

**Okeechobee County Public Safety  
Coordinating Council Meeting  
Minutes  
April 3, 2018 10:00 A.M.**

**1. Introductions:**

**The meeting came to order at 10:06 am.**

**There was no attendance via conference call due to a problem with the conference number.**

Terry Burroughs, Chairman of Board of County Commissioners  
Ashley Albright, State Attorney's Office  
Sharon Robertson, Clerk of Circuit Court  
Captain Deloney, Okeechobee Sheriff's Office  
Amanda Busbin, Mental Health Case Manager  
Lieutenant John Rhoden, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office  
Ivelisse Chico-Randazzo, St. Lucie Pre Trial  
Paula Poskon / Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court /Minutes

**2. Secretary Report**

The June, 2018 meeting has been moved from June 5<sup>th</sup>, to June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 because there is a conflict with the BOCC Meeting on the June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Ashley Albright made a motion to accept the minutes from April 3, 2018 PSCC Meeting, and John Rhoden seconded the motion. Vote was accepted unanimously.

Starting in June we will start meeting on a quarterly basis.

**4. Current Status of Public Safety Council Projects**

a. Jail Assessment Plan

Status Breakdown of Housed Inmates (attachment)

John Rhoden stated there are 242 inmates in custody at this time. There are 45 females and 4 juveniles. There are 3 male juveniles and 1 female. There is 1 male and 1 female on suicide watch.

The County Administrator is continuing her work on developing an approach to funding the new jail components. The Capital Improvement organization is looking at different ways to accomplish the goals of the refurbishment by meeting with various companies that manage jails models.

a. SRO Update

There is a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2018 with the School Board to receive public input from the people on how to handle the mandate from the State. On Thursday, April 11, 2018 there will be a workshop with the County, City, Sheriff's Office and School Board, on how to fund the mandate from the State regarding security in the schools, regarding the SRO Program. The City will fund 2 of the SRO's, as there are 2 schools in the city. The rest will be paid by the School Board and the County.

**5. 2017 Public Safety Coordinating Council Objectives**

**a. Mental Health Court Update**

**1. Update from Case Manager :**

Amanda reported that the cases are going well. If a problem comes up we address it.

**2. Transportation Update:**

There are about 10 clients, one is in Palm Beach and one is in St. Lucie County. There are only two that need transportation. They have transportation set up, through the grant with Wisener's Home Town Taxi service. He is willing to work with us and do invoicing to Southwest Florida. He will provide transportation as needed.

**3. Housing Update:**

Amanda stated although we still do not have housing, the Old Lamb of God would be ideal, if it were smaller. We can't fill all the rooms, and cannot find anyone in Okeechobee that would be willing to run it.

**b. Jail Project Update**

**1. Update from BOCC:**

Sharon Robertson brought up the plans that were done, quite a while ago on the jail. Maybe Donnie Oden has it.

The Chair stated they are going to build a new pod and renovate the jail.

**6. Additional Issues PSCC Committee Desires to Focus on**

**The Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.**

Meeting will be conducted via conference call. Conference call information is as follows:

**SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK**