



**PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING
COUNCIL**

MEETING AGENDA

November 1, 2024

Administration Building,
4th Floor, BCC Meeting Room, 477 Houston
Street,

Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

11:00 AM

WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes, August 2, 2024.

INTRODUCTIONS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2. Current Status of the Clay County Detention Facility
3. Clay County Detention Facility Mental Health
4. Clay County Detention Facility Re-Entry Program
5. Reorganization of the Public Safety Coordinating Council

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

August 2, 2024

Administration Building,
4th Floor, BCC Meeting Room,
477 Houston Street,
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
10:30 AM

WELCOME

Chairman Joe Bucci welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: CCSO Director of the Detention, Joseph Bucci, Chairman
Chief of Detention Security, William Arnold, CCSO
Judge Steven Whittington, Clay County Circuit Judge
Clerk of Court and Comptroller, Tara S. Green
Public Defender, Mark Wright
Director of County Probation, Stephanie Wright, Clay County Probation
Vice-Chairman of the BCC Mike Cella, Commissioner District 2
States Attorneys Office Director, Pamela Hazel

Absent: None

Staff Present: Program Unit Supervisor, Patty Atkinson
Medical Services Manager, Margaret Pittenger

Chairman Joe Bucci called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2024.

Judge Steve Whittington made a motion for approval of the April 12, 2024, PSCC meeting minutes, seconded by Chief William Arnold, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Current Status of the Clay County Detention Facility

Detention Facility discussion can be seen at <https://youtu.be/pUI1khQDrcg>. Below is a summary of the discussion.

Chief William Arnold, CCSO - Chief of Detention Security, addressed the Council to provide details and information regarding the Detention Facility update. Chief Arnold spoke about the capacity issues and the challenges with the jail expansion. The original jail was built in 1972.

- Current Quarterly Agitated Population: 472 - 96% of Maximum Capacity
- Population as of today: 481 - 98%
- 84% of the population are felons
- 16% of the population are misdemeanors
- Housing 177 inmates sentenced to county jail
- Housing 27 inmates sentenced to Department of Corrections

There were questions and discussions regarding the housing of inmates, challenges with the new addition to the jail, i.e., design, converting administrative areas into cellblocks.

Chairman Bucci expressed his gratitude for the partnerships that have helped facilitate moving inmates in a timely manner.

3. Clay County Detention Facility Mental Health

Detention Facility - Mental Health can be seen at <https://youtu.be/pUI1khQDrcg>. Below is a summary of the discussion.

Margaret Pittenger, Medical Services Manager, addressed the Council to provide details and information on the Clay County Detention Facility - Mental Health update. Ms. Pittenger spoke about staffing issues and said that roughly 25% of the population is mental health-related.

There were questions and discussions regarding clarifying the number of mental health inmates, truly psychotic inmates seen this week - 11, management of depressed inmates, concerns with the space to conduct counseling and interviews, and nursing staff workspace.

4. Clay County Detention Facility Re-Entry Program

Detention Facility - Re-Entry Program can be seen at <https://youtu.be/pUI1khQDrcg>. Below is a summary of the discussion.

Patty Atkinson, Program Unit Supervisor - CCSO Jail, addressed the Council to provide details and information on the Clay County Detention Facility - Re-Entry Program update.

Topics of discussion:

- Grant application for the Substance Abuse Disorder Task Force - Benefits and Services
- Partnership with Clay Behavioral and Paramedicine Program - Medication and requirements
- Partnership with the Clay County Rescue Mission - Housing/Placement
- Possibility of purchasing a simulator to teach inmates how to operate heavy equipment
- Grant received by Orange Park Adult Education - 3 Years - With each year they will receive \$88,000.00 to provide educational and vocational classes to inmates starting August 26, 2024, with GED classes being provided across the board all three years with Microsoft certification this year - The Inmates must meet certain qualifications
- Partnership with the Coalition - Bus Tickets
- Partnership with the Veterans Department

There were comments, questions, and discussions regarding the goal of the re-entry program, operation New Hope, housing to transition inmates, and the appreciation for the involvement with the medical assistance program.

5. Clay County Detention Facility Jail Expansion

Jail Expansion discussion can be seen at <https://youtu.be/pUI1khQDrcg>. Below is a summary of the discussion.

Chairman Joe Bucci opened the floor to provide detailed information and discuss the Clay County Detention Facility - Jail expansion update.

Topics of Discussion:

- Addition of 74 Beds on the Third Floor
- Addition of 24 Beds on the Second Floor
- Population Issue
- Last Time the Jail was Renovated - 2000
- The need for a new facility
- Five-Year Plan for the Jail and other areas/locations in the county
- Improvements at the Courthouse

Judge Steven Whittington addressed the Council to provide details and information regarding the recently held meetings about the courthouse renovations and the development of a fifty-year traditional master plan. The plan could serve the County for the next half a century, starting with the most urgent issue, the jail. They have toured nearby facilities to research how to approach a facility for Clay County - "Campus Like" - with the Jail, Sheriff's Office, and Courthouse with room to build out. Judge Whittington proposed that the council partner with others to find a place for a new jail, tour the Clay County Jail, and then tour other facilities to get ideas of what would be best for the county going forward.

There were questions and discussions regarding the need for space, planning the tours as suggested, previous review by consultants for the jail capacity issue, projection for the

jail needs - 1000 bed facility - no more than two stories with the ability to add on, timeframe for the facility - five to ten-year plan, examples of the Nassau County facility, maintenance of a facility that is two-story vs. six, proper treatment of inmates, attorneys being able to counsel clients properly due to space issues, and efficient ways to approach the need for manpower.

Chairman Bucci reiterated his appreciation for everyone's attendance and input and mentioned the review of the reorganization of the Council at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Joe Bucci opened the floor for public comment at 10:57 am.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Joe Bucci closed public comment at 10:57 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chairman Joe Bucci adjourned the meeting at 10:57 am.

Attest:

Tara S. Green
Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

Chairman or Vice-Chairman



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