

CCPSC Members present:
Commissioner Gorden, Chair, MCCA
Commissioner Fournier, MCCA
Sheriff Nichols, MSA
Sheriff Lancaster, MSA
Rebecca Graham, MMA

Guests:
Mary-Anne LaMarre, CCPSC Clerk

Commissioner Gorden called the meeting to order at 11:03.

Commissioner Fournier moved that the June 13, 2024 minutes be approved as presented. Sheriff Lancaster seconded. Motion passed.

Initiate the Preparation of the 2026 & 2027 Biennium Jail Budget Data:

This budget request must be coordinated with all counties.

Commissioner Gorden asked for specific topics in addition to coordinated efforts by jails to be used in the Council's request to MDOC. Sheriff Lancaster noted that the jail administrators are meeting regularly and sending a rep to each MSA meetings.

Commissioner Gorden asked when the per diem rate was initially set. He noted there's data in CRAS to work with. His understanding is that the average inmate cost per day is roughly \$140.00.

Sheriff Lancaster noted that different jails have different costs to report and counties have cut per diem to complete for those boarding dollars. Current State per diem rate is \$85.00.

Sheriff Nichols added that said it's easier for the state to have efficiencies because DOC in one agency. Currently eight counties are using the same medical company but each county has a different contract. It's not an easy accomplishment.

Rebecca recommended examining daily averages in each county. Commissioner Gorden asked how we should come up with that figure. Rebecca noted that this information will assist the Council as we make recommendations to MDOC. Commissioner Gorden agreed that the Financial Subcommittee conduct this research. Rebecca suggested that jail mandates that impact overcrowding should be identified and how it's impacting jail budgets.

Commissioner Gordon asked if we want to develop a formal policy or have sheriffs come back after consulting other counties. Rebecca suggested we collect the per diem figures so we will be better equipped to identify an accurate number for overcrowding. Commissioner Gorden again asked if we want to identify a format and consensus was yes. Commissioner Gorden will reach out to Scott Ferguson to develop format and collect.

Rebecca recommended that we take each county budget and obtain the budget number per inmate with and without capital. Commissioner Fournier agreed with Rebecca's recommendation and also supports the prospect of having Scott Ferguson work on collecting that data. Rebecca

moved that the Council assign this to the financial subcommittee, seconded by Sheriff Lancaster. Sheriff Nichols cautioned that we must be sure what we're asking for. Operations cost and capital costs would be the two different figures we will be collecting. Motion carried.

M. LaMarre noted that Oxford County failed to submit their numbers to the state in time to receive their fourth quarter funding.

Commissioner Gorden was going to ask if the State had an answer pertaining to funding the Council. Unfortunately, Commissioner Liberty was unable to attend.

Future of Council: Commissioner Gorden asked about the future of the Council. M. LaMarre noted first meeting will include voting in new Chair. M. LaMarre will be meeting with new Council member(s) to educate on Council responsibilities. This meeting is scheduled for 11:00 on July 8. Council members are welcome to attend.

M. LaMarre provided data subcommittee. The State has been working closely with the data subcommittee and five jails will roll out the updated system soon. Those five jails include TBRJ, Washington County Jail, Somerset County Jail, Franklin County Jail, and Oxford County Jail.

Legislative subcommittee has no report. Rebecca will lead this work. She reminded members that we need to fund Council with new legislation. Rebecca asked that we add legislative kick off to next Council meeting.

Sheriff Nichols suggested the topic of transport officers as a topic that the Council could submit as new legislation. He explained there is a liability on counties when corrections officers transport without firearms. Commissioner Gorden added that exploring legislation to revisit six vs. nine-month sentencing is a topic we should take up.

M. LaMarre provided update on Adequate Contact with Counsel subcommittee. Draft is near completion. Final product should be released to this Council by July.

Commissioner Fournier moved to adjourn at 11:55 and Sheriff Lancaster seconded the motion. Motion carried.