

MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

McEaddy Conference Room
12th Floor, 301 N. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

Members Present:

Barbara Cheives
Jeffrey Colbath
Douglas Duncan
George Elmore
Carey Haughwout
Nellie King
Barry Krischer
Gerald Richman
Priscilla Taylor
Lee Waring
William Kramer
Ex-Officio, Immediate Past Chair

Members Absent:

Dave Aronberg
Roselyn Baker
Randolph Johnson, Sr.
Bryan Kummerlen
Christina Morrison

Robert Avossa
Ex-Officio, Executive Committee

Guests Attending:

James Brako, County Attorney's Office
Mike Gauger, PBSO
Eliot Kleinberg, Palm Beach Post
Duane Little, FDLE, full CJC member
Jennifer Loyless, Public Defender's Office
Karl Martin, Crime Prevention Officers Association
Debra Oats, Court Administration
Hampton Peterson, Clerk & Comptroller's Office
Yasmin Rivera, Dept. of Corrections
Stephanie Sejnoha, Dir. of Finance/Administration, Public Safety
Louis Tomeo, Clerk & Comptroller's Office

Staff Present:

Vince Bonvento, Assistant County Administrator, Interim Executive Director

Jacqueline Esposito, Criminal Justice Analyst

Kristina Henson (nee Gulick), Executive Director

Arlene Griffiths, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Public Safety

Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst

Shahzia Jackson, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Public Safety

Danny Kreshak, Financial Analyst II

Damir Kukec, Research & Planning Manager

Rosalind Murray, Criminal Justice Programs

Allison Orr, Administrative Assistant

- I. Chairman Lee Waring called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 a.m.
- II. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present.
- III. Chairman Lee Waring welcomed members and invited guests to introduce themselves.
- IV. The agenda was unanimously approved motion by Judge Jeffery Colbath, second by Ms. Carey Haughwout. The minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved, motion by Judge Jeffrey Colbath, second by Ms. Carey Haughwout.
- VI. **Chairman's Comments:** None
- VII. **Executive Director's Comments:** Interim Executive Director Vince Bonvento introduced and welcomed the new Executive Director, Ms. Kristina Gulick.
- VIII. **Old Business – Regular Item(s):** None
- IX. **New Business –**
 - A. **Attendance/Meeting Time Change:** Because of certain attendees not making the meetings on a regular basis, it was discussed whether or not a change of times of the meetings would facilitate greater attendance. Mr Gerald Richman suggested a time change to afternoon, Judge Colbath suggested a survey of members for input, Ms. Haughwout said either early or lunchtime would be best choices. Chair Waring stated this suggestion would be brought to the full CJC on January 25, 2016.
 - B. **Alternate/Proxy vote for Constitutional Seats:** Chair Waring wanted a discussion on the issue of the constitutional officer seats having a consistent voice, so during the Ordinance revisions, would a proxy vote be considered. Mr. Gerald Richman supported a change to allow a proxy for those positions. Judge Colbath stated it would be better to have the actual

officers. Mr. Bonvento reminded members that Clerk Bock has formally requested the removal of the Clerk's position from the CJC. Ms. Cheives said that would dilute the effectiveness of the membership, and given the constitutional officers will not always be the same, subject to election, and she added it would not be prudent to remove the Clerk seat at this time. Barry Krischer stated the strength has always been that there is no proxy vote allowed, and is not supportive of that. Commissioner Taylor agreed to leave it as is, Sheriff/Clerk sends representatives and they are valuable. Ms. Carey Haughwout agreed, and said the Clerk does not have an actual position on issues, is more administrative in nature vs. criminal justice, except in the matter of the courts, and the representative of those offices attending meetings are excellent. The consensus of the Executive Committee is to keep the Clerk's seat on the CJC. A motion was made by Mr. Barry Krischer to keep the Clerk seat, second by Mr. Douglas Duncan. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Subcommittee updates: Chair Waring talked about updating the BOCC regularly on the various subcommittees with the County Administrator and new Executive Director.

D. Annual Planning Meeting: The date of February 22, 2016 was decided upon for the setting of CJC priorities.

E. CJC Ordinance Revision – Mr. Vince Bonvento explained the changes being made to the Ordinance; number of economic council members, BOCC appointees, includes ex-offender representative, reporting relationship of CJC Executive Director, statutory amendment changes to Sunshine Law, additional Chief of Police Association representation.

Member Comments: Barry Krischer suggested leaving statute number of Sunshine Law out and leaving verbiage in; and stated opening a seat for an ex-offender without providing for a victim representative seat is counterproductive and he does not support the proposal. Mr. William Kramer brought up the quorum issue, the county ordinance requires one more than half, to be effective the Ordinance should be modified to 1/3 of the membership, as stated in the CJC By-Laws. There is currently a disconnect between the Ordinance and By-Laws. Mr. Kramer also pointed out that some private sector terms expired on December 31, 2015 are effectively sitting on this body and will also not be appointed at the next full CJC meeting. Mr. Vince Bonvento said the Economic Council has been asked to expedite the process of the

nominations. Ms. Barbara Cheives said because of this, a February 22 APM date is not advisable. There was general discussion on the three year term of private sector, and being appointed by County Commissioners, would they be permitted to serve term if the commissioner member changed and reappointed someone else. Commissioner Taylor added that does not typically happen and does not see that as an issue. Executive Director Kristina Henson commented on the removal for lack of attendance only applied to private sector members, a few items need to be cleaned up based on the old By-Laws. There was general discussion on this topic and its consequences, and a number of opinions were presented. Ms. Carey Haughwout did not support the request of the Chiefs of Police Association to add a seat as there is currently adequate Law Enforcement representation. She agreed with Mr. Krischer that the ex-offender proposed seat should not be a one-sided representation and is not appropriate for the full CJC, opposes the reduction of the number of private sector (EC) seats, and the seven BOCC appointed seats, and would like to see what standards those appointees would be held to when being considered for membership. Motion made by Judge Colbath to deny the Chief of Police Association additional seat, and approve the request for an appointed member of the Association in lieu of the President, second by Mr. Barry Krischer, motion passed unanimously. Motion by Judge Jeffrey Colbath to not have an at-large ex-offender seat on the CJC, second by Mr. Gerald Richman, motion passed unanimously. Mr. Barry Krischer suggested adding seven more BOCC appointed seats along with the economic council members rather than the proposed reduction. Chairman Lee Waring expressed concern that the members who will be replaced by the BOCC appointees would not have an opportunity to complete their responsibilities that filter down to subcommittees, that phasing them out would provide that opportunity. Motion made by Judge Jeffrey Colbath to not reduce the private sector membership and increase the membership by seven, second by Mr. Barry Krischer, motion passed, with Commissioner Priscilla Taylor opposed.

With no further discussions, Chairman Waring moved to adjourn, unanimously moved, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 a.m.