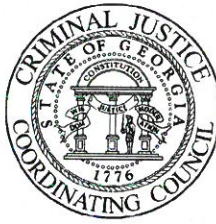


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Minutes

Full Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 08, 2020 | 10:30 A.M.
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Attendees

The following members were present via conference call: Chairman Scott Maurer, Vice Chairman Ron Freeman, Ms. Jacqueline Bunn, Chief Bruce Carlisle, Director Cynthia Clanton, Mr. Chris Clark, Director Rachel Davidson, Mr. Brian DiNapoli, Chairwoman Sonja Fillingame, Judge C. Andrew Fuller, Mr. Joe Hood, Judge Lisa Jones (Judge Greg Price was designated to attend in Judge Jones' place), Mr. Russell Lewis, Assistant Director John Melvin, Director Pete Skandalakis, Ms. Stacey Suber-Drake, Mayor Jim Thornton, and Commissioner Timothy Ward.

The following Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) staff members were present via conference call: Executive Director Jay Neal, Deputy Director Steven Hatfield, Robert Thornton, Kristy Carter, Rachel Kilgore, Laura Thompson, Mia Smith, Aisha Ford, Stefanie Lopez-Howard, and Stephanie Mikkelsen.

Welcome and Call to Order, *Chairman Scott Maurer*

Chairman Scott Maurer called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM. Ms. Rachel Kilgore called the roll, and a quorum was confirmed. Next, Chairman Maurer called for a review of the minutes of the September 22, 2020 meeting. Sheriff Ron Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes; Judge C. Andrew Fuller seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Executive Committee Report, *Ms. Kristy Carter*

Ms. Kristy Carter then presented the recommendations from the Executive Committee meeting on October 13, 2020, regarding the Family Justice Center (FJC) Initiative. This initiative, which was launched in May 2020, is set to fund three pilot communities in the state under VOCA FY20 (total award \$300,000). Each pilot site will receive \$100,000/year to support their planning and implementation process. Funding through this initiative supports an FJC Site Coordinator for each site, who will lead the community through a two-year planning process which will result in the opening of a fully functioning FJC by the beginning of year three. A fourth year of funding will be available for sustainability purposes. While several communities applied for the program, three communities were recommended for funding: 1) \$100,000 to the Crisis Line & Safe House in Macon, Georgia; 2) \$100,000 to the Cobb County District Attorney's Office in Marietta, Georgia; and 3) \$100,000 to the Waycross Shelter for Abused Persons in Waycross, Georgia.

While only three communities were selected for funding, the vision is that the FJC model is promoted and supported across the state through the CJCC's FJC Initiative. CJCC and the Statewide FJC Coordinator will provide technical assistance and support, as time and resources allow, to those communities who are not selected for funding but still pursue FJC planning and implementation. Communities will have access to resources created by CJCC as well as updates on other training and funding opportunities available to support their planning efforts.

After hearing the rulings of the Executive Committee and with no further questions, Mr. Joe Hood made a motion to accept the decision as presented; Director Pete Skandalakis seconded, and the motion carried.

Proposed Changes to Council Bylaws; Mr. Robert Thornton

Next, Mr. Robert Thornton presented to the members the recommended changes to the Council bylaws. In accordance with Article IX of the current bylaws, members were provided notice of the proposed amendments 30 days prior to this meeting. The current version of the bylaws, including tracked changes, are included as Appendix A. After hearing the recommendations, Mr. Brian DiNapoli motioned to accept, Judge C. Andrew Fuller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, satisfying the two-thirds affirmative vote requirement as outlined in Article IX.

Criminal Justice Grants Committee Recommendations, Mr. Robert Thornton

The Criminal Justice Grants Committee met on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, and made the following recommendations for the Council's consideration:

- I. Regarding the **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Byrne JAG)** – In response to continuation applications that were received prior to the October 30, 2020 deadline, the Committee recommends the following:

<i>Drug Task Force (DTF) Agency (by Fiscal Agent)</i>	<i>2021 Recommendation</i>
Athens-Clarke County (Northeast Georgia Regional DTF)	\$139,460
Baldwin County (Ocmulgee DTF)	\$151,896
Carrollton, City of (West Metro Regional Drug Enforcement Office)	\$353,413
Dawson County (North Georgia K-9 Task Force)	\$112,204
Dodge County (Oconee DTF)	\$151,896
Metter, City of (Southeastern Regional Drug Enforcement Office)	\$357,610
Georgia Department of Public Safety (K-9 Regional Task Force)	\$352,199
Haralson County (Haralson-Paulding DTF)	\$172,432
Irwin County (South Central DTF)	\$147,186
Lafayette, City of (Lookout Mountain JC DTF)	\$152,838
Upson County (Upson County Narcotics Task Force)	\$111,766
White County (Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office)	\$500,000
Albany, City of (Southwestern Regional Drug Enforcement Office)	\$248,000

<i>State Projects</i>	<i>2021 Recommendation</i>
Georgia Information and Statistical Analysis Center (GISAC)	\$219,096

Georgia Public Safety Training Center	\$414,483
Sexual Offender Registration Review Board	\$234,845

- II. Regarding continuation and new applications for the **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Program (RSAT)**, which requires a 25% match on the approved grant award, the Committee made the recommendations as outlined in the table below. For Washington County, the Committee recommends that staff offers technical assistance to work to resolve programmatic and budget issues noted in the application and then earmarking \$100,000 to launch an RSAT program. If these issues can be resolved, staff will make a funding recommendation at the next Committee and Council meetings. For the remaining recipients, staff will monitor expenditures through the end of December 2020 and, if funds remain unexpended at the end of the current grant year, the Committee recommends either deobligating the remaining funds or adjusting CY 2021 awards to reflect the amount of funds that were unexpended.

