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NORCOR Board Meeting

January 18th, 2024

Preliminary Business – The NORCOR Board meeting was held as a hybrid meeting offered on two platforms; by ZOOM and in person at the NORCOR Juvenile Detention Facility at 211 Webber Street, The Dalles, OR.

Board Members – Judge Joe Dabulskis (Sherman), Commissioner Pat Shannon (Gilliam), Commissioner Ed Weathers (Hood River).

Oversite – Sheriff Matt English, Amber DeGrange

Other Attendees – Nichole Biechler, Joyce Orendorff, Daniel White, John Miller, Amber DeGrange, Robbie Johnson, Dale Whipple, Amy Nation, Barb Harris, Rebecca Beitzl, Bill Boyden, Connie Krummrich, Tom McCoy.

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Judge Joe Dabulskis at 10:05am.

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

1.2 Consent Agenda: Commissioner Ed Weathers made a motion to accept the consent agenda, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Pat Shannon. There was no discussion.

1.2.1 Commissioner’s Annual Facilities Inspection form.

1.2.2 Minutes – Board Meeting December 21, 2023.

Commissioner Ed Weathers made a motion to accept the board meeting minutes from Dec 21st, Commissioner Shannon seconded his motion. There was no discussion.

2.0 Public Comment – There was no public comment.



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3.0 Business Item -

3.1 Summit – Micro Market and 3 yr. renewal of contract

Nichole Biechler shared that at the OSSA yearly event, Command staff were approached by a Summit Foods representative who introduced the idea of a micro-market for NORCOR staff in our current staff lounge. Summit has completed a preliminary assessment of the room. They will redo the entire staff lounge with paint, bistro tables, and turn it into an inviting space. Summit will provide a proposal soon. The response to this idea has been overwhelmingly positive from staff. If approved to move forward, the Summit contract would be renewed for three years, the current contract will expire at the end of this fiscal. Sheriff Matt English added that this improvement would align with more fit and healthy staff, and healthier choices.

Commander Orendorff added that in a nutshell it does not appear that there will be any cost to NORCOR, she will report when she receives the updated contract.

3.2 High Street Insurance –

Nichole Biechler shared that she and the Jail Commander met Michael from High Street Insurance last week, he will make sure that our insurance needs are met. He did a tour of the facility. The transition has been seamless and looks good at this point.

3.2.1 Follow-up from December Board session – There was no update.

3.3 Central and Eastern Oregon Juvenile Justice Consortium (CEOJJC) Daily Bed Rate.

Daniel White shared that the Juvenile Facility recently entered into a new contract with the Juvenile Justice Consortium CEOJJC, rates have increased substantially. The new bed rate will be \$220 daily.



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3.4 Finance Update

3.4.1 November 2023 Financials Statements

Dale Whipple gave an update on the November finance documents. Overall, on track and doing better than expected to date through November.

4.0 Administrative Updates

4.1 Coalition Update(s)

Connie Krummrich shared that the NORCOR Coalition met with the management team last week. They discussed Measure 110 and got an update from the sheriff on its effect across the state. Corliss March is in contact with the Community College which could be a viable resource. They are considering a public relations outreach with the Chamber of Commerce.

4.2 Oversight Committee Update(s)

Sheriff Matt English shared that the Sheriff's committee met in late November. They will be setting a regular schedule to meet every 2-3 months. Sheriff Matt English took over as oversight Sheriff January 1st and has been meeting with Commander Orendorff regularly. He met this week with the leadership team, working through any issues, staffing, sharing resources, and reports that the teamwork is going very well. They have been discussing wellness programs going on in the gorge.

Juvenile Oversight: Amber DeGrange shared that they continue to meet regularly. They discussed bed rates. Daniel White is making sure that all documents are up to date including incident report policy, and more efficient contracts.

4.3 Board Member Update(s)

Commissioner Shannon shared that they have been discussing measure 110. They have also been in conversation with DHS in hopes for a more efficient ballot. They have asked the Eastern Oregon caucus where the ballot measure is, and they are actively involved in the process for fixes. There will be a summit meeting on Monday where District Attorneys around the state have been asked to participate.



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Judge Joe Dabulskis shared some of the changes from Measure 110. He explained there are 300 bills going through, yesterday the governor submitted one bill.

Commissioner Weathers shared that he had a tour of the Juvenile facility. He inquired about the facility inspection form in the Board packet.

5.0 Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 10:54am.

5.1 Next NORCOR Board Meeting will be February 15, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

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NORCOR Admin Assistant

2/4/2024
Date

Commissioner Scott Hege
NORCOR Board Chair

Date