



**Curry County  
Local Public Safety Coordinating Council**

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**MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 2, 2017: 12:00 P.M.**

Curry County Blue Room  
94235 Moore St., Gold Beach, OR 97444

**Attendees:**

**CURRY COUNTY:** *Chair* Sgt. David Denney, Joel Hensley (alternate for Sgt. Denney), *Vice Chair* Jay Trost, Commissioner Court Boice, Sheriff John Ward, Captain Mick Espinoza (alternate for Sheriff John Ward), DDA Jake Conde'

**STATE:** Sgt. Dave Aydelotte (alternate for Lt. Tyler Lee's replacement, OSP), Judge Jesse Margolis, Deputy District Attorney Jake Conde'

**PORT ORFORD:** Chief Hank Hobart

**GOLD BEACH:**

**BROOKINGS:** Chief Chris Wallace, Lt. Donny Dotson (alternate for Chief Chris Wallace)  
**Other:** *Secretary* Lea Sevey for Oasis Shelter Home, Olivia Davis (alternate for Lea Sevey), Rick Inokuchi (alternate for John Spicer), John Spicer (Public Defender), Ken Dukek (Curry Community Health)

**Nonvoting members:** Chief John Brazil (Harbor Fire Department)

**Nonvoting attendees:** Chief Dixon Andrews (Gold Beach), Jackie Antunes for Wally's House (Child Advocacy Center), Christine Mather (CCVAP), Becky Campbell (GB City Council), Terry Brayer (CBAC member), Kimberly Sanders (CCH), Shawna Martin (CCH), Kaitlyn Coleman (CCH), Sara Crowell (CCH), Walter Lee (CCH), Nancy Cook (Defense Attorney), Gordon Clay

*1. Introductions/Pledge of Allegiance*

Sgt. Denney opened the meeting and introductions were made. Denney advised the group that the meeting was being audio recorded and asked attendees to identify themselves for the audio record.

*2. Approval of Agenda* –Sgt. Denney confirmed those present and that a quorum has been met.

*3. Approval of Minutes* –

**MOTION:** Ward made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Conde'.

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
CC: Denney	<i>x</i>	
CC: Boice	<i>x</i>	
CC: Trost	<i>x</i>	
CC: Ward	<i>x</i>	
CC: Conde'	<i>x</i>	
GB: <i>(no voting member present)</i>		
OR: Aydelotte	<i>x</i>	
PO: Richards	<i>x</i>	
B: Wallace	<i>x</i>	
Other: Dukek	<i>x</i>	
Other: Sevey	<i>x</i>	
Other: Spicer	<i>x</i>	
<b>Motion passes unanimously</b>	<i>x</i>	

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. - no one present for public comments.

5. *Old Business* –

- a. Budget – Denney started the conversation and opened the floor to Dukek. He said that the group of the CBAC has convened and that the group has met several times. There are 3 active subcommittees. Report is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> to the commissioners so make sure that it is ready by the 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline. Dukek thanked the sheriff’s office for their help in laying out their budget. Hopefully the report back to them will have some impact. It will be a challenging and interesting year as we roll into the new fiscal year.

Looking to present 3 different budget options. One at status quo. One at only \$800,000 of road funds and one at using no road funds.

John Spicer emphasized the degree of crisis that the county is in. He stated that it takes 5 million to run the road department and they only take in 3 million so they use from the reserve every year. He said that this group (LPSCC) is really applying itself to offer what to do. If the jail shuts down it will affect the whole county and everyone in the room.

Brayer said that he is part of a group that has been working for 6 years on the budget. We keep educating the public to keep saying no. Bringing a lower amount of a levy to the public sends a message that the county does not really need as much money as they ask for. The citizens need to know what it means if revenues are lost. He stated that in his neighborhood watch a remarkable increase in vagrant behavior. He said that if the recorder can’t operate then it will affect people trying to buy a house. We need to start informing the public if we ‘go over the cliff’ of what resources are not available.

Sevey also sits on the CBAC. She reported that she is on the Consolidation Subcommittee Team. A number of areas were identified that could be consolidated such as the Annex building. It has a number of empty offices that have just been assessed by SCDC for fair market value. Those offices were being rented at about 20 cents a square foot more than previously rented. If those offices are marketed well they could be filled rather quickly. Another option is to move county folks into those offices and free up other space to then lease out or sell. Regarding the 911 Center, Sevey said, that she felt the county does not have the time to research to make an informed recommendation for moving the Center and therefore it was her recommendation to table that option. She added that this might not be the recommendation of others on the committee, however. The Airport in Brookings is owned by the County is a little drain on the county and it would take a little bit of burden off the county. All the little things that could be done to save money could add up to a bigger savings.

