



**Curry County  
Local Public Safety Coordinating Council**

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**MEETING MINUTES  
 Thursday, June 29, 2017: 12:05 P.M.**

Oasis Shelter Home Admin. Office  
 Cannery Building, Ste D, Gold Beach, OR 97444

**Attendees:**

**CURRY COUNTY: Commissioner Court Boice, Sheriff John Ward, Captain Mick Espinoza (alternate for Sheriff Ward)**

**STATE: District Attorney Everett Dial, Dave Aydelotte OSP, Jeff Lewis OSP (alternate for Aydelotte)**

**PORT ORFORD: Terrie Richards (City Council), Chief Hank Hobart (alternate for Richards)**

**GOLD BEACH: none**

**BROOKINGS: Chief Chris Wallace, Sgt. Donny Dotson (alternate for Wallace)**

**Other: Lea Sevey *Secretary*, Olivia Davis (alternate for Sevey)**

**Nonvoting members: none**

**Nonvoting attendees: GB Chief Dixon Andrews, Dona Dotson (Curry County Sheriff's Office), Karen Kennedy (Curry Health District)**

*1. Introductions/Pledge of Allegiance*

Due to Chair Denney and Vice Chair Trost not present, the floor was turned over to Sheriff Ward to run the meeting. The pledge was made. Ward opened the meeting and introductions were made.

*2. Approval of Agenda – Approval of Minutes –*

**MOTION: Boice made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Wallace.**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
CC: Ward	<i>x</i>	
CC: Boice	<i>x</i>	
OR: Dial	<i>x</i>	
OR: Aydelotte	<i>x</i>	
PO: Richards	<i>x</i>	
BKGS: Wallace	<i>x</i>	
Other: Sevey	<i>x</i>	
<b>Motion passes unanimously</b>	<i>x</i>	

3. *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.*

none

4. *Good of the Order –*

- a. *Dial reported that there are several bills that are in the works. One is that grand juries may be required to be recorded. This would cost money in transcribing as well as other costs (a special server and indictments). He emailed Rep. Smith about it and encourages others to also contact legislatures about this bad bill. Dial also said that there is a bill up for interest around capping the Oregon prison population at 12,000. There are 14,000 in there now. Property offenders and measure 11s would stay in. He explained what the sentencing guidelines are and how they work. He added that possession of meth and heroin and other C Felonies are being looked at to change to make them the lower offense of misdemeanor. This means that in our county those who commit those crimes may do no time in jail at all and have no formal supervision.*

*Lewis responded that he heard that in Coos County the DA said it would cost them \$100,000 to record grand jury so his plan is to put everything through to pre-trial hearings to avoid that cost. It would mean that law enforcement officer's time would be tied up more waiting in court.*

*Dial said the only good thing about the grand jury law is that it wouldn't affect our county right away because they would roll it out to the bigger counties first.*

5. *Old Business -*

- a. *Budget follow up discussion – Ward said that the counties new budget was adopted in June and that the Sheriff's Office lost 2 positions. They currently have 6 Deputies and one more in training. Ward said that most counties are pretty flush but they are having difficulty hiring people. Dial said that his office lost 1 position and cut back hours on another.*
- b. *Sexual Assaults update – SANE update – Sevey reported that Oasis has secured dates for the SANE training, Sept. 11 – 15 at SOCC. She added that Senate bill 795 passed and that means that hospitals and law enforcement will be required to make every attempt to call out an advocate when there is a sexual assault. She said the hospital is on board and they have agreed to send nurses to the training. The SART meeting is July 27<sup>th</sup> (right after MDT) in the Blue Room. The SATF of Oregon will be down that day from Salem to attend SART and they will also tour the college that day. She said there will be a big media push so look for that. Once that the first round of nurses are signed up and if there are spots still open then it will open up to other medical professionals. There may be an opportunity for modules (or portions) for law enforcement or other first responders to take throughout the week.*  
*Dial responded that there is a case in which a victim of sexual assault was at the hospital in Crescent City. She waited for more than 5 hours for a SANE nurse to show up and so she left. He reiterated that we need to have our nurses trained.*

6. *New Business*

- a. *Critical Response Debrief – Lt. Lewis. He said he contacted Steve Duvall and can bring them in to talk to this group, perhaps at the next meeting. Ward said it is very*

important we stay on top of this because a recent event created a need. Dona Dotson said that they are working on the protocol.

Lewis said he can share the policy they have. He added that they have a separate 'after action' report they do. Dona Dotson said that there are several people interested in attending a training – herself, Oasis staff, someone from the SO and several people from Coos County. She added that the SO is wanting to set up a team.

