# CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DISCUSSION HELD ON October 20, 2020

#### **Present:**

Judges Kevin Crane, Kimberly Shaw, Tracy Gonzalez, Stephanie Morrell and Commissioner Casey Clevenger. Also present were Boone County Commissioner Janet Thompson, Boone County Auditor June Pitchford, Boone County Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore, District Public Defender Sarah Aplin and Deputy Public Defender Jeremy Pilkington, Boone County Prosecutor Dan Knight and First Assistant Prosecutor Roger Johnson, Probation and Parole District Administrator Jared Drummond, Reality House Executive Director Blair Campier, Detention Director Keith Hoskins, Captain Jennie Atwill, Defense Attorney Rusty Antel, Court Services Supervisor Brandon Walker, Court Administrator Mary Epping and Deputy Court Administrator Cindy Garrett.

### 1. Call to Order/Welcome

Judge Kevin Crane called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:51 a.m. and welcomed guests.

# 2. Review Minutes of August 11, 2020

No corrections were noted.

## 3. Detainee Transport to Court

District Public Defender Sarah Aplin said she believes the default for defendants in custody should be for the defendant to be present in person for contested hearings in order to be able to hear and see the witnesses and talk to their attorney. Judge Kevin Crane said the general rule is, unless absolutely necessary and with a court finding, defendants will not be transported. Judge Crane said the Sheriff has indicated they will transport when necessary. Judge Crane said the staff from the court toured Regal Stadium as a possible site for upcoming jury trials. He said it is suitable for a jury trial, understanding we would need the sheriff's department to tour for security purposes. He said we could select a jury and hold a trial in the theater. He said this continues to be a work in progress but this would be another instance where the client would need to be present. Sarah asked what factors determine if a defendant may be present. Judge Crane said there are some motions that might require a defendant to be in person as well as trials.

# 4. Adult Court Services Report

Adult Court Services Supervisor Brandon Walker said as of last week there were 237 under their supervision of which 217 were bond supervision and 20 were home detention,

which is a slight decrease from the summer. Brandon anticipates home detention numbers to increase and for the commit side to slightly increase in the next month or two.

## 5. RMF Bail Fund

No report this month.

#### 6. Other

Court Administrator Mary Epping said defense counsel and prosecutors do not always know which divisions are going first for in custody defendants. She said the decision is made each day with the exception of arraignments, as the judge assigned to arraignments always goes first. She said she understands the frustration of not knowing which division is going first, however the decision is made depending on how many are in custody for each division and this changes from week to week.

Adult Court Services Supervisor Brandon Walker said within the last couple of weeks his office has noticed an increase of people not appearing in his office upon their cases being disposed and placed under supervision. He asked attorneys to please remind their clients they need to report to ACS if placed under their supervision.

Judge Kevin Crane said the court will be reaching out to Boone County Jail to look at Regal prior to having a trial.

Commissioner Casey Clevenger asked if there is an hour time slot that can be designated to Division XII for termination hearings for in custody clients. It was agreed Mary Epping and Cindy Garrett will assist in delegating a specific time.

# 7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 7:45 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 a.m.

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cc: Meeting Attendees

Presiding Commissioner Atwill

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