

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

IMAN *JR*

CHILCOTT

FOSS *S*

STOLTZ

KANENWISHER *MZ*

Members Present.....Commissioner J.R. Iman, Commissioner Greg Chilcott, Commissioner Suzy Foss, Commissioner Ron Stoltz, Commissioner Matt Kanenwisher

Date.....October 6, 2011

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► The Board met at 3:00 p.m. to discuss and make a decision on the award of the Juvenile Detention Contracts. Present at this meeting was Sheriff Chris Hoffman, Under Sheriff Perry Johnson, Juvenile Detention Supervisor Cal Robinson, Juvenile Detention Staff Wendy Fawns, Citizens Bill Menager, Charles Wissenbach, Mary Barton, Bitterroot Star Editor Victoria Howell, Bitterroot Star Publisher Michael Howell, Maggie Wright, Lee Tickle, Jay Roberts, Ravalli Republic Reporter Laura Lundquist. Human Resource Director Robert Jenni, Deputy Chief Probation Officer Clint Arneson.

Commissioner Iman called the meeting to order noting they have received draft contracts for Missoula County and Community, Counseling and Correctional Services, Inc. (CCCS), (also known as RYO) out of Galen, Montana. Commissioner Kanenwisher addressed the two CCCS contracts noting one includes the daily rate and the other contract is a guaranteed use rate (with two beds). He also reviewed the services provided which includes housing, transportation, evaluations. The difference between these two CCCS contracts is the 2-bed guarantee. These contracts were reviewed by Civil Counsel Browder. In regard to the Missoula County contract, this contract does not guarantee some of the services, so they are asking for a 6-month contract in order to see what the services should be in the future. This contract does not guarantee beds or transportation. The rate is \$225.00 per night for Missoula.

Commissioner Foss noted the CCCS facility allows for some outdoor recreation. Commissioner Kanenwisher noted the (RYO) facility is very well run with a common and outdoor area, including a class-room and shop area.

Commissioner Kanenwisher stated Missoula has 24 beds and they average 8 beds being utilized. RYO has a 12 bed facility and averages 8 beds being utilized. Commissioner Foss asked if Ravalli County can have a relationship with both facilities. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated that is correct.

Commissioner Kanenwisher addressed the various comments by Attorney Browder which were reflected in the final contract proposal. Commissioner Iman asked if the two CCCS contracts were for one year. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated that is correct and they would renew automatically if Ravalli County does not give a 30 day notice. Commissioner Chilcott stated the term is not a big deal because they would not be exclusive contracts. He also asked about the CCCS contract for liability. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated each party indemnifies each other.

Commissioner Iman asked for County Employee comment.

Deputy Chief Probation Officer Clint Arneson stated the Court wants to make sure transportation back to the Court is within statutory (requirements) limits, as well as the accessibility of the juvenile's defenses. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated the transportation issue will be addressed, and in regard to accessibility, in Missoula there is the ability to have video capability with the court and they are willing to explore the possibility of utilizing Missoula County Public Defender staff for that purposes.

Sheriff Hoffman stated it is the practice of Ravalli County that juveniles be present, and not utilizing video. The least amount of exposure would be to utilize Missoula because of the shortest transportation time. He would like to see Missoula County as the primary contractor and RYO (CCCS) as the backup.

Under Sheriff Johnson stated the Sheriff's Office does prefer the non-exclusive contracts. Discussion included the Ravalli County and Missoula County transportation issues due to manpower and being located within certain portions of the county that allows for easier transportation.

Sheriff Hoffman emphasized that when Ravalli County transports, this takes the law enforcement officer off the street for his primary duties and they will end up bringing in someone on overtime call out.

Commissioner Kanenwisher stated the only reason to have RYO at all is because Missoula County is not quite ready to commit to the transportation portion until we see how the next few months will go.

Sheriff Hoffman stated his best guess is that RYO does not have someone waiting to make a transport, so he anticipates some transportation issues there.

Commissioner Foss stated this will be a process but they hope to gain some fiscal responsibility. Commissioner Chilcott stated RYO does provide psychiatric evaluations within their contract.

Sheriff Hoffman stated when they are dealing with a suicidal juvenile that will be handled locally; no transport will be made until that issue is dealt with.

Cal Robinson asked about the Missoula County Contract under 4.4 it states they "will provide transportation for detainees when and where practicable", he suggested they commit to the back

transportation (from Missoula to Ravalli County). He also noted the county will need to continue with their quarterly reports to the Board of Crime Control.

Public Comment was then called for.

Michael Howell asked who makes the call to decide where the juveniles go if both contracts are signed. Sheriff Hoffman stated that will be the responsibility of the Sheriff to decide. Under Sheriff Johnson indicated the importance of having options and they might find out another detention center will be needed.

Charles Wissenback stated the parents should be part of the solution, so Missoula is preferable. He also hopes at the next budget cycle the county might be able to return to the detention facility here.

Jay Roberts asked Sheriff Hoffman if he had a ball park on the number of hours that might be needed for transportation of juveniles. Sheriff Hoffman stated they know it will impact the Sheriffs' Office but they will not know how much for several months. Jay asked the Commissioners if they know how much money will be saved by this outsource. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated the first year in savings should be around \$100,000 because they are already into October with a July 1st budget cycle. They estimate the second year will be \$220,000. Commissioner Chilcott stated these are simply projections.

Maggie Wright asked about the non-guarantee for beds as well as the prioritization of facilities. Commissioner Kanenwisher stated if they sign both contracts, and CCCS being the daily rate, the prioritization lies with the Sheriff's Office.

Public Comment was now closed.

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to execute the contract with Missoula County as presented in the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Kanenwisher stated given the preference by the Sheriff and the geographic location of Missoula County, he believes this to be a good idea. **All voted "aye". (5-0)**

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to execute the Detention Services agreement with CCCs on the non-guaranteed bed as presented also known as the daily rate. Commissioner Foss seconded the motion. All voted "aye" (5-0).