



**Curry County  
Local Public Safety Coordinating Council**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 22, 2015: 12:00 P.M.**

Curry County Commissioners' Hearing Room  
94235 Moore St., Gold Beach, OR 97444

**Attendees:**

**CURRY COUNTY: Sgt. David Denney, Commissioner Tom Huxley, Jonathan Trost, Sheriff John Ward, District Attorney Everett Dial**

**STATE: Judge Jesse Margolis, Lt. Tyler Lee**

**PORT ORFORD: Police Chief Hank Hobart, City Administrator Terrie Richards**

**GOLD BEACH: City Administrator Jodi Fritts, Police Chief Dixon Andrews**

**BROOKINGS: Mayor Ron Hedenskog**

*1. Introductions/Pledge of Allegiance*

Commissioner Tom Huxley opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He asked for attendees to introduce themselves. Introductions. Commissioner Huxley passed around a sign-up sheet and asked attendees to make any corrections as needed. Commissioner Huxley led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, Commissioner Huxley started on the agenda.

*2. Approval of Agenda – Confirm those members present and that a quorum has been met*

Commissioner Huxley confirmed those present and that a quorum was present to conduct business.

*3. Approval of Minutes – N/A*

There were no minutes since there had been no previous meeting.

*4. Public Comment \*Members of the public may address the Council regarding a matter on the agenda.*

*You may be asked to hold your comments until the Council takes up the matter. Please limit comments to three minutes or less.*

Commissioner Huxley asked if there were any comments from the audience. Hearing none he continued with the agenda.

*5. Old Business – None*

There was no old business since this was the first meeting of the new council.

*6. New Business*

*a. Appoint Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary to serve for remainder of 2015*

Commissioner Huxley said the members needed to appoint a chair, vice-chair, and secretary to serve out the remainder of this calendar year. He explained at the first

meeting of next year new officers would be appointed. Commissioner Huxley asked if there were any nominations for chair.

**MOTION: Member Jay Trost nominated Sgt. Dave Denney to the chair position. District Attorney Everett Dial seconded the motion.**

Commissioner Huxley asked if there were any comments. Hearing none he called for the vote. Commissioner Huxley asked each person to identify themselves for the record before calling their vote. Vote began with Sheriff John Ward.

MEMBER	AYE	NAY
CC: Denney	X	
CC: Huxley	X	
CC: Trost	X	
CC: Ward	X	
CC: Dial	X	
OR: Lee	X	
PO: Hobart	X	
GB: Fritts	X	
B: Hedenskog	X	
<b>Motion passes unanimously</b>		

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Sgt. David Denney elected as Chair for calendar year 2015.

Commissioner Huxley explained the election would have to happen again in January for 2016 and that some of the members would be rotated pursuant to the bylaws.

Commissioner Huxley turned the rest of the meeting over to Chair Denney.

Chair Denney asked for nominations for vice-chair.

**MOTION: Sheriff John Ward nominated Jay Trost as vice-chair. DA Everett Dial seconded the motion.**

Chair Denney called for the vote.

MEMBER	AYE	NAY
CC: Denney	X	
CC: Huxley	X	
CC: Trost	X	
CC: Ward	X	
CC: Dial	X	
OR: Lee	X	
PO: Hobart	X	
GB: Fritts	X	
B: Hedenskog	X	
<b>Motion passes unanimously</b>		

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Jay Trost elected as Vice-Chair for calendar year 2015

Chair Denney asked for nominations for secretary.

**MOTION: Sheriff John Ward nominated Jodi Fritts as secretary.**

Mayor Ron Hedenskog asked if any members present would be lapping over into 2016. Brief discussion on membership for 2016.

**Mayor Ron Hedenskog seconded the motion.**

Chair Denney called for the vote.

MEMBER	AYE	NAY
CC: Denney	X	
CC: Huxley	X	
CC: Trost	X	
CC: Ward	X	
CC: Dial	X	
OR: Lee	X	
PO: Hobart	X	
GB: Fritts		X
B: Hedenskog	X	
<b>Motion passes</b>		

**Motion passed**

Jodi Fritts elected as Secretary for calendar year 2015.

*b. Members annual designation of Alternates*

Chair Denney said the members would need to decide on alternates. Commissioner Huxley asked if he could explain alternate process. Huxley said each member would receive an Annual Designation of Alternates form so they could designate a person from their agency to attend and be proxy for them at the council. Huxley said the form would be emailed to each member to fill out and return.

*c. Cities of Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings designation of representatives beginning January 2016 to December 2017*

Commissioner Huxley explained the membership was slightly different for the cities. A chart in the bylaws rotates a chief of police, a city manager (or representative), or a councilor/mayor for the three cities in 2-year blocks to ensure even membership for the cities.

*d. Review and approve Curry County Community Corrections Plan FY 2015-2017*

Chair Denney explained the urgent need for the council to convene at this time was to approve the Community Corrections Plan for submission to the state for funding. Denney explained the funds go towards parole and probation, and jail services. This is a biennial budget. Denney asked the members to review the proposals before them and ask any questions.

