

LPSCC/LCJAC

March 18, 2026 Minutes

Attendance: Judge Boyd; Tina Routt; Michelle Leonard; Cody Bowen; Carrie Brogoitti; Jason Hays; Kim McDonald; Emily Moody; Odin Miller; Jim Schaeffer; Daisy Duren; Rachel Collman.

Tina Rout opens meeting with a welcome to Chief Hays!

- 1) 12/9/25 Meeting Minutes. Cody Bowen recommended that we make a correction to change 'Mayor' to 'Manager.' Michelle moves to approve with a correction. Jim Schaeffer seconds. All in favor, minutes approved as corrected.
- 2) HB 3069, Public Safety Coordination Grant Program
 - a. CJC Grants, treatment courts, justice reinvestment, behavioral health deflection, IMPACTS grants
 - b. Public safety plan, how grant funded programming aligns with standards and best practices.

Tina explains to the committee this very new initiative will likely impact our entire county in terms of CJC funding. Currently, applications for CJC grants are separate applications by the programs seeking funding. In the new funding model under this house bill, the application process may be reduced to one application that covers all the programs which generally would separately apply for funding. More to come on this as they roll out the new guidelines as LPSCC will be the applicant to support multiple programs in Union County and required to incorporate a public safety plan which lays out funded programs and how they provide support to our community.

Confirmed after this LPSCC meeting on 3/25/26, there will be four grants identified to be part of the singular application process as it pertains to HB 3069 and are as follows:

- Behavioral Health Deflection Program (BHD);
- Treatment Court Grant Program (TCGP);
- Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP);
- Improving People's Access to Community based supports (IMPACTS).

Tina is recommending that Valerie Schlichting be involved in this new vision under HB 3069 as she is already involved with one or more CJC funded programs. It was also recommended that after some upcoming meetings which Tina will be attending, provide a better understanding of what is coming our way, we will engage in some larger discussions that include Shelley Burgess, County Administrator. It will be necessary to work out next steps for all CJC funded programs which come under the HB. No objections to this next step so long as DA McDaniel is in support of her office manager being volunteered for this project.

3) Union county local mental health authority budget 2025-2027 (CHD)

Daisy Duren and Rachel Collman presented the local CFFA Mental Health Budget. They have the same resources, but a new position was developed within the Civil Commitment team, and we believe it will improve consistency for this very fast-moving process. Position is not filled yet, but if you know of a qualified person interested, please send them our way.

4) PRE-TRIAL SIM Mapping follow up from 04/24/24:

Tina, brings up a number of ideas that this committee identified as ways to address community outreach during a Pre-Trial SIM Mapping event held in 2024. Just trying to make a plan to accomplish one off the list by end of 2026.

Chief Hays indicates that citizen academy requires a great deal of time and resources he currently doesn't have. Even if partnering with Union County Sherrif, it is a big ask. Maybe a panel coffee with a cop and other agencies might be something worth exploring. It would be good to know exactly what the public might be wanting to know, maybe a poll of sorts. No one wants the discussions with the community to go down the wrong path by entertaining questions about specific incidents. Group was asked to give it some more thought and try to define how coffee with a 'cop' would look like.

Michelle still tasks herself with contacting EOLive to consider doing a piece on the Release Assistance Program.

Odin mentioned a youth conference coming up that might be considered youth outreach. Will provide information to Tina.

5) Reminder that there are two committee vacancies that are still open, Lay Citizen and a County Bar Association member. Recommendations welcome.

6) Department Updates

- a. La Grande PD –Chief Hays thanks everyone for their support. Gridley will move into the LT position. Staffing and mental health crises still pose significant stress on our department. Already looking at a banner year for mental health calls. Meth is still the area's drug of choice. Still have not filled the sergeant position.
- b. UCSO – Sheriff Bowen didn't have anything to report that Chief Hays hadn't already relayed. SO has the same stressors on the department as PD. We are fully staffed.
- c. OSP – N/A
- d. DA – N/A

- e. Court – Judge Boyd reports a new pretrial process which is really moving cases along that are ready for trial. Also, Pretrial Release is utilizing show cause procedures to address release violations rather than DA filing separate contempt actions. Reduces resolution time and doesn't use up extra public defender credits as we are able to use their existing attorney already assigned to the main case. Judge reports that we just hosted a legal education class on the benefits of treatment court in hopes of defense attorneys being more informed that the program is an option for their clients. The goal is to get defendants in the program sooner than later.
- f. Probation - N/A
- g. Bar - vacant
- h. Def Bar (J. Schaeffer) – Court appointed counsel situation is still in good shape. A couple of the newer attorneys are slowly taking more cases.
- i. County Commissioners – N/A
- j. Juvenile Department – Odin reports their office is strong and stable. Thoroughly enjoyed a recent collaboration with the court and Wallowa County Juvenile Director.
- k. CHD –Daisy indicated they are still not fully staffed but did just fill the Mobile Crises Supervisor. Expecting the new hire to be here long term. This will be a welcome addition, and we are hopeful that it will go toward no longer stretching some of them so thin.
- l. Mt. Emily (K. McDonald) – No updates
- m. Mayor – N/A
- n. PreTrial Release – Emily reports that a new risk tool will be available to use next month. Stay tuned, it appears it will be a very useful tool to enhance process.