

Marion County  
Public Safety Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes  
**June 8, 2010**

Attendees: Walt Beglau, Ray Byrd, Jayne Downing, Don Eubank, Faye Fagel, Don Frederickson, Alison Kelley, Rick Lewis, Ed McKenney, Jerry Moore, Sheriff Jason Myers, Judge Dale Penn, Anna Peterson, Bob Royer, Mike Runyon, Tom Sermak, Olcott Thompson.

Staff: Jolene Kelley, Hitesh Parekh

Commissioner Milne called the meeting to order at 4.07 P.M. Quorum Achieved.

**Approval of May 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Faye Fagel made a motion to approve the May 11, 2010 Council minutes with some minor changes. Chief Jerry Moore seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Chair Comments**

Commissioner Milne said that the July MCPSCC meeting has been scheduled at the Women's Crisis Center. Hitesh will send out meeting information. Jayne Downing said that the council will meet at the training center behind the front office. Staff will send out instructions to the MCPSCC members before the meeting.

**Other Comments**

Walt Beglau said that the Criminal Justice Commission, CJC had been out speaking to different communities about SB 77. This bill discussed how the CJC will set criteria to determine if communities will have adequate public safety. Walt said that the tour had been completed, and a common theme that had emerged from these public meetings was that communities did not want the CJC to develop one set of criteria to judge all the communities.

Walt said that what will happen next is that the CJC will try and draft some criteria by which those public safety elements will be measured, then an administrative rule will be developed which will be vetted through the local public safety coordinating councils as a draft.

Walt said that the CJC has also been designated as the grant coordinator for loan repayment for prosecutors and defense attorneys. The CJC is just beginning to develop the type of grant and criteria for this funding. He said that while this may not be a lot of money it could end up becoming so later. Developing grant criteria now could be applied to the future that impacts the way those prosecutorial services are delivered. Walt added that the CJC also administers Byrne Grant funding for law enforcement teams and had just signed a contract involving Woodburn, the Sheriff's Office, and the DA. The team will work closely with the City of Salem Police Department.

Walt described how Marion County will partner with Chemawa to deal with criminal behavior of youth at the School that is not a major crime. He said that this MOU will also be sent to the U.S. District Attorney's Office for their approval, and it is a marked improvement on addressing

criminal delinquent behavior of youth at Chemawa who otherwise could only be sanctioned through the schools' regular disciplinary process. He said that the MOU will be in place for when school starts in fall.

Commissioner Milne said that she has now started to contact those cities to schedule follow up visits from the Town Hall meetings that were held last year. She said that the follow up town hall meeting for the city of Jefferson was tentatively set up for July 27.

### **Mid Biennium State Budget Status Overviews**

#### Salem –Keizer School District

Ray Byrd said that the School Board would be adopting a budget for the 2010-11 school year that evening. He said that the total deficit for the Oregon K-12 public education was \$257 M, and the Salem-Keizer School District portion of this amount was \$24 M. He said that the district would be looking at potential solutions over the summer, but would like to minimize the budget impact on students, saving as many employee jobs as possible and attempt to remain financially strong over the future years.

#### Oregon Youth Authority

Mike Runyon said that he is not allowed to disclose the budget cut details for the OYA until the following day, the OYA's portion of the cut was \$11.9 M. He will send out an electronic copy of the details once they are released. He added that the OYA would like to minimize its impacts to youth/families and the public where possible.

#### Marion County Department of Children & Families

Alison Kelley said that the state budget impacts to the entire State Commission on Children & Families was roughly \$6-7 M. The impact to the Marion County Children & Families Commission will be approximately \$ 40,000. She will try to protect employee jobs as much as possible, and also minimize the impacts to the community at large.

#### Juvenile Department

Faye Fagel said that the budget cuts from the state to the OYA would also have an affect on the Juvenile Department, but this was complicated as there would be budget forecasts in the summer and also the fall of 2010. There was no question that these would affect the state, which in turn would affect juvenile departments. She added that she is concerned that with each forecast there would be a different target for budget reductions, and that there can be a better way to get to meet these cuts through partnering with different agencies. She said that the Marion County Juvenile Department had already taken substantial cuts in the 2008-9 fiscal year, laying off 13.5 employees and shutting down 24 detention and 5 shelter beds.

