

Administrative and Finance Joint Meeting Minutes  
Administrative and Finance/Public Safety  
October 21, 2008  
5:30 p.m.

Called to order by Chairman West at 5:45 p.m.

Present Kirsenlohr, Klingforth, Ward, Kotlowski, James, Johnson, Sebastiani.

Also present, McGhee, Renner, Albert, Dehmlow, July, Renner, Hartley, Keckeisen, Helmrick, Petkovsek, Runnells, Judge Pollex, Loken.

Motioned by Ward/Sebastiani to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ward questioned the usage of speaker phone, dollars we could save a year, over 6 years, replacement costs, in addition to use of speaker phone rather than transporting prisoners. There should possibly be a cost analysis done on the number of transports, the number of mental commitments, juveniles that could use video conferencing.

Dave July gave handouts with 2007 figures. He informed the committee that transports are paid \$11.00 an hour approximately \$19,000 a year in wages. We could save approximately \$25,000 - \$30,000.

Chapter 51s were discussed. Probable cause hearings were discussed. Transporting a patient, trip to and from each time and costs associated. It was explained that figures arrived at are calculated based on court cases not on the number of hearings per case. A case could have 6 – 7 (more) hearings. Ron Ledford gave out handouts, but said they were 3 years old.

Ward asked how long it would take to recoup our money. Ledford referenced a \$350,000 case where an officer crashed into a girl that is pending, along with a tussle that occurred between a prisoner and an officer.

Judge Pollex explained we are here to provide a service and we intend to make a commitment to utilize the system as much as possible. This is where technology is leading us; it is a learning curve and there will be training needed.

Motioned by Sebastiani/Klingforth to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on October 22, 2008. .  
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Phillippi  
Recording Secretary,