

CJCC meeting

Meeting Minutes

7/8/2020

Sharon Yates began the CJCC meeting at 3:00 pm on 7/8/2020 via Zoom.

Present: Dan Slayton, Jim Driscoll, Jen Runge, Jessica Cortes, Thomas Chotena, Marie Peoples, Mike Oxtoby, Sandy Diehl, Sarah Douthit, Scott Mansfield, Shannon Anderson, Silina Martinez, Bill Ring, Sharon Yates, Liz Archuleta, Adam Shimoni, Cooper Payne, Cory Runge, Erika Arlington, Lena Fowler and Greg Clifton.

Discussion Topics:

- 1.) **COVID-19 Update-** Dr. Marie Peoples, Deputy County Manager, provided a COVID-19 update to the group. Dr. Peoples provided information on the number of cases in the county, testing at Ft. Tuthill and an update on the Aspen Hotel.
- 2.) **Grand Jury Empanelment-** Sharon Yates, Court Administrator for the Superior Court, discussed how the grand jury empanelment went on July 3rd at Ft. Tuthill. Due to social distancing requirements, limited space in the courthouse and number of individuals being summons, the court in partnership with Dr. Marie Peoples, Facilities and Parks & Rec, conducted the empanelment of the grand jury at the County Fairgrounds, Ft. Tuthill. The commercial building was used for this to be able to provide social distancing to jurors and staff. A total of 90 individuals were summons, 20 were excused and approximately 70 individuals showed up. The grand jury was empaneled in about one hour. The entire process was labor intensive but went very smoothly.
- 3.) **Social Justice-** Dr. Marie Peoples, Deputy County Manager, facilitated a discussion on the recent events that are taking place around the nation. Individuals voiced their concerns about how staff, especially court staff, must walk a fine line due to the Code of Conduct of Judicial employees while also wanting to participate and have their voices heard. Probation has an interesting position as they also wear the “law enforcement” hat. Many individuals have concerns about equity in our system and would like to continue this conversation by having it on future agendas. The County departments found the diversity training that the County offered to be very useful and would support having her work with our CJCC executive committee.

4.) Member Updates- Sheriff Driscoll informed the committee that the number of inmates housed at the jail is rising. He also informed the committee that all new intakes are being quarantined for 14 days with others who come in at the same time to help stop the spread of COVID at the jail. Jessica Cortes informed the committee that the Flagstaff Municipal Court's new facility will be ready for the court to move into on September 14th and will be open and ready for business on September 21st.

Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned by Presiding Judge, Dan Slayton.