

MINUTES LPSCC/LCJAC

December 16, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE: Judge Powers; Tina Routt; Barb Seatter; Carrie Brogoitti; Kelsie McDaniel; Emily Moody; Cody Bowen; Ryan Rodighiero; Travis Miller; Odin Miller; Gary Bell; Jim Schaeffer; Michelle Leonard.

Last Meeting Minutes 8/27/24 approval: Judge Powers moves to approve; Chief Bell seconds the motion. Minutes approved.

96 hr arraignment Update: Long standing statute regarding individuals booked but then released. Efforts to enforce the law seems to be going well on the Court side of things in our district. DA says they are working through some workflow steps with the Sherriff's Department but expects to be smoothed out by 2025.

Updated Membership lists – Tina Routt will send out - Still some open seats. Would like to see the Co-Chair filled, but no one from the courts. Kelsie McDaniel offers to take that seat. Judge Powers moves to appoint Kelsie McDaniel as Co-Chair, Sheriff Bowen seconds. Motion passed; Kelsie is appointed Co-Chair.

PRE-TRIAL SIM Mapping 04/24/24: Full report sent. Previous implementations have proven to be somewhat overwhelming, maybe select from the recommendation list only a few that we are able make happen or at get started in 2025.

The Observer – contact local media to profile the program and it's benefits to the community. Michelle Leonard will contact local media to discuss how this might be achieved. A recommendation to also explore EOLive, and Elkhorn. Maybe a press release rather than article. Michelle will report back to the group on what some of the local options (not just The Observer) might produce in terms of the best way to highlight the program and provide understanding to the community. Content will be approved by this group before released – will get law enforcement statements for release as well.

Citizen police academy. Sheriff Bowen and Chief Bell will work together to explore an attainable version of the program. Some programs can be very involved and take considerable resources to host. The goal will be to provide community education but on a smaller scale than a traditional academy of this program. Goal to have something ready to go in 2025.

School outreach – Odin Miller reports that he has been working with the schools on a 'think twice' program. Education on good choices.

Deflection/Diversion program (DA's office): DA reports the Brandi Harris has been hired to run their "Deferred Prosecution" program. This program allows for more opportunities than a "deflection" program currently being made available for just Drug Enforcement Misdemeanor (DEM) charges around the state. The program is in its very initial stages and is grant funded. DA's office will be working through backlog in their offices to identify cases which could potentially benefit from the program. Judge Powers is hopeful that working through that backlog and moving on these cases could help free up public defense attorney credits in the long run.

Department Updates

La Grande PD – Training and Recruiting new staff

UCSO – SO has a deputy at DPSST currently should be done in February.

DA – Extremely understaffed as of January 10, 2025. Both Ryan and Kassadie are leaving. Has a new attorney joining them but not until February.

Court – Jared Boyd’s investiture January 3, 2025 at 3:00 (will circulate invite). Court is in the process of reworking dockets and workflow. Court will be holding a Presiding Judge’s meeting in February.

Probation – Nothing to report

Bar (Rodighiero) – Nothing to report.

Def Bar (J. Schaeffer) – As usual, adjusting to the public defense consortium. It is reported we have a new lawyer, but I do not have any details. Judge Powers added that it would be good to know more soon about this new attorney so that they are properly brought up to speed on local practices.

Juvenile Department – Nothing to Report

CHD – Barb indicates they are too still struggling to fill positions and are navigating lots of temporary assignments amongst their staff.