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**Camden Criminal Justice Council**  
**Minutes from meeting on March 3, 2016**  
**Location: Commissioners Meeting Room**

**Present:**

Jackie L Johnson, Chairperson  
Elaine Powerski, Citizen  
Joy Lynn Turner, Clerk of Superior Court  
Judge Jennifer Lewis, Magistrate Court  
Chief Timothy Hatch, St. Marys Police Department  
Chief Daryl Griffis, Kingsland Police Department  
Robert Cummings, Re-entry Program  
Judge Anthony Harrison  
April Howard, Justice Council Coordinator

**Guests:**

Chuck Byerly, Camden County Sheriff's Office  
Bryan K. Fewox, Camden County Sheriff's Office  
Rob Mastroianni, Camden County Sheriff's Office  
Sail Coleman, State Probation  
Brenda Locklear, State Probation  
April Moore, State Probation  
Donald Petrine, Re-Entry Program  
Alex Smith, Circuit Defender's Office  
William Robinson, District Attorney's Office

The meeting was called to order by Jackie L. Johnson, Chair person who welcomed everyone.

**APPROVAL OF May 28, 2015 MINUTES**

Superior Court Judge Anthony Harrison made a motion to approve the Minutes from the August 27, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Judge Jennifer Lewis, and the minutes were approved unanimously, with no corrections.

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**UPDATE ON NEW WORLD CONSOLIDATED SOFTWARE PACKAGE- Bryan Fewox**

Brian Fewox gave an update on the New World Consolidated Software Package. Brian stated that the intent was to go live with the mobile in Fire, EMS and all of law enforcement so that all details that come through dispatch are displayed in emergency vehicles. This would include the ability to run GCIC reports from the vehicle, or just have the returns come back to the vehicle. We are not at that point yet. The mobile was scheduled to go live in February, but has been postponed. The issue is the procurement of all the pieces associated with the installation of the devices. For each piece that needs to be purchased (mounting devices, hardware, etc.) it is required that we obtain three quotes from three separate vendors. Once those quotes have been obtained, they must go before the County Commission for approval. The emergency vehicles are all different makes and models and require different equipment and mounts. This has significantly delayed the process.

District Attorney Jackie Johnson questioned if the items being purchased were a part of the initial cost of the project, or if these were items that we were paying additional money for. Brian explained that the costs are within the scope of the project, and are still coming out of SPLOST. Brian also assured the Council that we are still within budget.

Brian further explained that the mobile portion would “go live” in June, and that the E-ticketing portion of the software would be available in June as well. This will then also include interfacing with the County Courts and Municipal Courts.

See attached report for further details.

District Attorney Jackie Johnson asked council members if the New World Software has been beneficial. All answered affirmative. Chief Hatch explained that the software has reduced the amount of time it takes to run reports regarding accident reports at intersections and locations within the city. Chief Hatch explained that prior to the New World software, they were required to enter every possible street name into the system and hand-tally the results.

**MENTAL HEALTH COURT – Elaine Powerski**

Elaine Powerski explained that there is a grant available for Mental Health Courts through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). She

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stated that the grant application is due 5:00 pm on March 25, 2016 and would cover July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This would be a grant that would require re-application each year and a 10% match in cash but it will often be waived for financial difficulties. The general goal of the program is to reduce the prison population. The program would provide mental health services and drug treatment to offenders. Many other courts have used the cost of the drug testing equipment as the cash match for the grant application.

District Attorney Jackie Johnson explained that Judge Kelley is already receiving grants from the CJCC for Drug Court. She stated that before proceeding with any grant application, she would like to know how much Camden County is already receiving from CJCC for their Drug Court. She further expressed concern that while we may have resources in the Court system to implement a Mental Health Court, we do not have the resources in the community. Ms. Johnson stated that Gateway had a meeting a few months ago and they have recognized that there is a need in the community for mental health services in coordination with the Court system. There is a move to open up more beds to male patients to provide mental health treatment. Ms. Johnson's concern is that there are a lot of issues that will need to be addressed and a lot of other agencies and community members that will need to be involved before we can apply for any grants. This may be something that can be implemented in conjunction with the existing Drug Court.

There was a discussion between District Attorney Jackie Johnson and Chief Probation Officer Sail Coleman regarding the mental health options through State Probation. Ms. Coleman explained that there is a Day Reporting Center available in Baxley that provides inpatient type rehabilitation services to offenders and there is some mental health component to that treatment. There is also a Day Reporting Center Lite that services offenders in Waycross, but it is done in-office. There are no such services available in Camden County, in part because of the Drug Court that has already been established. Ms. Johnson suggested putting together a study group between Probation, the Judges and District Attorney's Offices to explore the options available to Camden County offenders.

Ms. Johnson plans to reach out to Judge Kelley and see if he can put a report together and come to the next council meeting to discuss the Drug Court program and the services it provides.

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### **RE-ENTRY GRANT – Robert Cummings**

Mr. Cummings stated that the Re-Entry Program is providing a Mentor Program with the intent to get more involved with the youth in our community in order to prevent crime. The services provided are family counseling, individual counseling, group counseling, mentoring, tutoring, or whatever the identified need may be for that individual. They have been working with Juvenile Court to provide these services and also have services available for adult offenders. Mr. Cummings is requesting the support of the council for a grant that they are applying for in order to assist with the funding of their program to provide mental health, family violence counseling and drug treatment services as well. Mr. Cummings is also requesting referrals from the Court system to his program.

### **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT – Chief Tim Hatch**

Chief Hatch wanted the council members to be aware of an available grant on violent gang and gun crime reduction program through the Project Safe Neighborhoods. Saint Mary's Police Department will not be applying for this grant, but he wanted other agencies to be aware of the grant.