- b. Follow up on sexual assault exams and SANE nurses –Sevey said this issue is being worked on and that the situation at the hospital is status quo. She said the SATF is still panning on coming down and attending the hospital board meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and the hospital roundtable at noon on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sevey also reported that herself and one of her staff are going to Salem later in the month to meet with Senator Gesler who is very concerned about rural communities like ours having problems with their hospitals not doing rape kits.

Conde’ said that Jackson County is the only place that victims can go for rape kits. From the DA’s office that if LPSCC can put forward an effort to get behind this to put pressure on the hospital. He told the group that if you could imagine that a rape victim can’t change her clothes, she can’t shower, she has to sit without cleaning up. He said that it would be a great use of LPSCC time and resources to put any will or pressure on the hospital to get on board with this. In a sex case forensic evidence is everything. If you have corroborating forensic evidence the loss of evidence is inexcusable. “This should be the biggest shame for our county.”

Sevey offered to write a letter if LPSCC would sign it to show the hospital that this is a very serious issue and stating the LPSCC’s position.

Sevey moved to have a letter created for the LPSCC membership to approve and sign as the position of the LPSCC on this topic. Conde’ seconded.

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<b>Motion passes unanimously</b>	<i>x</i>	

6. *New Business -*

- a. Erin Porter from CCH – ACT Program Presentation – for those with severe mental illnesses. Goal to foster independent living so that they have support to function well. Walter Lee will be the team leader. It will start in the next few weeks. ACT has been around for 30 years and has shown to reduce recidivism and reduce stays in hospitals. Treatment has that been proven and do it in an intensive manner. At risk folks and help them in their homes (rather than having them come to them). Focus on making an impact intensively. Trost asked what the reductions in hospitalizations and law enforcement contact. Porter responded that overall in other areas they’ve found a 40% reduction. The goal would also be that it would reduce civil commitments and that there would be an outpatient option that is intensive. It’s been found to be a better treatment for individuals with an active participant for treatment. The partnering agency, like law enforcement, would contact Walter Lee if they encountered an individual who needed the services.

Conde’ asked if the person would be on a list so that partners will know if they are already engaged. Porter said that if they sign a Release of Information then yes that person would be in the LEDS database. Porter said they can’t require they disclose on an ROI but that they will encourage the person to do so.

OSP asked if they would respond to a person on the side of the highway. Porter said that if the person was already on ACT then yes but that scenario would be more the mobile response team.

Margolis said that many of the frequent flyers with law enforcement wouldn’t already be involved in the program. Porter said that partners can refer a person and to contact Walter Lee to see about having that person be screened for service.

Brazil asked if the database information be available to all first responders. Wallace said it might work better to be in the CAD system rather than LEDS.

Conde’ asked about OHP and Porter said it is an only OHP program. She is meeting with others to see if it can be across private insurances. He asked if it would be an open option for an alternative to prosecution. Porter said that eventually it would be a good replacement to mental health court.

- b. Presentation by Prevention Team of CCH – Kimberly Sanders presented that she has work group that meets regularly. She is currently focusing on underage drinking. Kaitlyn’s area is tobacco cessation. Shawna is focusing on all aspects of prevention. They each work under a different grant that is used mostly for salaries. The OHA sent her to Washington DC to discuss these issues. Some of the issues that they are addressing are (county as a whole) they cover all the towns. Sanders said she can share her grant application because it can be used to see what the 3 work they are doing is and what the action plans are. 36.8% of 11<sup>th</sup> grade students used alcohol in the last 30 days. 21% said that it was hard liquor that they drank. The youth don’t see

their risk factors as alarming. Coleman's goals are to encourage decision makers to make areas tobacco free. She works with Tobacco 21 to raise the legal age to purchase and use tobacco to the age 21. She referred to the hand outs for more information. Sanders offered for anyone in the community to contact the team to be involved in this work. She said that the marijuana subject is touchy. She said that the kids are seeing that the liquor store is a hallmark card store [in Gold Beach]. She added that this is national Gambling Awareness Month. Martin said that people are not aware that gambling can be a problem. Sanders referred to the handout again for resources and how to contact the team. She said she'd like to see town hall meetings established for each of the towns. She said the students did a video in regards to abuse of alcohol and drugs.

Brayer asked if that the legal growers on the flyer are the legal growers? Yes. He then asked if the PEG system for [audio visual]. One of the intents was that the schools might be able to use it also and thought that the video Sanders referred to could be projected and broadcast through that system. Commissioner Boice said he believed that was the next phase is being able to do that. Campbell said she thought that the county could possibly make money doing that renting out the system.

Wallace said that on Monday's they do a radio show called Cop Talk with the Sheriff of Del Norte and Chief of Crescent City.

Visitor Gordon Clay said that there are pod casts that can be utilized also.

Sevey asked about the legal age to purchase and use marijuana.

Brayer said that he is of the age that when he was young the legal age to vote was 21 but that he could have been drafted at age 18.

