

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council**  
**held inside the Marion County Jail**  
**March 8, 2011**

**Attendees:** Commissioner Patti Milne, Walt Beglau, Ray Byrd, Mark Callier, Jayne Downing, Faye Fagel, Don Frederickson, Alison Kelley, Pete McCallum, Ed McKenney, Jerry Moore, Jason Myers, Dale Penn, Mike Runyon, Scott Russell, Tom Sermak

**Host:** Sheila Lorange, jail commander

**Staff:** Don Russo

Chair Patti Milne called the meeting to order at 4.05 P.M. Quorum achieved.

**Hispanic Town Hall meeting idea**

Sheriff Myers discussed an idea for holding a town hall style of meeting in the NE Salem area to help Hispanic residents learn more about their responsibilities in living in the community. In conversations with community leaders Levi Herrera-Lopez and Eduardo Angulo, who suggested the forum to address concerns around drivers licenses, responding to gang activity, reporting crime, ICE-Homeland Security procedures and other common concerns. He asked PSCC to sponsor the meeting. Chief Scott Russell said a similar meeting was planned in Woodburn. Mark Caillier described a similar meeting two weeks prior in Keizer that attracted more than 100 people. A seminar on domestic violence is planned for April 21. All agreed of the worthiness of these types of meetings.

**New policy at Marion County Jail**

Sheriff Meyers and Commander Lorange discussed a new policy they plan to launch on April 4. The prior practice of cite and release will be replaced by a book and lodge practice. This is to strengthen effectiveness of the system and improve accountability among offenders so that those arrested and booked at the jail will remain in custody until arraignment or posting bail.

**SB 728**

Commissioner Milne asked the council to approve a letter written to Oregon legislators voicing opposition to SB 728 because the bill would require county jails to hold offenders up to 2 years compared to the 1 year maximum now. The sheriff and district attorney strongly oppose the bill. While members of the council agree with the letter and want to send it, Faye Fagel asked that the minutes reflect that the judges and court administrator who are members of the council cannot by law endorse a position on a bill. Judge Penn reminded the council that in the February meeting at the capitol, there was positive conversation about leadership at the state and Marion County level working toward a long-term remedy for budget problems in public safety. **MOTION:** To send the letter as written to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, but to rewrite the cover letter to the delegation representing Marion County reminding them of Marion County's interests in working with them toward a long-term solution. **MOTION APPROVED** with Penn abstaining.

**Adjourned**

The formal meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm and Commander Lorange led a tour of the jail for those interested. Observing her first year anniversary as jail commander, she said, "We are running a small city here with all the needs and supports of a city." In 2010, 15,086 offenders came through the doors. There are 15-16 staff employees on duty at any one time. Staff work 12 hour shifts. The tour concluded at 6:30 pm