

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF DISCUSSION HELD ON
January 23, 2018

Present: Jeff Harris, Kevin Crane, Jodie Asel, Kimberly Shaw, Michael Bradley, Deborah Daniels, Commissioner Casey Clevenger, and Columbia Municipal Judge Cavanaugh Noce. Also present were Prosecuting Attorney Dan Knight, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tracy Gonzalez, Public Defender David Wallis, Attorney Rusty Antel, Major Tom Reddin, Jail Captain Keith Hoskins, Columbia Police Deputy Chief John Gordon, Boone County Commissioner Janet Thompson, Boone County Senior Accountant/Financial Analysis Jason Gibson, Probation and Parole District Administrator Todd Fleharty, Reality House Operation Director Blair Campmeier, Boone County Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore, Court Services Supervisor Brandon Walker, Missourian Journalist Jessica Rendall, Race Matters, Friends Carol Brown, Suzanne Bagby, Nina Hampton, Delires Yocum, Susan Franck, and Alouette Meyer, Court Administrator Mary Epping, and Deputy Court Administrator Cindy Garrett.

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Judge Kevin Crane called the meeting to order in the Law Library of the Boone County Courthouse at 7:45 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Review Minutes of December 19, 2017

No corrections were noted.

3. Public Defender Wait List

Judge Kevin Crane said he is not consistently receiving the weekly wait list from the Public Defender's office. David Wallis said his office will find a better process to ensure this list is sent weekly. Judge Crane indicated there are defendants being housed in other counties due to charges in the other county, however they also have charges in Boone County. The Public Defender is not entering in the Boone case. Judge Crane indicated there was a case last week where a defendant was housed in Callaway County and also had a pending case in Boone County. In that case the defendant was moved to Boone County in order to get representation for her Boone County case. He said Keith Hoskins is going to create a list of all cases where defendants have pending cases in Boone County, but are housed in another county for pending charges in that county. He said it is not a good use of resources to have the defendants transported to Boone County for court just to be advised they are on the wait list. Judge Crane asked if the public defender would be willing to represent the defendant for the Boone County case versus leaving them on the wait list until they are housed in Boone County. David said this is a local decision and he has a concern that if they make an exception for the defendant in Callaway County, then additional exceptions will be asked to be made. Judge Crane said

he is then left with working with the other counties to see if the defendants can be moved to Boone County in order to get them off the wait list and represented for the Boone County case and then returned to the other county upon disposition of the Boone County case. David said he prefers to resolve the cases while they are in the other counties with a potential written admission, however they are not in a position to take on those additional cases. He said in February two attorneys are returning who have been out on leave. He also indicated they are losing another attorney, but hope to hire an experienced attorney. He said things are starting to look up and he believes he will be able to accommodate not only in-custody out of county cases, but also work on the wait list of defendants not in custody. He said in-custody juvenile cases is a different topic. He indicated they will be fully staffed in March.

4. Race Matters, Friends

Judge Kevin Crane said he added this group to the agenda as they were invited and he wanted to allow them the opportunity to ask questions. Carol Brown thanked everyone for the invitation. She indicated they are primarily here to observe and understand the issues being addressed by this group and see who participates. She said they will be starting a community bail fund soon and would be interested in communicating with individuals from the jail. Judge Crane provided a global view of the group, indicating we meet monthly, and everyone within the law enforcement and judicial system is at the table. He indicated with an eye towards public safety, the goal is to try to avoid asking the tax payers to build a larger jail. He said the committee is constantly looking at things being done to only put appropriate people in jail, with the understanding there are people who should be there. He said as of Thursday the county was paying for 6 people to be housed in another facility. Jail Captain Keith Hoskins indicated there are 14 defendants housed out of county as of today. Judge Crane explained that sometimes people are housed out of county for reasons other than overcrowding. He said every week we review a jail population report. Suzanne Bagby said this meeting might not be for their group however she hopes they can get information in order to have individual meetings with some of the agencies.

5. Adult Court Services Report

Adult Court Services Supervisor Brandon Walker reported their total numbers are slightly higher than last month, primarily driven by an increase in bond supervision numbers. He said electronic monitoring decreased slightly.

Judge Crane said Adult Court Services is an entity that is unique to Boone County. They have eight staff, five of those being Court Services officers. They are charged with the duty of completing bond investigations and overseeing alternatives to incarceration, which includes home detention and bond supervision. Judge Michael Bradley said Adult Court Services sets up payment plans which allows defendants to pay fines over time and allow defendants to pay off fines with completing community service work, giving them credit of \$10 an hour for each hour of work. Judge Bradley asked how many people on home detention are on the public defender's wait list. Brandon indicated he did not know

the answer, however he felt they could potentially find this answer. Judge Bradley noted if ACS's numbers are increasing, the wait list could be a cause.

Judge Crane said since October the public defender in Boone County, and many other counties, decided unilaterally they could take no more cases. Therefore, he appointed 51 private attorneys to represent indigent in custody defendants without pay. Shortly thereafter the public defender agreed to represent indigent defendants in custody in Boone County. Other defendants who are indigent and qualify for the public defender services are placed on a wait list, including juvenile offenders, defendants housed in other counties and defendants not in custody. As a result since October, there is a growing wait list that currently has at least 300 defendants. Judge Bradley said he is setting all cases where defendants are on the wait list for February 21 and currently he has 85 cases on this docket.

6. Other

Nothing to report.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 7:45 a.m., in the Law Library of the Boone County Courthouse. The meeting adjourned 8:05 a.m.

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