

AGENDA ITEMS LPSCC/LCJAC

March 12, 2025

Roll Call: Judge Powers; Tina Routt; Kelsie McDaniel; Chief Bell; Odin Miller; Jim Schaefer; Carrie Brogoitti; Emily Moody; Robert Strobe; Michelle Leonard; Matt Scarfo; Jamie Swensen.

- 1) Last Meeting Minutes 12/16/24 – Judge Powers moves to approve; Chief Bell seconds, no objections, motion passes.
- 2) Tx Court, BHC & JRI Grant Support Letters
- 3) PRE-TRIAL SIM Mapping follow up 04/24/24
 - a. Observer
 - b. Coffee with a cop
 - c. Coffee with the court
 - d. School outreach
 - e. Citizen police academy

Michelle says she still intends on contacting local media groups to do a profile on our pretrial release program. It's just not been a front burner project since our last meeting. Michelle indicates there is reason this piece can be completed during this year. She hopes to make the necessary contacts later this spring.

Chief Bell reports that there is less bandwidth his life that he had originally anticipated and is happy that we are able to move forward with the local media angle.

- 4) Vacant positions update
 - a. Bar representative replacing Mr. Rodighiero
 - b. Lay citizen replacing Pete Candlish
- 5) Stalking Order referrals – Court is seeing a lot of stalking complaints denied for as the parties are not meeting the legal burden. Many of the filers are indicating to the court they were referred by law enforcement and/or the Shelter from the Storm. Judge Powers reminds everyone that there is a higher bar for stalking. For example Texts may not meet that criteria. Court is inquiring.

Are they coming from PD

Chief Bell from the Police Department indicates their general procedure is to have the person coming to them for assistance work with their Special Victim's Advocate.

Recognizing that there are a lot of new folks on the force, Chief Bell will make time to have some refresher training with his team on this process to avoid referrals if occurring without discussion with the customer regarding the high bar of proof necessary for a judge to find good cause and allow the protection.

Are they coming from the shelter

Jamie Swensen from Shelter from the Storm indicates that their representatives generally go over the criteria for restraining orders and stalking complaints with customers who are coming to them for help with the court process. They are also making sure the customer understands their responsibility to meet the high burden necessary for the court to find good cause. Jamie will share with their staff the concerns of the court and make sure they are all following protocol in terms of helping customer understand whether they meet the high burden of proof to obtain the protective order.

6) Any urgent Department Updates

- a. La Grande PD – 911 vacancies feeling the loss of resources; Annual Audit in good shape: Spring Take Back program coming soon.
- b. UCSO – No report
- c. OSP – No report
- d. DA – no report
- e. Court – Judge Boyd is up and running. We are reworking dockets to handle all case types in both courtrooms.
 - Angie Curtis has come on to our staff to take the treatment coordinator position left vacant by Kylee Ingerson.
 - Full crisis mode with unrepresented defendants. Working with OPDC, but making a very small dent in backlog.
- f. Probation
- g. Bar (Vacant)
- h. Def Bar (J. Schaeffer) PD has had some turn-over. We need another fulltime public defender. We want to help but have MAC barriers.
- i. County Commissioners – Commissioner Scarfo reminds everyone Legislative session is in full swing. If you have a bill we want to support, to please reach out.
- j. Juvenile Department – High risk offenders that had been in our community have gone on to OYA, so that brought their referrals down.
- k. CHD – C. Brioggioatti, nothing to report.
- l. Mt. Emily (K. McDonald) – No report
- m. Mayor – no report
- n. Any other departments/county updates