

Meeting Minutes
Law and Justice Council
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.
Benton County Administration Building

Present

Chris Guerrero – Kennewick Police Chief
Brigit Clary – Richland Police Chief
Eric Eisinger – Benton County Prosecutor
Thomas Grego – West Richland Police Chief
Melissa Hedrick – West Richland Police Assistant to the Chief
Brian Ace – Citizen Member
Rob Guerrero – Benton County Corrections Chief
Cameron Fordmeir – Citizen Member
Amanda Watts – District Court Administrator
Tiffany Runge – Superior Court Administrator
John Trumbo – City of Kennewick Council Member
Tom Glover – City of Prosser Administrator
Matt Rasmussen – Benton County Deputy
Administrator
Amanda Hatfield – Benton County Elections
Manager
Tim Markum – Benton County Juvenile Justice

Called to order by Chief Guerrero at 12:00pm

Approval of Minutes:

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 – Chief Clary made a motion to approve the minutes, Prosecutor Eric Eisinger seconded, motion carried unanimously

Introductions

New Business

- PSST Pro/Con Names for the Commissioners
 1. Matt Rasmussen stated that Commissioner Alvarez is interested in participating.
 2. Brian Ace suggested showing how the funds will be spent.
 3. Chief Guerrero has the 3 Con names and will send out. He is looking for language to go on the ballots. He will also follow up with all the agencies on how they plan to spend the money.
 4. Amanda explained the Pro/Con 250 word limit on the explanation statement and deadlines.
 5. Deadline for the resolution is August 1st.

Old Business

- Legislative Impacts on Criminal Justice System
 1. Chief Guerrero stated he has scheduled a meeting with all local Chiefs and Sheriffs on May 11th at KPD to discuss the Blake decision to try to work on a LE regional plan.
- Continued Conversation – Update on the status of Public Safety Sales Tax
 1. Chief Guerrero also stated he has been having discussion with the City of Kennewick Council in bringing codes to put something in places and the impacts on the courts. He suggested all agencies should be doing the same.
 2. Matt Rasmussen stated that the County's PIO social media for the commissioners shows what the money has been spend on. This should be a single website for all agencies to show. One location to look up information. All PIO's should be communicating the same information.
- Completion of OPTA Training and notice to Katie Gillies
 1. Chief Guerrero remained everyone to notified Katie when the required training has been completed.

Other Business

1. Chief Guerrero suggested a quick turn around on agencies to report on how they plans to spend the money.
2. Chief Guerrero will email the projected spreadsheet out to everyone.
3. Matt Rasmussen would like all agencies to have money projections/intent added to the spreadsheet. Make it simple for voters to understand. Well explained plan moving forward. He also said the county has detailed specific information on the 2021-2022 summary.
4. Chief Chris Guerrero asked the group if they would be okay to have another meeting next Wednesday,

May 17th.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting: May 17, 2023

Meeting Adjourned: 12:27pm

