

# MINI-CASSIA JOINT JUVENILE PROBATION COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

The Mini-Cassia Joint Juvenile Probation Committee met this day with Kent R. Searle (Cassia Commissioner) chairing the meeting.

Also in attendance: Judge Jeremy Pittard (Juvenile Judge), Dixie Tate (Mini-Cassia Joint Juvenile Probation Office Director), Renee Waite (Idaho Department of Juvenile Correction Liaison), Kent McClellan (Minidoka Commissioner), Jarrod Thompson (Cassia Undersheriff), Dave Pinther (Minidoka Sheriff), McCord Larsen (Cassia Prosecutor), Lance Stevenson (Minidoka Prosecutor), Jeanne Allen (Cassia High Principal), Trent Bodily (Juvenile Detention Director), Tonya Page (Minidoka Clerk), and Joe Larsen, (Cassia Clerk)

Call to Order by Commissioner Searle

### PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

7:34 AM The Mini-Cassia Joint Juvenile Probation Committee Minutes for June 14, 2022, were discussed. A motion was made to approve said minutes by Jarrod Thompson, seconded by David Pinther, followed by a unanimous yea vote.

**Judge Jeremy Pittard:** Judge Pittard was selected as the District 5 judge working with juvenile probation replacing Judge Ingram, who is retiring. He inquired about what the process was with the relocation of the Juvenile Probation Office that had been discussed. He expressed concerns about that consideration. It was pointed out that we are trying to do the best we can do to help juveniles and location of those services is important. Stevenson outlined what had been discussed regarding that possible Juvenile Probation Office move and that a decision had not yet been made. Stevenson stressed that in the process of the Board of Commissioners of both counties making that decision, consideration and input will be taken into account from the judges and Dixie Tate. Searle stated that both Board of Commissioners meet this coming Monday and will discuss the joint budgets then. Stevenson said he would meet with Judge Pittard to discuss that further.

**Dixie Tate:** Tate reported that in June they administered 62 drug tests, 41 were clean and 21 were dirty. That was an improvement from last month. Drugs and alcohol are still a huge issue with juveniles in our community. There are currently three juveniles in inpatient treatment at MK Place in Pocatello. They received a Strengthening Families Grant that will serve as a free or low-cost resource to the community. Simply Hope was awarded a state grant and information will be forthcoming as outreach programs are implemented. It will be a benefit to our community and for the juvenile justice program. Meetings are being set up to look at that program and will involve Judge Pittard, prosecutors, law enforcement, and juvenile probation personnel. They plan to roll the program out in Cassia first as an alternative to sentencing similar to diversions and school sanctions. Tate will keep the Board updated on that. When an MOU is drafted, it will be presented to Prosecutor Stevenson and this Board for approval. In Minidoka County, to date there have been 122 citations or petitions filed and in the month of June there have been eight. In Cassia County, there have been 41 filed with two filed in June. Their lower numbers are due to having 17 diversion cases, six in the month of June. They plan to visit the Nampa facility in the next couple of weeks and in the fall, they will go to St. Anthony to visit their facility. JPO's are making