

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Law and Justice Council**  
**Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Benton County Justice Center**

This Council meets about, and takes action on, issues pertaining to local criminal justice matters. This includes but is not limited to: Issues regarding jail management and DOC coordination, local crime trends and availability of criminal justice resources, sharing of information, personnel and infrastructure to reduce duplication of efforts and facilitate policing and supervision efforts to reduce recidivism and enhance responses to offender violations.

Josie Delvin – Benton County Clerk  
Rob Guerrero – Benton County Corrections Chief  
Chris Guerrero – Kennewick Police Chief  
John Trumbo – City of Kennewick Council Member  
Matt Rasmussen – Deputy County Administrator  
Tom Glover – City of Prosser Administrator  
Dave Neher – City of Richland Deputy Police Chief  
Chuck Torelli – City of Kennewick Council Member  
Brigit Clary – City of Richland Police Chief  
Jared Kelly – West Richland Police Commander  
Cameron Fordmeir – Citizen Member  
Jay King – City of Prosser Police Chief  
Dave Wheeler – Benton County Probation Manager  
Jon Law – Benton County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff  
Diana Ruff – Superior Court Judge  
Tiffany Runge – Superior Court Administrator

Called to order by Chief Guerrero at 1201

**Approval of Minutes (Action)**

7/10 & 7/19

Chief Guerrero asked for a motion to approve minutes from July 10, 2023, and July 19, 2023

Chief Clary made a motion to approve the minutes, Cameron Fordmeier seconded, motion carries unanimously

**Introductions**

- Around the Room Introductions – did not do

**New Business**

- Pro/Con Committee Selections

Chief Guerrero discussed that selections were made and listed the selections

Chief Guerrero asked Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen if they are in communication with the participants

Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen turned all of the information into the Auditor's office and the elections department has been in contact with them

Probation Manager Dave Wheeler asked if Jerry Martin has been the one who was at the meetings?

Chief Guerrero stated yes and Pat Holten as well

- Next Steps for Public Safety Sales Tax

Chief Guerrero asked if there were any questions and asked Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen if he can provide an update

Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen stated he is working with PIO's of the agencies, and they are working on a PowerPoint slideshow for education developed and historical uses are included. This will be available to every agency. He stated they are limited in how everyone can use them. County is looking at what they have historically done to communicate to constituents and will hold a town hall that will allow the presentation to be given to the Commissioners. A mailer will be done which is limited by statute. He stated that they were going to go to civic groups, but attorneys advised against that because that isn't an avenue they would typically use.

Chief Guerrero stated that Kennewick will be doing a resolution at the next meeting

Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen stated they will continue to work with PIO's or Glenn, and that Glenn is heavily involved in education campaign

Chief Jay King stated if you are presenting to city council, it gives an educational opportunity

Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen stated that is correct, you just have to allow for public comment

- Other Criminal Justice Matters

Chief Guerrero asked if there are any other questions

No one had anything further

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment section as we did not have anyone from the public in attendance

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:08pm