District Attorney Jackie Johnson stated that there didn't seem to be enough known gang activity in Camden County to apply for this grant. She did express a need for education at the Middle School level about the dangers of gangs and internet pornography. Ms. Johnson recommended that the council consider putting a program together to go into the schools to teach kids about the dangers of guns, gangs and internet safety.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Hatch stated that he send out an email to the Board Members asking the members to act as stake-holders in the body-worn camera grant by looking at the policy that is being considered in DC. Chief Hatch asked if there were any members who had any concerns or questions regarding the body-worn camera program implementation that can be addressed in the policy. There were no concerns expressed by the board.

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Elaine Powerski inquired about the Sheriff's Citizen's Academy. Chuck Byerly explained that it is an eight week program that is open to anyone who wishes to participate. It offers citizens class sessions will cover virtually every aspect of law enforcement. The curriculum will inform the students of operational dynamics of the Camden County Sheriff's Office, and the critical role citizens play in crime control efforts. In addition to classroom training, the Academy students will be required to participate in action-oriented activities, riding with deputies on patrol, a tour of the detention center, mock crime scene processing, familiarization with firearms, mock traffic stops. Ms. Powerski asked if there was a similar program for youth. Chuck Byerly explained that the Sheriff's Office does offer a C.H.A.M.P.S. Program that goes into the schools to speak to students, but there are no other programs at this time. He further stated that they are currently looking into implementing a Juvenile Citizens Academy.

Ms. Powerski expressed interest in creating a program geared towards youth and preventing criminal activity at a young age. There was a discussion among members about the possibility of creating a youth summer camp. Robert Cummings stated that the Re-Entry program has started a summer camp program in Cumberland Oaks and The Pines in St. Marys that will offer mentoring and field trips for youth in those neighborhoods.

### **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Camden Criminal Justice Council will be held Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 9:00 am in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room located on the second floor of the Commissioner's Building.

### **ADJOURN**

Respectfully Submitted,

April Howard

March 3, 2016

Camden County Criminal Justice Meeting

New World Status Update (\*\* Notes Updates)

- All Camden County Public Safety Agencies went live with the record systems July 1 2015
  - \* All Fire and Law Data can now be viewed by each Agencies
  - \* All Agencies have access to real time 911 Dispatch calls
  - \* Each Agency is able to manage their own users rights in the software
  - \* We have met compliance with UCR records as of January 2016
- Camden County 911 went live with CAD June 1, 2015
  - \* Camden County Map now displays caller location unless address validation is not correct. \*\*
  - \* GCIC now runs through the New World software without requiring 3<sup>rd</sup> Party software
  - \* GCIC Returns are now displayed in the CAD Narrative for all law Enforcement Agencies
  - \* Priority Dispatch was implemented January 2016 for EMS, Fire and Police
  - \* Call Quality Assurance testing began March 2016 for 911 Certification
- Corrections Software went live on July 1, 2015
  - \* New Mug Shot Photo system was implemented July 1, 2016
  - \* New Palmer Print scanner was implemented July 1, 2015
  - \* Livescan Palm Print Scanner interface is scheduled post Data conversion
  - \* Social Security Reporting compliance was completed August 2015
  - \* All Jailors went through an additional 16 hours of software training
  - \* Jail Type II Inmate Report Draft was completed February 2016 \*\*
- Mobile Software Go-Live was reschedule for June 2016
  - \* E-tickets will be implemented in June 2016 with Mobile Go-Live to export Citations to Municipal and Probate Courts\*\*
  - \*E-Ticketing Software and Printers require Board of Commissioners Approval - April meeting
  - \* E-Ticketing configuration and setup must be completed before June 1, 2016

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- \* All Tablets for Law, Fire and EMS have been configured and software installed
  - \* Each Agency must provide their own vehicle mounts – SMPD is only agency ready with these.
  - \* Camden County Sheriff's Office Mounts arrived February 1, 2016 and will be installed over the coming weeks
  - Data Conversion is scheduled to be completed prior to June 1, 2016
    - \* Data conversion from Law enforcement will be all evidence from cases
    - \* Data conversion from Fire includes Hydrants and Personnel Training Records
    - \* Data Conversion will help resolve some of the current addressing problems
  - Mapping and addressing continues to be a work in progress by all the elected officials involved
  - LINX Data upload was discussed with Board of Governance on February 24, 2016 with Major Byerly addressing the group for their assistance to complete the process.
    - \* LINX is the system that collects Law Enforcement data that allows Agencies to query records on line from throughout the entire country.
  - New World Software Version Upgrade is scheduled to occur before June 1, 2016
  - Tracker Interface is the link between the Jail software and Superior court software
    - \* The Data conversion and software upgrade are necessary before implementing this interface
    - \* Most testing has been completed through Walker County GA
    - \* The Specialist will be on site to work with CCSO and Superior Court to addressing any issues

## Special Notes:

1. Mapping: Throughout Camden County there are multiple streets and houses where the address is not correct. There are many streets with the same name although in different cities / county. The elected officials have met with GIS, Law, Fire and 911 to determine how this issue can be resolved. It is a continuing issue and Coastal Georgia RDC has presented a plan to move forward on these problems.
2. Jail Type II Inmate Report Draft: The report fields and layout have been completed with several recent change requests to be added. There is a problem with how some data is being pulled and not presenting the proper information. Notice was given to New World on 2/25/16 and a follow up status request on 3/2/16.
3. E-Tickets: Mobile was initially schedule for February 2016. Due to my inability to pull together all of the components pricing quotes from 3 vendors and install the vehicle mounts for CCSO this target date had to be moved. As a result of the date move will now be able to go –live with Mobile and E-Tickets at the same time

Bryan K. Fewox  
Camden County Sheriff's Office, IT Director