

**COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**MINUTES**

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>CCJJ COMMISSION</b>
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<b>Date:</b>	Monday, January 14, 2008	<b>Time:</b>	11:00 am- 12:00pm	<b>Place:</b>	Board Room East Capitol Building
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<b>Members Present</b>	Judge Judith Atherton, Senator Greg Bell, Paul Boyden (for Lohra Miller), Clark Harms, Gary Jorgensen, Chief Mike Larsen, Sheriff Lynn Nelson, Stan Parrish, Tom Patterson, Mark Payne, Rick Schwermer (for Dan Becker), Commissioner Rich Townsend
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<b>Members Excused</b>	Kay Cornaby, Representative Eric Hutchings, Carol Lear, Judge Elizabeth Lindsley, Dan Maldonado, Holly Martak, Richard McKelvie, Reed Richards, Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, Greg Skordas
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<b>Guests</b>	Marc Giaugue, Matt Powers, Melinda Rogers
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<b>Staff</b>	Scott Carver, Reg Garff, Ned Searle, Monica Taylor, Dave Walsh, Doreen Weyland, Bob Yeates
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Welcome and Approval of Minutes</b>
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Notes:	Stan Parrish welcomed all present and introductions were made. <b>Motion:</b> Clark Harms made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 13, 2007. The motion was seconded by Rick Schwermer and passed unanimously.
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>JABG Interest</b>
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Notes:	Reg Garff reported CCJJ has managed the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) for quite some time. He said they draw the money down initially and earn interest on it. There is two years worth of interest money that amounts to about \$100,000 that needs to be spent. This money typically stays within state agencies for improvements to the juvenile system and is usually split between Juvenile Court and Juvenile Justice Services. Reg reviewed the recommendations for spending the interest money. These included splitting the funds equally between the Courts and Juvenile Justice Services to fund the construction of a security fence at Decker Lake Youth Center, CARE programming and senior judge assistance in fourth and fifth district juvenile courts. <b>Motion:</b> Senator Greg Bell made a motion to approve the JABG interest budget recommendations. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Lynn Nelson and passed unanimously.
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Surplus Funds</b>
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Notes:	Richard Ziebarth reported programs have been funded for years with the federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. He said they currently have 2005, 2006, and 2007 JAG funding open and active and have four years to spend the money. Richard also reported they learned recently that two-thirds of this funding would be cut in 2008. The JAG budget is reviewed by Richard about every six months to see what surplus funds are available. He reviewed the 2005 and 2006 JAG surplus funds allocation proposal,
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	<p>which includes funding three projects.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Sheriff Lynn Nelson made a motion to approve the 2005 and 2006 JAG surplus funds allocation recommendations. The motion was seconded by Chief Mike Larsen and passed with one abstention.</p>
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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Jessica’s Law</b>
Notes:	<p>Representative Carl Wimmer reported that one of his top priorities when he was elected was to bring Jessica’s Law to Utah. In 2006 he met with Tom Patterson and Paul Boyden and discussed the negatives of bringing this law to Utah and how it would compromise the current system. After this meeting Representative Wimmer started to realize the benefits of the system we have in Utah and wasn’t willing to run a bill that would in any way compromise it. He ran H.B. 86 last year, which had some universal support and brought together people on that legislation. This bill did increase penalties for child sex offenders and adjusted penalties for child kidnapping while keeping the indeterminate sentencing structure in tact. Representative Wimmer said he still wanted to bring a type of Jessica’s Law to Utah without comprising the system. Over the interim, Representative Wimmer met with key players and created H.B. 256, which he says is a very workable solution. This bill implements some of the core pennants of Jessica’s Laws without jeopardizing Utah’s current system. H.B. 256 offers more flexibility to prosecutors and to the justice system. Paul Boyden reviewed H.B. 256. The Commission discussed the bill and concerns were addressed.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Gary Jorgensen made a motion to support H.B. 256, Criminal Penalties Amendments – Including Jessica’s Law. The motion was seconded by Paul Boyden and passed with five abstentions.</p>

**The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2008 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Capitol Board Room, Capitol (2<sup>nd</sup> floor).**