

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF DISCUSSION HELD ON
May 18, 2021

Present: Judges Brouck Jacobs, Kevin Crane, Josh Devine, 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, Prosecuting Attorney Dan Knight and Assistant Prosecutor Jessica Caldera, District Defender Kevin O'Brien, Probation and Parole District Administrator Jared Drummond, Major Gary German, Captain Jennie Atwell, 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 Brouck Jacobs called the meeting to order via Webex and in person in the Ceremonial Courtroom at 7:45 a.m. and welcomed guests.

2. Review Minutes of March 23, 2021

No corrections were noted.

3. Adult Court Services Report

Adult Court Services Supervisor, Brandon Walker, said as of last week there were a total of 223 on supervision with 199 on bond supervision and 24 on home detention.

4. Jail Feed Video

Deputy Court Administrator Cindy Garrett said the Columbia Municipal Clerk contacted her to inquire about moving their video docket with the jail to 8:30 versus 8:15 a.m. Cindy said currently we have one Webex feed to the Boone County Jail and one Polycom feed which is currently used by Adult Court Services to interview defendants and for attorneys and probation and parole officers to meet with inmates. She noted we frequently have several judges and the commissioner needing to use Webex with the jail at the same time. Cindy thought it might be a good time to inquire about having additional Webex feeds at the jail. Court Administrator Mary Epping said this leads into the next topic.

5. Missouri Bar Grant

Court Administrator, Mary Epping, said the 13th Circuit Court applied for and received funding for one additional device that will be at the jail that can be used for Webex. She said there are some audio issues with the space available at the jail. Mary said she is not

sure how many Webex feeds are needed. Mary said the device will be ordered soon. Major Gary German said they are looking at a sound blanket or booth for the Webex areas. He said they are also working on other networking options for cabling at the jail. Mary said our court has also received three additional video units from OSCA, however they are stationary, so funding from this grant was awarded to purchase carts to make the units mobile. Judge Brouck Jacobs thanked Sander Sowers, the Missouri Bar Representative for the region that includes the 13th Circuit, for making our court aware of the grant.

6. Justice Reinvestment Initiative

Court Administrator, Mary Epping, said many of the people on this call have been involved in the Stepping Up Initiative, and the Justice Reinvestment Initiative is an extension of that committee. She said \$38,000 was awarded to Boone by the Department of Corrections and the Governor. Mary said an RFP has been put out for a consultant to look at our local numbers and to help examine a short-term and long-term plan to reduce those with mental and behavioral health issues from entering the criminal justice system. Mary said the plan is to have a consultant in early June. She said the group was also hoping to plan a virtual trip to either Miami, San Antonio or Tucson but the National Center of State Courts has been working with OSCA and the Supreme Court and they get priority over our court. Therefore, we are looking at alternative areas including Nashville based on Burrell's suggestion. Mary hopes to contact Nashville in an attempt to organize a virtual visit. Mary said if anyone is interested and have not been part of the prior meetings to please let her know.

7. Other

District Defender, Kevin O'Brien, said there was a recent order by the court for the presumption of defendants appearing in person starting July 1. Judge Tracy Gonzalez said she, Judge Morrell and Judge Shaw, are requesting that effective July 1, 2021, the contested hearings default to being in person due to our court successfully moving forward through COVID and the lessening of restrictions. It is their position that as long as it is able to be done safely, they prefer defendants, counsel and victims to all be in person. She said if there is a request to appear by Webex for various situations, a motion can be filed within a few days of that hearing. Kevin asked if inmates will automatically be transferred from the jail for preliminary hearings. Judge Stephanie Morrell said the same processes should be followed from previous administrative orders regarding in custody defendants, which includes the jail and Department of Corrections.

Judge Jacobs said the Thursday report distributed includes those in jail on just misdemeanor cases, and he has asked Mary Epping to add Class D and E felonies to that list. These would be defendants with a D or E felony pending, not on probation and not with other felonies pending. He thought it would be good for the judges to review these additional cases.

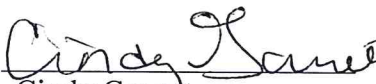
Judge Jacobs said the Board of Jail Visitors are planning to visit the jail in mid-June.

Court Administrator, Mary Epping, said SB53 was truly agreed and finally passed, not yet signed by the Governor, but once signed Raise the Age goes into effect which raises the age of majority from 17 to 18.

Prosecuting Attorney, Jessica Caldera, asked when the Grand Jury will be allowed to make their required visits to the jail. It was agreed the sheriff will let the prosecuting attorney know when these visits are allowed. Captain Jennie Atwell said they had 40 detainees sign up last week for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and the Health Department administered to those who were interested.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 7:45 a.m. The meeting adjourned.

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