<i>Entity</i>	<i>Current Funding</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
Forsyth	\$99,618	\$212,987	\$149,618
Hall	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000
Newton	\$87,719	\$65,101	\$65,101
Washington	N/A	\$305,830	Set aside \$100,000
DJJ	\$332,185	\$731,144	\$532,185
GDC	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000

- III. Regarding the **Swift, Certain and Fair Sanctions (SCF) Grant Program** - In 2019, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council received an award of \$745,138 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance through SCF Sanctions grant program. The SCF Sanctions grant is for the Department of Community Supervision (DCS) to pilot a program to formally include as a sanction the diversion of probationers with substance use or mental health disorders to Georgia Accountability Courts. This project is a partnership between DCS and the Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ). Georgia State University (GSU) is the designated research partner, and CJCC is the grant manager. Four circuits were identified by the (SCF)Sanction project team to pilot the program. The selections were made through an analysis of DCS probationer data and data collected by CJCC and CACJ. Pilot circuits were targeted for having both a mental health and drug court, a large enough pool of probationers with substance use or mental health issues reaching or on the path to revocation, an existing relationship with DCS, and the court's capacity and willingness to accept increased DCS referrals. The project team, which included CACJ leadership, reviewed and approved the recommendations of the following four circuits to pilot the SCF Sanctions project and receive a subaward of \$84,000. The Committee recommends the following (SCF) Grant allocations: (At this time, the Eastern Circuit decided not to seek the \$84,000 subaward for piloting the project but has agreed to participate.

<i>Pilot Circuit</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
Dougherty Circuit	\$84,000

Eastern Circuit	-
Lookout Mountain Circuit	\$84,000
Northeastern Circuit	\$84,000

With no additional questions or comments, Chairman Maurer asked for a motion regarding the Committee's recommendations. Mr. Joe Hood motioned to accept all recommendations; Ms. Sonja Fillingame seconded, and the motion carried.

Next, Mr. Thornton shared that, while a CSEF Grant update was originally listed on the agenda for today's meeting, the team will need to push those updates to the next Executive or full Council meeting. At that time, a more comprehensive update can be provided.

Victim Assistance Grants Committee Recommendations; Ms. Kristy Carter

Ms. Kristy Carter presented the recommendations of the Victim Assistance Grants Committee, which met on December 2, 2020. The recommendations are included as Appendix B. After Ms. Carter's presentation, Ms. Jacqueline Bunn questioned whether or not we expected the request of a match waiver requirement to be accepted by our federal partners. Ms. Carter said yes, she believed it would be.

With no other questions, Chairman Maurer asked for a motion regarding the Committee's recommendations. Director Clanton motioned to accept all recommendations as presented and Mayor Jim Thornton seconded. On behalf of the Prosecuting Attorneys Council, Director Pete Skandalakis abstained from voting as an award to their Council was presented for consideration. With his abstention, the motion to accept all recommendations carried.

Election of New Officers; Ms. Rachel Kilgore

As required by O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-4, the Nominating Committee (Judge C. Andrew Fuller [chair], Ms. Jacqueline Bunn, Mr. Joe Hood, and Assistant Commissioner Scott Maurer) met on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, to elect a slate of officers to stand for election at the current December 8, 2020 full Council meeting. At that time, the Committee made the following recommendations for the Council's consideration:

- I. 2021 Council Chairman – Regarding the position of Chairman of the Council, the Committee recommended Sheriff Ron Freeman of Forsyth County to succeed current Chair Scott Maurer.
- II. 2021 Vice Chairman – Regarding the position of Vice Chairman of the Council, the Committee recommended Ms. Sonja Fillingame, Chairwoman of the Board of Community Supervision, to succeed current Vice Chair Sheriff Ron Freeman.

After hearing the recommendations, Chairman Maurer opened the floor to accept any additional nominations by Council members for the 2021 positions of Council Chairman and Vice Chairman. Hearing none, Mr. Joe Hood motioned to close the recommendation period for additional candidates for the position of Council Chairman; Director Skandalakis seconded, and the motion carried. Next Mr. Hood motioned to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation of

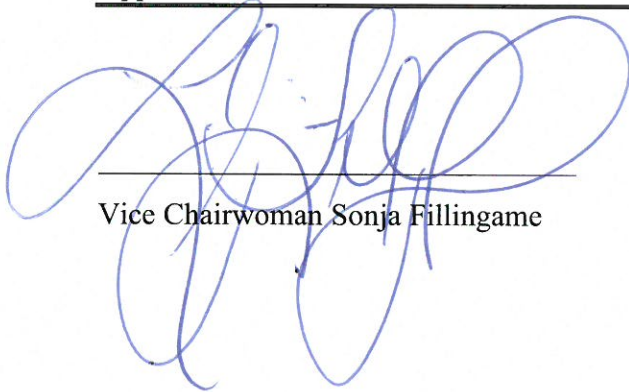
Sheriff Ron Freeman to serve as the 2021 Council Chairman. Director Clanton seconded, and the motion carried.

Following this, Director Skandalakis motioned to close the recommendation period for additional candidates for the position of Council Vice Chairman; Mr. Hood seconded, and the motion carried. Ms. Bunn then motioned to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation of Ms. Sonja Fillingame to serve as the 2021 Council Vice Chairman, and Mayor Jim Thornton seconded. The motion carried.

Adjourn

With no further business, Chairman Maurer thanked CJCC staff and the members of the Council for attending and for allowing him to serve as the Chairman for the past year. He shared his appreciation for and dedication to the work being done at CJCC before adjourning the meeting at 11:19 AM.

Approval

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Vice Chairwoman Sonja Fillingame

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Date