#### Marion County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Myers said that the Sheriff's Office received approximately \$12M per year from the state for community corrections. As soon as he receives news from the state about potential budget reductions to his department he will share it with the MCPSCC.

#### Defense Attorneys

Olcott Thompson said that they would keep spending their indigent defense funds until they run out which would be by about this time next year.

### Marion County District Attorney

Walt Beglau said that it was still too early to get a sense of how these cuts from the state would ultimately affect public safety. There could also be a special legislative session called, or an emergency board session. He said that this executive order did not apply to everyone across the board. For example, the DPSST was being held immune from cuts as well as the judicial branch. He said that District Attorneys had to submit a budget reduction cuts of their own salaries!

Both Chief Rick Lewis and Stayton City Administrator Don Eubank said that their cities had passed status quo budgets.

Chief Moore said that although they have not been impacted by the state, from he was concerned that they could be hit with a \$3M budget reduction from the state not sharing revenues.

Jolene Kelley said that the county had also seen a reduction in lottery funds of up to \$400,000 over the past 3 years. Commissioner Milne said that at a meeting in the previous week, Representative Komp said that the legislature would be looking at appropriating the lottery dollars as they have done in the past. Commissioner Milne said reducing lottery funds previously available for economic development would hurt smaller businesses trying to grow.

Commissioner Milne said that the county budget has been completed and the board will be formally adopting the budget in the next few weeks. It is a maintenance budget.

Judge Penn said that there will be a lot of waiting for the next forecast. One of the items that is up as a ballot measure this November is a proposal to dedicate 15% of lottery fund profits to parks and wildlife programs. The Speaker has already said that if we take the money from Parks we can put it in education, so there will be a lot of competition for Lottery dollars.

### **OSP: Fee for Service Notice**

Sheriff Myers said that he had put together a draft letter to send to the OSP about the proposed fee for service. He said that if his office were to pay \$1 for each time they requested a query from the OSP ISS, the amount his office could potentially end up paying would be roughly \$400,000 per biennium.

Judge Penn said that his recollection was that this was a very broad budget note by the state legislature and that anyone who was non general funded but doing business with a state general funded agency could be charged fees. So for example the State Lottery Department received a big price tag from the OSP since the Lottery Department did not receive state general funds but used services from the OSP.

Walt said that the Attorney General, Oregon District Attorney's and Sheriff's Association had met and identified the OSP proposed fee for service as a top priority to not support. Walt added that it was important to provide feedback on this proposed cost shifting and he recommended that the letter from the MCPSCC be sent to the OSP. He said that the last public hearing in Salem was on June 16, so a letter from the council should be drafted in time for the meeting.

After further discussion a motion was made by Chief Jerry Moore that a letter be sent to the OSP on behalf of the MCPSCC with the following inclusions:

1. The financial impact of a \$1 per query fee to the Sheriff's Office
2. The number of deputies that could be hired in lieu of paying the fee
3. State clearly that the MCPSCC is unanimous in not supporting this change
4. State that the MCPSCC would like to incorporate the letter as testimony
5. Add non-profit entities to the letter as well.
6. Cutting costs will affect the quality of public safety as agencies try and save money
7. Place all the names of MCPSCC members on the letter
8. Chair will sign letter on behalf of MCPSCC

Chief Moore said that the City of Salem will be sending a letter to the OSP as well. Judge Penn said that the MCPSCC meets based on state statute. The statute was put in place to prevent a cost escalation and encourage cooperation to minimize expenses amongst agencies. So in effect the state was undermining it's own legislative philosophy behind the statute by doing this.

Ed seconded the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **FY 2010-11 MCPSCC Strategic Plan**

Commissioner Milne said that the MCPSCC strategic plan was now synchronized to tie in with the county fiscal year. She said that as the state impacts on the MCPSCC are known, these will be updated as part of the 2010-11 MCPSCC Strategic Plan

### **Striking Out Meth Event July 16, 2010**

Commissioner Milne said that planning for the Striking Out Meth event for July 16 was going well. She said that Skyline Ford has sent in their sponsorship for the event and that everyone was cooperating to make the event successful. Jolene will enquire to see if *No Meth Not in My Neighborhood* would also be hosting an exhibit at the event.

**ADJOURNED**