

**Skagit County Law and Justice Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 12th, 2013, 8:15 a.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

CHARLIE WEND	BONNIE BOWERS	JENNIFER KINGSLEY
DAVE NEEDY	NANCY SCOTT	TIM HOLLORAN
JOE VALENTINE	SHARON DILLON	ROXANE GOSS
MIKE MAHONEY	DALE RAGAN	MARC ESTVOLD
RON KITCHENER	SEAN CONNOR	TANYA BEACH
DEANNIE NELSON	LAURIE JAROLIMEK	

Today's meeting began at 8:20 a.m. with introductions and a welcome from **Vice-Chairman, Charlie Wend**.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

There was a motion and second by the Council that the May 8th, 2013 meeting minutes be approved. The motion passed.

PROGRAM:

Corrections Deputies Keasha Jennings and Jared Couch presented an overview of the new Security Threat Group being developed to track group affiliation in order to more safely house and supervise inmates in the Skagit County jail. This information will also provide important information for other law enforcement agencies.

JAIL FACILITY TASK FORCE:

Marc Estvold announced that with the upcoming election on August 6th, the New Jail Campaign Committee is collecting signatures for a public citizen endorsement ad campaign. Committee members include former Sheriff Rick Grimstead and former Police Chief Ken Bergsma. Contact Marc Estvold if interested.

The Jail Coordinating Committee is moving ahead three different fronts at this time: Permits for the 2 sites being considered, Truck City and the Alf Christenson locations; Finalizing purchasing agreements; and breaking down sales tax funding distribution.

Chief Wend mentioned that there are several plans for using the existing jail building once the new jail is built. It will not be used as a second jail facility as it would not be feasible to staff and operate two separate facilities. The Sheriff's office and District Court will remain in the current building. The building may house other related county departments, as well as a much needed secure document storage area.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Chief Bonnie Bowers announced that Washington Engage and Soroptimist International are sponsoring a public meeting on human trafficking in Washington State. The meeting is at 6PM in the Anacortes Middle School Library on Tuesday, June 18th.

NEXT MEETING- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th, 2013. There will be no meeting in July.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07.

Approved: 8/14/13