

Marion County  
Public Safety Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes  
**March 9, 2010**

Attendance:

Walt Beglau, Rod Calkins, Faye Fagel, Don Frederickson, Seantel Heisel, Lt. Eric Judah, Alison Kelley, Ed McKenney, Pete McCallum, Commissioner Patti Milne, Chief Jerry Moore, Sheriff Jason Myers, Bob Royer, Olcott Thompson.

Guests:

Courtland Geyer, DA; Mike Runyon, OSP; Tricia Whitfield, OSP; David Yandell, OSP.

Staff:

Jolene Kelley, Hitesh Parekh

QUORUM ACHIEVED

**APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2010 MCPSCC MINUTES**

After a small correction, a motion was made by Chief Jerry Moore to approve the February 9, 2010 MCPSCC meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Olcott Thompson. Motion passes unanimously.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Commissioner Milne said that Jayne Downing, from the Mid-Willamette Valley Women's Crisis Service accepted the MCPSCC's invitation to serve as a victim's rights advocate representative on the Council. Commissioner Milne said that the County Commissioners will formally appoint Jayne to the Council soon.

**SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTATION**

District Attorney Walt Beglau welcomed church administrator Michael Arnautov from the Slavic Baptist Church of Salem. Walt said that a prominent child abuse case in the county had painted the local Russian faith community in a negative light. The county Sheriff, Alison Kelley and himself had visited Mr. Arnautov and his pastors after the incident had occurred to begin a positive dialogue, and learn more about the church.

Sheriff Myers said that they had invited Mr. Arnautov to the MCPSCC so that the Council could hear his concerns and the impacts that took place on the Russian community after the incident.

Mr. Arnautov said that he had come to the United States 18 years ago from Moldovia which was a former Soviet Republic. He said that there is a community of Moldovians that started a church in Salem in the fall of 1992 and called it the First Salvic Baptist church, which now has a congregation of about 800 to 850.

He said that when the beating and trial took place, his Church and community was concerned because the implication was that the Russian community abuses their children. The incident that took place was isolated, and the parents on trial were not members of his church, but from a smaller, conservative church in Dallas. Mr. Arnautov said that the convicted parents lived 3 blocks away from him, and he has known the mother since childhood. He said that this incident was atypical in that the mother was unable to communicate with her children and under a lot of stress when the incident took place.

Mr. Arnautov said that members of his congregation were still not feeling comfortable once the convictions were made and the story off the press. He said some school teachers had asked the Russian children at their school if their parents beat them, and that this was inappropriate. He thanked the MCPSCC for inviting him and allowing him to explain his side of the situation.

Q: What is your community's trust with law enforcement and the legal system?

A: We are open to it. We trust it. My brother is working for the Oregon State Police.

Q: A small group of conservative people could be seen demonstrating outside the county courthouse during the trial, and it appeared to the public that this group was supporting the parents on trial. Were the demonstrators from your church?

A: Our church did not encourage members to participate in the protest. We didn't tell them not to go, and didn't encourage them to go either. The church leadership disapproved of the protest. The church teaches that you can discipline your kids but not abuse them. We just want to raise our kids the right way and grow up well in this country.

Commissioner Milne thanked Mr. Arnautov and said that the MCPSCC was there as a resource to help him and his community.

#### Suspension of SB 1007 Early Release Program.

Walt Beglau said that the state legislature had passed HB 3508 during the last legislative session which allowed state adult felons to receive up to 10% off their sentence for earned time credit. Marion County had over 800 of these cases and 366 hearings were held causing his office, (as well as the courts) to devote a large number of resources to these cases. Walt said that SB 1007 has suspended the implementation of the early releases until July 1, 2011. Until this date, the Secretary of State will be auditing some of the cases, reviewing how earned time is calculated and allocated and then implement the legislation when it is reactivated in a more narrow scope. Walt said that the 2011-13 biennial budget will have a very strong focus on criminal justice issues.

#### Oregon State Police ID Services Fee Questions

Lt. Eric Judah of the OSP introduced Dave Randall and Pat Whitfield, both from the OSP. Dave and Pat said that the OSP does not currently directly charge a fee to its clients for identification services but could do so in the future. Dave said that the 2009 state

legislature had directed the OSP to review their fees for identification services provided to law enforcement agencies, and then report back on their findings to the state during the 2011 legislative session. The legislature is exploring how it can replace state general fund costs and instead make customers pay for these services from the OSP. This is because the state is short of GF revenue. Dave said that at this point in the process no decision had been made. The OSP customers include law enforcement, criminal and non criminal justice agencies, as well as the general public. Examples of services provided include:

- All records checks
- Firearms instant checks
- Concealed handgun license checks
- Public fingerprinting
- Criminal record expungement
- Identification verification
- General criminal history file maintenance

Dave said that he had been asked to review the fees, and establish what a fee would have to look like if customers were to pay these- and then report back to legislature at the 2011 session. The fee report is in the final stages and the report will be made available to everyone statewide. Dave said that everyone was welcome to come and share their comments at regional meetings that were going to be held during the remainder of the year, so that the OSP can create a record for the state legislators.

Commissioner Milne asked which services the county receives could be impacted.

Dave said finger printing, criminal history, firearms checking, concealed handgun licenses etc.

Chief Moore said that there are services that local governments including the state provide to one another without cost, and having local governments start paying for each others service was not a good solution to this problem. Also, cities and counties have already cut or will cut services due to shrinking budgets, and therefore, even if the state were to start charging for services, the money would be hard to fund.

Jolene Kelley said that there were a lot of non profits and churches that use identity check services and having them pay a fee could become expensive for them.

#### Membership Issues MCPSCC

Commissioner Milne said that both Jayne Downing and Don Eubank would be appointed to the MCPSCC by the next Council meeting.

Sheriff Myers handed out statistics from his Office and described them.

Commissioner Milne reminded all the MCPSCC members that the Scotts Mills meeting would be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.00 P.M. There would be a potluck at 6.30 P.M. All were welcome to attend.

**ADJOURNED**