Lewis responded that his team is always available if its needed and that the next time there is a training that perhaps other agencies can be invited.

Espinoza said that perhaps there could be a component where trained individuals can go out on a response to observe so they can get hands on experience before doing it on their own.

Sevey asked for a phone number from Lewis so she can add it to the list. Ward asked it to be added to the next agenda.

b. Create Workgroups – Margolis

Since Judge Margolis wasn't present this topic was opened up to the floor. Sevey recalled that since it was on the previous agenda and Judge Margolis wasn't present that we had said to move it to this meeting so we could ask him about what his ideas and thinking is around the needs.

Espinoza said he thought it was around what items should be voted on, what is to be presented, and how far of a reach this group should make (such as recommendations for the budget).

Sevey said Sgt. Denney had emailed her sample by-laws from other counties so that it would help with this process. She offered to email them out. Ward suggested we get more input from Judge Margolis. Dial said he would contact him.

c. Justice Reinvestment Grant – Sevey. She said the application is available now and is due next month. She gave a rundown of the current grant.

Espinoza gave a description of the majority of the grant is to assist parole and probation clients who participate to help reduce recidivism and gave a more in-depth description of the project.

Sevey described what the 10% portion of the grant is intended for – community based victim assistance program – which Oasis is the current recipient. Sevey proposed that of the other 90% that Wally's House be allowed to utilize funds from that portion (as well as the Victim Assistance Office, being government based it has to come out of the 90%). Sevey said she contacted the Commission and they said that the local PSCC has to make those decisions but they can do it how they want.

Espinoza said that they plan on changing the major portion of the grant to include housing. He wasn't opposed to the changes that are being proposed but that it needs to be looked into further. He wanted to know what the reasons for the added agencies and what is being written fits into the project.

Discussion continued further. Dona Dotson said that out of the participants that P & P had on the current grant program that only 2 were successful. She went into further description of the program.

Sevey said she'd like to see all the agencies that want to participate in the grant be able to do so.

Antunes explained why she wants Wally's house to participate.

It was decided to table the issue until the next meeting and have a grant meeting in the near future.

7. *More Good of the Order –*

- a. *Espinoza reported that the SO was approached by the Coos County P & P. They are having a difficult time having their offenders stay in their county jail. They are renting beds from Reedsport and Douglas. They asked if Curry would rent beds to them also. Negotiations finalized and 3 beds are being rented to Coos which means those beds are set aside for Coos County. The state rate for a year will mean for the SO to upgrade some systems. A concern is the local impact on those offenders in our community.*

*Dial expressed concern about our own offenders getting out early.*

*Ward said this arrangement will bring in over \$100,000 and felt they had no choice.*

*Lewis asked if Coos will be doing their own transports and Espinoza responded that they will.*

*Wallace asked for clarification around adding 3 beds or taking 3 away from the current number.*

*Ward clarified that they can't add more jail beds to make up those 3 beds that are set aside.*

*Dona Dotson mentioned an option of cutting P & P sentences in half to open up jail space.*

*Espinoza explained Morrissey Hearings. He added that in the last 2 months the jail has not been at capacity.*

*Ward said that Coos had asked for 5 beds but they agreed upon 3 beds.*

*Further discussion ensued.*

- b. *Lewis reported that week the OSP budget passed through to the Senate who has it now. There were cuts made and restored. The Pendleton Lab is one that was cut and restored with a move of their facility added. They will stay even with where they've been and not lose positions.*

*Lewis also reported that the Rainbow Gathering moved and is now going to be in Seneca over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July instead of near our area.*

*On August 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a tour of all of the OSP offices. All the troopers will be there and he asked for assistance from all law enforcement to help cover while they are in their meeting.*

*OSP has a tactical plan for the eclipse. Date of the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. He said the potential is that I-5 might get clogged up and people might decide to travel up Hwy 101 instead.*

- c. *Hobart asked Ward if he was at the assessment on the airport. Ward said he was at the Cascadia drill to help prepare for the possibility of an event happening in the Cascades. Boice said he attended part of the drill.*

- d. *Dial thanked Boice for passing the county budget.*

- e. *Boice said that Don Kendall, county emergency operations officer, is retiring. His last day is July 7, 2017. Ward said the position has been historically under the Sheriff's Office but he has turned the position back over to the county. Richards said that it's an important issue for Port Orford because they were working together to get Port Orford up and running on this topic.*

8. *Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items –*

- a. *August 3, 2017 noon in the Oasis office again*  
b. *Agenda item: Justice Reinvestment Grant, Critical Response Debrief, OSP's CERT Team (Lt. Duvall)*

*Adjournment*

Ward closed the meeting at 1:00 pm.

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