

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: February 26, 2001

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: County Building, Grand Haven

PRESENT: Gordon Schrottenboer, Jane Ruiters, Joyce Kortman, Philip Kuyers, Robert Rinck

ABSENT: Cornelius Vander Kam

STAFF: Ronald Frantz, Prosecutor; Gary Rosema, Sheriff; Christine Gilbert, Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk; Dave Poel, Community Corrections Coordinator; Pat VerDuin, Juvenile Services Director; Dave Schipper, Chief Probation Officer; Susan Jonas, District Court Judge; Jack Plakke, Circuit Court Administrator; Rich Schuurkamp, Human Resources Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk

MEDIA

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

CJ 01-003 Motion: To approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2001 meeting as presented.
Moved by: Rinck Supported by: Kuyers UNANIMOUS

CJ 01-004 Motion: To approve the agenda of today as presented and amended to add Action Item #2 - Crime Victims' Rights Week April 22-28, 2001.
Moved by: Ruiters Supported by: Rinck UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: COUNTY CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT

Christine Gilbert presented the Circuit Court Records portion and Sherri Sayles presented the Vital Records.

CJ 01-005 Motion: To receive for information and forward to the Board, the County Clerk's Annual Report and to forward the questions of Election Magic Software and Circuit Court Records imaging to the Planning and Policy and the Finance Committees.
Moved by: Rinck Supported by: Kortman UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK APRIL 22-28, 2001

CJ 01-006 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board, the attached Resolution to

declare April 22-28, 2001 Crime Victims' Rights Week in Ottawa County.

Moved by: Kortman Supported by: Ruiter UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Update from Sheriff regarding Mental Health Services in the Jail - Gary Rosema explained the Jail Diversion Program. It is a collaborative, integrated program utilizing a community's resources to divert persons with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance and developmental disabilities who have committed misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies to mental health services as an alternative to being charged and incarcerated in a jail or detention facility. Gary anticipates full implementation of the Jail Diversion Program by the second quarter of 2001.
2. Brief overview of the Prosecutor's Office - Ron Frantz stated there are 25 employees in his department including himself. He has received approval for two more lawyers and one new support staff person. Space is adequate at this time but there is no room for growth. Victims Rights has been the major change. They now have a Training Assistant who trains law enforcement personal with the numerous changes in the laws. He also explained the difficulty in filling positions due to salary ranges. District Court as well as the Clerk's Office/Circuit Court Records also said this was a major problem.
3. Brief overview of the District Court Office - District Court Judge Susan Jonas explained the Hudsonville District Court has no space and they need to increase the clerical staff. She encouraged the committee to schedule meetings at the Hudsonville and Holland offices. She stated there are just under 50 employees in District Court. District Court had 39 jury trials last year. They are going to start accepting credit cards in the Grand Haven court for payment on traffic tickets. She reinforced how difficult it is to fill positions especially part-time. It was decided the committee will meet next month at the Hudsonville location.
4. Brief overview of the Circuit Court Office - Jack Plakke would like to open communications with this committee. Circuit Court has changed considerably since 1998 due to the Family Court. He will be addressing the committee in more detail in a month or two when he presents the annual report. Pat VerDuin spoke on behalf of the Accreditation Juvenile Court received in September 2000. There are only 180 Juvenile Courts nationally who have received the Accreditation. Ottawa County is the only one in Michigan. Rich Schuurkamp will make arrangements for Pat to address the full Board on this.
5. Brief overview of the Community Corrections Department - Dave Poel explained there are 26 staff members in the Community Corrections Department. The five programs he address are: Community Service, Intensive Supervision Program, Domestic Violence, Youthful Offenders Program, and the SWAP Program. Dave also voiced concerns on how hard it is filling positions. Community Corrections recently went from Ache Paging to Nextel. They will receive 350 minutes talk time per month and are hoping to save

approximately \$10,000 this year.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

CJ 01-007 Motion: To adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Moved by: Rinck Supported by: Kortman UNANIMOUS