Camden Criminal Justice Council

Minutes from meeting on November 10, 2011

Location: Board of Commissioners Meeting Room

Present:
Christina Turner, CCJC Coordinator
Chairperson – Jackie Johnson, District Attorney
Sheriff Tommy Gregory-Camden County Sheriff's Office
Jim Elders
Jimmy Pitts-Chief Probation Officer
Judge Martin O. Gillette-Probate Court
Robert S. Cummings-Camden County Re-entry Program
Judge Jennifer Lewis-Magistrate Court
David L. Rainer, Chair-Board of County Commissioners
Dr. Leon Washington, Pastor-Evergreen Baptist Church
Gary Blount, Board of County Commissioners
Guests:
Steve L. Howard, County Administrator-Board of County Commissioners
Harvey Amerson
Chuck Byerly-Camden County Sheriff's Office
William Terrell-Camden County Sheriff's Office
Julie Brazell

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jackie Johnson who welcomed everyone.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The board members introduced and welcomed Commissioner Gary Blount.

WEBSITE PRESENTATION –Steve Howard, Julie Brazell and Christina Turner

Mr. Howard presented the new CCJC website to the board. Chairperson Jackie Johnson pointed out the resources that are available to the public on the CCJC website and she also thanked Mr. Steve Howard, Julie Brazell, and Christina Turner for creating the website.

UPDATE ON POD EXPANSION

Mr. Harvey Amerson gave the board a brief update on the Pod expansion and went over the estimated project timeline. Sheriff Tommy Gregory added that the pod will allow the existing jail the opportunity to expand certain areas such as the medical area.

QUESTIONS FOR A COLLABORATIVE

Chairperson Jackie Johnson asked the council how it wanted to approach the list of "Questions for managing a Collaborative" that was provided from the national models for Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils. The purpose of the questions is to identify points within the criminal justice system where function and efficiency can be improved to minimize jail population and costs. The questions are addressed to different components of the criminal justice system, including law enforcement, jail administration, courts, public defenders, prosecutors and Pretrial Service Programs. Sheriff Tommy Gregory suggested a subcommittee made up of the Sheriff, Chief Hatch, and Chief Griffis to address the law enforcement questions. Motion approved to create subcommittee made up of Sheriff Tommy Gregory, Chief Hatch, and Chief Griffis.
Jackie Johnson agreed to a subcommittee with the Superior Court Judges.

SPLOST 7

Commissioner Blount brought up the future jail and SPLOST 7(special-purpose local-option sales tax). Acquisition of the land for the new jail will be included as a Tier One project from SPLOST 7. Construction funding for the new jail was not included as a Tier One because it would have exhausted all revenue to the exclusion of additional projects included in the upcoming SPLOST 7. The council agreed that this was an appropriate strategy, but that it was not its function to become involved with the political process. Rather, the council's function is long-term planning for efficiency within the Court system and the jail.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the October 6, 2011 meeting were approved with no corrections.

NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting is January 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to be held in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room on the 2nd floor of the Board of Commissioners Office Building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Turner