

Meeting Minutes
Law and Justice Council
Wednesday, July 20, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center

Introductions- Individuals present included KPD Chief Chris Guerrero, BC Sheriff Tom Croskrey, BC Jail Chief Rob Guerrero, BC Superior Court Tiffany Runge, Prosser Chief David Giles, Council Member Torelli, WRPD Chief Tom Grego, BC Prosecutor Andy Miller, Council Member Ryan Lukson, BC Coroner William Leach, BC Dep. County Administrator Matt Rasmussen, BC Clerk Josie Delvin, RPD Chief Brigit Clary, RPD David Neher, BC Juvenile David Wheeler, Office of Public Defenders Mike Vander Sys, Citizen Rep Kevin Kennedy

New Business

1. Discussion on a “Secretary”
 - BC Sheriff Croskrey will have a representative from the Sheriff’s office attend as a secretary.

2. Do we have representatives from the needed disciplines?
WA St. DOC, BC Commissioners, BC Sheriff’s Office, BC Superior Court, BC Clerks Office, BC District Court, BC Office of Public Defense, City of Kennewick, City of Richland, City of West Richland, City of Prosser, at least three citizen members. Any additional needed?
 - We only have 1 citizen member. Additional citizen members were discussed and contact will be attempted with those mentioned to determine interest. If someone is interested they will submit a letter of interest and these letters will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

3. Reoccurring Meeting Dates – traditionally was the 4th Wednesday of the month at noon.
 - The group agreed with returning to the 4th Wednesday of every month. Chief Guerrero will put out a reoccurring meeting invite.

Old Business

1. Public Safety Sales Tax – Discussion on how Benton County Agencies are currently spending their PSST dollars.
 - There was discussion on how the receiving agencies are currently utilizing there funds.
 - Agencies were requested to determine if there is a reserve amount maintained.
 - Discussion occurred about the passing of Yakima’s Public Safety Sales Tax

Other Business

1. Discussion was had about the entire purpose of the Law and Justice Council and if there was further items that needed discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 1300.

Minutes completed by Chris Guerrero