was 1784 and labor savings of \$17,480. She said she needs more participants to keep program

working. First Saturday August 9, they will begin Saturdays. She asked all that was present who worked on plea deals to encourage pleas that dealt with the work program being a part of sentencing for those that are applicable.

Major Wood asked how they could help get the numbers up.

Nina Moody said it would take getting the Judges more involved. She suggested getting Judge Hobbs involved. She noted Judge Garner is abreast of the program and does sentence those that come before her and qualify to the Work Program.

Major Wood asked about traffic ticket infractions or drivers license issues. He posed the question how could a defendant benefit from this program if they are not able to pay.

Nina Moody said it takes getting all parties getting involved from the Clerk to the Judges. She suggested they talk to State Attorney Willie Meggs.

May Andrews, State Probation Office, asked that she be copied when dealing with probation officers concerning request, so she can follow up.

## **5. Questions/Comments**

Major Shawn Wood questioned process of electing a Vice –Chair and asked should it be done yearly.

Chair Hinson entertained a motion for a nominee for Vice – Chair.

**UPON MOTION BY ARTHUR LAWSON AND SECOND BY MAY ANDREWS, THE COUNCIL VOTED BY VOICE VOTE, TO ELECT MAJOR SHAWN WOOD AS THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

Major Barkley gave update of Jail. He said they currently run about 54 inmates over capacity. He thanked the Commission for all they have done.

Major Wood asked for direction for the Council. He said he would like all departments to give updates beginning with the next meeting.

The Council came to a consensus on meeting times of twice a year and if needed, to be amended..

Mr. Presnell discussed the revisions to the Courtroom, Judge and Public Defender's Office.

Major Wood asked they look at Re-entry Programs and that it be placed on the next agenda.

Major Barkley consented to Chair the Committee on Reentry Programs.

6. Discuss Next Meeting Date – will schedule and forward.

## **Adjournment**

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL, THE CHAIR  
DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:46 P.M.**

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**ERIC HINSON, CHAIR**

**ATTEST:**

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**BERYL H. WOOD, DEPUTY CLERK**