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NORCOR Board Meeting

March 21, 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 – NORCOR Board Chair- Commissioner Scott Hege (Wasco), NORCOR Board Vice Chair- Judge Joe Dabulskis (Sherman), Secretary/Treasurer- Commissioner Pat Shannon (Gilliam), Commissioner Ed Weathers (Hood River).

Oversite – Sheriff Matt English, Juvenile Director Amber DeGrange

Other Attendees – Joyce Orendorff, Nichole Biechler, Laura Westmeyer, Dale Whipple, Daniel White, Rebecca Beitel, Tim Schechtel, Barb Harris, Connie Krummrich, Corliss Marsh, Bill Boyden, Amber DeGrange, Dan Lindhorst, Red Stephens.

1.0 Call to Order called to order 10:05 – the meeting was called to order by Board Chair Scott Hege.

1.1 Welcome and Introductions

1.2 Additions or Deletions - to the agenda no additions or deletions

1.3 **Consent Agenda** -

1.3.1 **Minutes** - Board Meeting February 15, 2024.

Ed Weathers made a motion to approve the consent agenda, his motion was seconded by Judge Dabulskis.

2.0 **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.



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3.0 Business Item—

- 3.1 OYA/CEOJJC Bed Rate update - Detention Manager Daniel White was happy to report that after extensive negotiations with Oregon Youth Authority, he was able to secure an increase in the bed rates from \$165 a day to \$249.11 per day which is a 67% increase. Daniel White gave an overview of all current pending negotiations and explained the contractual boundaries on numbers of youth housed. The number of youths allowed may change in the future and will be addressed during the next negotiations with OYA.
- 3.2 Wasco Cultural Trust Grant - Detention Manager Daniel White shared that Juvenile Detention received a grant for \$2000, Wasco County has generously offered to fund events for the youth from the Cultural Trust in the future. He shared his appreciation for the cultural access for the youth, helping them to retain ties to their heritage. There is another event scheduled in May. There will be a mariachi band, food and entertainment for the youth and all attendees.
- 3.3 Summit Contract Extension - Jail Commander Joyce Orendorff shared that she had not yet received feedback on the contract extension or changes from Attorney Laura Westmeyer. Laura Westmeyer shared areas within the contract that may require changes including contract limited liability and attorney fees. Commander Orendorff explained that the new contract would include a micro market which would provide a location for staff to take a break, they would also be able to purchase healthy fresh food choices as most staff cannot leave the facility while on shift. This will be at no cost to NORCOR. Pat Shannon made a motion to approve the Summit contract subject to negotiations with legal counsel and the Jail Commander. Judge Dabulskis seconded his motion.
- 3.4 Viapath Contract - Jail Commander Joyce Orendorff will be working with Laura Westmeyer on the new Viapath contract. The updated contract will include replacing the two kiosks in adult booking and in the lobby of the adult facility. There is no cost increase associated with updating this contract. Judge Joe Dabulskis made a motion to approve the Viapath contract pending legal and the Jail Commander negotiations. Pat Shannon seconded the motion.
- 3.5 Write-Off Policy follow-up - Business Manager Nichole Biechler gave an overview of the write-off policy. The consensus was that all of the board members agreed. There was no need for a vote.



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3.6 Tree removal and replacement – Nichole Biechler explained that there seems to be some confusion about whether diseased trees in front of the buildings may be removed. Dan Lindhorst clarified that there was an original agreement when the facility opened, that the city required a certain number of trees. Nichole Biechler will be in contact with the City of The Dalles.

3.7 Finance Update

3.7.1 January 2024 Financials Statements – Finance Manager Dale Whipple gave an update on current financials.

4.0 Administrative Updates

4.1 Coalition Update(s) – Connie Krummrich – The Coalition has been keeping up with the changes in Measure 110 along with the implications of how it will affect NORCOR and the community. They have remained in contact with NORCOR medical regarding staffing. The Coalition is working on community education outreach. Tim Schechtel and Nichole Biechler will be attending a community affairs council meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce where they will give an overview of NORCOR. They are hoping that the community will be more educated about NORCOR and how we are all working together to help people.

4.2 Oversight Committee Update(s) -

4.2.1 Sheriff's Oversight – The Sheriff's meeting is coming up on April 2nd.

4.2.2 Juvenile Director's Oversight – Amber DeGrange shared that they met in March.

Daniel White recently submitted rate negotiations with CJAC so their rate can be reflected similarly to the rate he negotiated with the Oregon Youth Authority. They are excited for the progress Daniel has made.

Amber noted that the new trifecta of Jail Commander, Detention Manager and Business Manager are a very affective team.

They would like to express their appreciation to Wasco County for the Cultural Trust Grant for providing the culturally diverse celebrations for the youth.

They have been discussing Senate Bill 745 in which requires Juvenile Departments to screen youth for vulnerability to sex trafficking. It has been an ongoing dialog within Juvenile agencies, they have been discussing what screening will look like with Juvenile Detention staff.



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4.3 Board Member Update(s) - Commissioner Pat Shannon spoke about Ballot Measure 110 and the Gilliam County standpoint. They have begun working through the process of what the changes will mean for their county and how to address it.

5.0 Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(h) to confer with legal counsel -

6.0 Adjourn

6.1 Next NORCOR Board Meeting will be April 18, 2024, at 10:00 am -

6.1.1 Nichole will be absent -

Respectfully submitted by:

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NORCOR Admin Assistant

4/13/2024

Date

Commissioner Scott Hege
NORCOR Board Chair

Date