- c. Discuss possible effects a major reduction or elimination of County services would have on each agency/department.

Wallace said that it's not about how it's going to impact his department but the people they serve. They will still bring people to the jail but then they may be out the door which in turn will have a big impact upon the GB Police Department and the citizens here [in Gold Beach].

Brayer asked about the 911 system merger with his department. Wallace said it's possible.

Brazil said that he'd like to be a part of those discussions.

Wallace agreed with Sevey that it's going to take time to merge systems. He said this is not a new topic.

Conde' said they've been given a couple scenarios. Realistically if we are dropped and have the 2 positions then crimes of B and C misdemeanors would end. As an aside they have seen a huge spike in marijuana DUIIs. They'd continue to do DV cases and would tell people that they have to take thefts to small claims. If they went down to 1 DA then they'd just be able to do measure 11 cases. They'd really do few filings and try to do them well. No drug crimes. "If we take out prosecution and jail then we can have 1000 officers and there is no punishment" then there will be no accountability. Conde' said that he and Dial have had many conversations about how things are going to look if their department loses funding.

Spicer said that 1 measure 11 case takes time. Curry does about 12 a year. It takes 2 people to do 6 cases a year.

Nancy Cook said that if they cut DA positions they will cut Defense attorneys also. It will really slow down the court system.

Dukek said that he recommends that we send out this question to all the departments from this group that we can generate that can go out to the public. Trost said that perhaps LPSCC could

Trost said that deep cuts like this devalues and decays everything that we live for and believe in.

Dukek suggested a quick set meeting of LPSCC to bring this forward again.

Ward said that the Sheriff's Office will have 11,000 people in unincorporated areas and if those people don't have law enforcement then they move. Ward said that if the cuts happen at the maximum level it means 7 or 8 people off the road.

Brazil said that people don't understand that marine and forest patrol are not in the SO budget.

Ward said the cities pay for law enforcement protection. The county should pay for that also. Ward said if its allowed to have law enforcement go away and then the people will vote for it, that didn't happen in Josephine County. Their LE went away and it was still voted down the next year after that.

Brayer said that loss of services will have a direct impact upon the people.

Realistically a ballot won't be available until 2018 at the earliest.

Boice said that his hope is renewed. He said that he has been consciously promote examples like Bayer has given.

Espinoza said that we are sitting dead in the water today and there is no more important topic and discussion than this one. We are going to have to ban together. We need people to come forward at the Commissioner's meeting to and speak to support law enforcement. The cuts are so big that they may not come back. If we take out patrol it takes time to hire someone and train them, if you can get them to apply. There are many good men and women who work in the SO who are sticking it out but they are getting any answers about the future.

Hensley said that Sheriff Bishop did a study that shows that our jail doesn't reach the level needed to open again. Fire suppression, natural light requirements, ADA requirements. So we can't close and reopen due to these issues. One open in Coos is to rent bends but they are down beds also.

Campbell said that she worked with Oakland PD and had to close down the jail there and it took a while to educate the people that even if they closed for 24 hours they'd have to open up to code.

Conde' said that we need to act soon. What are we going to do. He suggested we need to come up with an action plan.

Hobart said that crime stats in Josephine are not accurate. Spicer said that people have property crimes committed against them numerous times and they don't even report it any more. He said that he talked with the Sheriff and that they proposed a tax levy but since they had closed this levy isn't helping. People come from out of the area. When they are asked why they are there the people say they came there because there isn't any law enforcement.

Wallace said that it seems like a no brainer to use road funds. If you don't fund it and there are cuts you'll not get it back.

Conde' said that the push has to come now. Two fight on two fronts – build now for a piece that will happen in 2018. As far as the immediate crisis he can meet Tuesday.

Denney invited Chief Andrews to the table to weigh in on this topic. He said that they are waiting to see what the trickle-down effect is. People released from the jail will be released into the city [of Gold Beach]. Transportation is often not available. The jail is the hub of the system. If there is no jail there is no accountability. The word levy is vilified. What other source of revenue do we have? He agreed on the two-pronged approach – status quo for now and then work for the future. He had worked for a department that didn't arrest for misdemeanors and it had a huge effect.

Trost said that the county contributes zero dollars to mental health services.

Hensley said that there are law enforcement programs that agencies are implementing but its funded by the counties.

Boice said that he'd like to have another meeting.

Dukek suggested a quick set meeting and Conde' suggested Tuesday at 2:00pm.

Visitor Gordon Clay suggested that someone contact the newspaper so that it gets into the paper in time for the next edition.

7. *Good of the Order*

- a. Sevey said that she now has the Commissioner Liaison document and for the record it's is going in the office file.

8. *Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items –*

Date agreed upon for next Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

*Adjournment*

Sgt. Denney closed the meeting at 2:00 pm.

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