

AGENDA ITEMS LPSCC/LCJAC

MAY 9, 2023

Attendance: Chief Bell; DA McDaniel; Judge Powers; Jim Schaeffer; Ben Morgan; Carrie Brogoitti; Robert Strobe; Emily Moody; Ryan Rodighiero; Valerie Schlichting; Michelle Leonard.

- 1) Meeting Minutes 2/6/23 approval – No discussion Moved by Judge Powers, seconded by Chief Bell
- 2) JRI Grant approval – Valerie Schlichting presents that the JRI process is in two parts, first is due this June and the next part next fall. They are not asking for anything more than they have in the past. Asks for a letter of support from LPSCC. Judge Powers moves to issue a letter of support, Judge Williams seconds the motion. Letter shall issue.
- 3) Pretrial Services – new cards for law enforcement – Emily Moody relays that generic pretrial services cards are being used by law enforcement to provide an added means to contact our offices. Emily Moody indicates we just want folks to look at us as a resource. Judge Powers add that the enhanced pretrial services law was passed to unify pretrial within in the courts.

DA, Kelsie McDaniel asks how the defense bar is reacting to her services. Atty Schaeffer indicates that from his perspective it works, and they all understand. No one has mentioned to him a struggle with the court's program. Another entity who was representing jail diversion had been discussing facts with inmates without counsel present became an issue, but not pretrial services. Emily Moody indicates that the program has been well received.

4) Department Updates

La Grande PD – Chief Bell reminds everyone that the National Peace Officers Memorial Day ceremony is being held on May 15, 2023, at 1:00 at the memorial stone outside the police station on K Avenue.

DA - Law Clerk coming end of May, new deputy DA end of summer and two paid interns. Very exciting in their office as they have been running understaffed for some time now.

Court – Judge Powers – public defender crisis has hit our region. This has been an issue for a couple years in other counties, but our district had escaped defense lawyers reaching their cap until now. We are working with OPDS and local defense lawyers to help figure out how to get us to end of contract year, June 30.

Defense Bar (J. Schaeffer) reiterates Judge Powers account of OPDS. They are currently jumping through administration hoops to try and keep things moving to keep defendants from having to go without council. Concerned that the current contract

negotiations are not going to fix this issue without some workable amendments and getting another attorney on board out in this region.

Bar (R. Rodighiero) – sent a request to bar members, no items were submitted to bring to the committee

Juvenile Department – Ben Morgan reports that the Youth 360 program is a collaboration with Tech and have opened a drop-in center in a building behind their offices for youth to get mentorship and workforce support. Program is up and running.

CHD – Public Health, Carrie Brogoitti - Nothing to report

Mayor – City Manager, Robert Strobe indicates no news and asks if the Mayor is aware of these meetings. He said he would make sure he is aware of the nature of the meeting in the future.