

COUNTY CORRECTIONS PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COUNCIL

12/28/23: VIRTUAL MEETING

Attendance:

Commissioner Gorden, MCCA
Commissioner Fournier, MCCA
Rebecca Graham, MMA
Sheriff Lancaster, MSA
Commissioner Randall Liberty, MDOC
Sheriff Nichols, MSA

Others:

Sheriff Todd Brackett
Mary-Anne LaMarre, CCPSC Clerk

Commissioner Gorden opened the meeting at 11:03

Commissioner Fournier found an error in the 12/14/23 minutes. Sheriff Lancaster moved that we accept the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Fournier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

M. LaMarre provided an update on the adequate contact with counsel working group. Only one seat is unfilled (municipal jail). There was some discussion about the holding cells in municipalities. Commissioner Liberty agreed to have a list of municipal jails sent to M. LaMarre.

M. LaMarre provided an update on the annual report due to the Secretary of State. All materials are in for 2023 with the exception of the appointment letters and details of the 12/28/2023 meeting.

Commissioner Gorden initiated the prospect of holding a strategic planning meeting to discuss, among other things, any legislative goals that the Council wishes to bring forward. Commissioner Gorden asked members if we could meet at MDOC to begin to address these issues. Commissioner Liberty offered to check if MDOC board room would be available. There was some discussion about availability. The decision was made to have M. LaMarre create a doodle survey to ascertain when Council members and invested parties could participate.

Commissioner Gorden brought up a pending LD sponsored by Representative Sayer. The backpack bill was used as an example of pending legislation that would be of interest to Council. There was a detailed discussion about our legislative process going forward.

Commissioner Gorden proposed that he will work directly with M.LaMarre to develop more of a process.

Commissioner Gorden asked Commissioner Liberty if it would be possible to fund the clerk's position by entering a clerk stipend into the next MDOC budget. Commissioner Liberty noted that he will be working to find a timeline to provide to the Council members. He went on to explain the challenges of working with sixteen different counties and identifying budget figures. It's difficult to get this finance information from sixteen different sources. This may be work for the finance subcommittee.

Commissioner Fournier asked Commissioner Liberty if there was any feedback from the Governor's office related to supplemental request we have provided. Commissioner Liberty noted that decisions would be coming soon.

Sheriff Lancaster moved that we propose a \$25,000 request through the MDOC to reimburse the MSA for time and resources. Sheriff Nichols seconded the motion. This would be a one-time ask with the intention of crafting legislation that would fund the clerk position moving forward. Commissioner Liberty would be willing to bring this to DAFS. M. LaMarre will craft a formal request. Commissioner Fournier asked that if we're not successful going through the MDOC, should we try to link to pending bills in the second session. Motion carried.

Sheriff Lancaster moved that we adjourn at 11.48. Commissioner Fournier seconded. Motion carried.