DA Dial asked Denney what the total dollar request was in the application. Denney said the total grant-in-aid funding would be \$1,484,311. Commissioner Huxley said the total was on page 2 of the packet. Denney briefly explained the totals on page 2 of the packet. Brief discussion on the Thinking for Change (T4C) request. T4C is a new program for Curry County to help repeat offenders take control of their lives by taking control of their thinking—a cognitive restructuring and skills program.

Jodi Fritts asked about the Sex Offender Treatment portion of the request (page 8) which was \$6,000. She asked if that was only when the people were incarcerated in the jail or if that was the only money for the entire county. Sgt. Denney explained that was for the whole county not just for inmates. Fritts asked if there were any other funds for sex offenders or if that was it. Sgt. Denney said that most of the offenders were covered under Oregon Health Plan. Denney said they are making sure that the offenders are signed up for OHP as soon as they are released.

Jodi Fritts said she understood the council had just been reconstituting and this was the first meeting, but she asked Denney if the council—in the future--would be seeing this funding requesting in advance of needing to vote on it. Denney said absolutely. Sheriff John Ward asked if Commissioner Huxley could give a brief explanation of the role of the LPSCC. Brief discussion on LPSCC. Jay Trost asked if the group would like him to read the road of LPSCC. Trost read a portion of ORS 423.560:

*The local public safety coordinating council shall, at a minimum develop and recommend to the county board of commissioners a plan for use of state resources to serve the local offender population; and state and local resources to serve the needs of that part of the local offender population who are at least 15 years of age and less than 18 years of age, which plan must provide for coordination of community-wide services involving prevention, treatment, education, employment resources and intervention strategies; and coordinate local criminal justice policy among affected criminal justice entities.*

Mayor Hedenskog asked if the members could get a copy of that prior to the next meeting.

Fritts said she was very glad that the council had been reconstituting especially with all the agencies limited funding it is important to coordinate.

Mayor Hedenskog asked Sgt. Denney to confirm that the totals in the plan were for a two-year period. Sgt. Denney confirmed it was a biennial budget. Denney asked if there were any further questions?

**MOTION: District Attorney Everett Dial made the motion to approve the Curry County 2015-2017 Community Corrections Biennial Plan.**

**DISCUSSION:** Sgt. Denney explained the funding is allocated based on the number of offenders—a snapshot that is received quarterly from the state. He said the current plan is based on figures from a few years earlier and currently their caseload is 180-200

offenders between three probation officers. The funding helps supervise these offenders and help prevent them from committing new crimes. They are tasked with keeping medium and high risk offenders from reoffending.

Brief discussion on history of restructuring the state funding from the state down to the counties--through the community corrections plan. The plan includes mental health resources, drug/alcohol resources, partners like Oasis Shelter Home, as well as the jail and parole and probation. The program goal is to reduce recidivism of medium and high risk offenders. Stats on local offenders are reported back to the state. DA Dial gave older info on sentencing guidelines on prison and county sentencing, and parole and probation.

Secretary Fritts confirmed that DA Dial has made a motion to approve the plan but she had not heard a second after the discussion began.

**Jay Trost seconded the motion.**

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<b>Motion passes unanimously</b>		

**Motion passed unanimously**

*e. Award of Justice Reinvestment Grant for 2015-2017: Total funding -\$223,500*

Chair Denney explained these were grant fund dollars portioned out to each county. He said this was a large increase over the previous biennial funding. These funds will go toward the Thinking for Change (T4C) program. Fritts asked if the \$233K meant a little over \$100K per year. Denney confirmed that. Denney explained about \$100K annually will go to the program and the remainder will go to Oasis Shelter Home for victims assistance—10% was reserved specifically for that.

Commissioner Huxley asked if the grant application itself could be sent out with the minutes so all the members had the complete package. Chair Denney said that he would like that to be a topic for future LPSCC meetings—to discuss the plan as it moves through the biennium and they use those discussions for the quarterly reporting.

Fritts asked if the T4C was a voluntary program or if the offenders are ordered by the judge into it? She asked how it is determined which offender gets to participate? Sgt. Denney said compliant medium-high risk offenders will be offered the program. Jay

Trost said that he had experience with T4C and he is glad we will have it now as he has found it effective. Brief discussion about another program EPICS: Effective Practices in Community Supervision which is a skills training/sessions with offenders with real life scenarios. It helps teach the offenders coping skills for living in society.

*7. Comments from Committee Members*

Thanks to Commissioner Huxley for getting LPSCC up and running again. Huxley said Denney was instrumental.

*8. Good of the Order*

No comments.

*9. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items*

Chair Denney asked about next meeting dates. DA Dial said the council had previously met quarterly. Everyone agreed quarterly worked. Sheriff Ward said early January should be the next meeting. General discussion on best meeting times. Judge Jesse Margolis said lunch meetings work for him. Secretary Fritts said she would send out a poll for best dates for next meeting in January.

*10. Adjournment*

Chair Denney thanked everyone for attending.

**MOTION to adjourn made by Commissioner Tom Huxley. DA Everett Dial seconded.**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:42PM**

*If you are a LPSCC member and cannot attend the meeting, please let Sgt Denney or Commissioner Huxley know at least 24 hours in advance.*

*All LPSCC meetings are held in accessible locations. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon request with 48 hours advance notification. Please call 541-247-3296 if you have questions regarding this notice.*

*Statutory Authorization ORS 423.560*