

Skagit County Jail Finance Committee
January 10, 2019

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. and the Committee members acting on behalf of the respective entities for the meeting in attendance were:

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| 1) Anacortes – Steve Hogle | 6) County – Lisa Janicki |
| 2) Burlington – Mayor Sexton | 7) County – Tim Holloran |
| 3) Mount Vernon – Doug Volesky | 8) Sheriff's Office – Sheriff McDermott |
| 4) Sedro-Woolley – Doug Merriman | 9) Chair absent |
| 5) County - Trisha Logue | |

Also present were: *Johanna Crane, PFM Financial Advisors LLC; Don Marlow, Sheriff's Office; Elizabeth Christensen, Sheriff's Office; Deanna Randall-Secrest, Sheriff's Office; Amie Tidrington, Skagit County Public Health; Annette Lindquist, Sheriff's Office; Michele Long, Sheriff's Office*

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the October 31, 2018 meeting were provided.

Action: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 31, 2018. Approved by a unanimous vote.

Operations update: Don Marlow provided an update. The average jail population is 276.8 with a high of 310 in August. The staffing levels are down 11 deputies in 2018 (including the 4 approved as of 1/1/2019). The projection for 2019 is much the same as 2018. The bulk hiring in 2017 led to people moving to patrol and was higher than normal. Corrections tends to be the incubator for patrol. May take 2 years to slow the attrition. Recruiting is ongoing. The RFID system going out to bid. The courts have ruled in the U.S. vs. Sanchez case that inmates have a right to have an unshackled hearing to determine if they need to be shackled during their hearing. This will lead to increased security in the courtrooms. The backlog of inmates already in system will need to have new hearings. Looking at how court rooms are designed to make it more secure.

Facilities update: There is a bed fix that has been tested. The County has approved the fix. Next step is a meeting with the architects and Lydig. The fix is stronger than what we started with. This fix will still require the closure of each pod during the repairs. The County will let this group know when numbers are done.

The County purchased property to house a stabilization campus that would include an evaluation center and a secured detox. The intent is to come up with treatment so they are not in the jail. The County Commissioners will work with City partners. The cost is not part of jail fund. The facility would be run by a provider – not county. We are working with SKAT for transportation.

2019 budget and staffing update: Provided during the Operations discussion.

Mental Health Discussion: Amie Tidrington provided handouts which laid out complaints against Yakima versus what our process is to alleviate issues. If DRW came in to review our policies they wouldn't find much wrong, if anything. There is great collaboration between the jail staff and NaphCare.

Work plan 2019 Discussion: Deferred to March 14, 2019 meeting.

Chair communication: The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing room.

Proposed Agenda Items for March 14th:

- Approval of agenda and minutes
- Operations/Booking Report discussion led by Jail Staff
- Evaluation of NaphCare led by Amie Tidrington
- Accreditation process led by County
- Clinic costs discussion led by Amie Tidrington
- Budget discussion led by County
- Work plan 2019 led by Gregg Davidson
- Chair communication by Gregg Davidson

MINUTES APPROVED 3/14/2019