

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
3101 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA

June 10, 2020 Commission Meeting
MINUTES

Before: Chairman Charles H. Ramsey
Honorable John Adams, Commissioner
Reverend Dr. Anne Ard, Commissioner
Ms. Karen Baker, Commissioner
Mr. Mark Bergstrom, Commissioner
Honorable Mary Jane Bowes, Commissioner
Mr. Tarik Casteel, Commissioner
Mr. Philip Damiani, Commissioner
Mr. Michael Deery, Esq., Designee for Honorable Vincent Hughes
Mr. John Delaney, Jr., Commissioner
Honorable Sheryl Delozier, Commissioner
Honorable Diane Ellis-Marseglia, Commissioner
Lt. Col. Robert Evanchick, Commissioner
Honorable James J. Fitzgerald III, Commissioner
Honorable Anthony Harvilla, Commissioner
Honorable David W. Heckler, Commissioner
Ms. Carol Lavery, Commissioner
Mr. Sean T. McGinley, Commissioner
Mr. Geoff Moulton, Commissioner
Honorable Carolyn Nichols, Commissioner
Dr. James Roberts, Commissioner
Honorable Jennifer Smith, Commissioner
Mr. Keith Snyder, Commissioner
Ms. Jennifer Storm, Commissioner
Mr. Kevin Sutter, Commissioner
Mr. Michael Vereb, Commissioner
Ms. Phoenicia Wallace, Commissioner
Mr. William Ward, Esq., Commissioner
Ms. Christine Wechsler, Esq., Commissioner
Ms. Vicki Wilken, Designee for Honorable Patrick Browne

Guests: Marcus Brown
Andrew Campbell (Rep. Delozier's office)

Staff: Mike Pennington, Executive Director
Sally Barry, Director, Office of Justice Programs
Kathy Buckley, Director, Office of Victims' Services
Kirsten Kenyon, Director, Office of Research and Children's Advocacy
Derin Myers, Director, Office of Financial Management and Administration
Debra Sandifer, Chief Counsel
Jeff Blystone
Joseph Centurione
Kathy Clarke
Christina Cosgrove-Rooks
Chris Epoca
Lynn Fidler
Rich Finley
Nancy Heisler
Heather Hewitt
Rebecca Kiehl
Samantha Koch
Geoff Kolchin
Zoe Miner
John Pfau
Madelyn Roman-Scott
Brian Swoyer
Vance VanOrder
Jackie Weaknecht
Danielle Wilbert
Lenore Wyant
Gregory Young

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ramsey called the June 10, 2020 meeting of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to order at 10:00 AM.

Chairman Ramsey welcomed members and guests, and asked Heather Hewitt to roll call the Commission members. He verified participation by a quorum. He reminded members to mute their phones unless they are speaking, and to please identify themselves prior to speaking. He reminded members that the meeting is being recorded, of which there were no objections.

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Charles H. Ramsey

- The first order of business was to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting. *Commissioner Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2020 PCCD Commission Meeting. Commissioner Damiani seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*
- Chairman Ramsey thanked everyone for joining today and he hopes everyone is safe and well. These have been tough times, not just for Pennsylvania, but across the country. He thanked Mike Pennington and the staff at PCCD for making the necessary adjustments to how their work is completed so that those who rely on our support continue to receive it.
- Chairman Ramsey was pleased to report that he has appointed Judge Timika Lane (Philadelphia) and Judge Russell Shurtleff (Wyoming and Sullivan) to serve as Co-Chairs of the recently constituted Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee. The Committee will be having their first meeting tomorrow.
- On June 4, the Governor announced a series of reforms to help improve the relationship between communities and law enforcement and that he would like the Commission to participate in some of these efforts, including helping Law Enforcement in Pennsylvania adopt the principles outlined as part of the report produced by the Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The Chairman articulated that when he spoke to the Governor on this subject, they discussed the necessity of Pennsylvania taking steps to support law enforcement and addressing racial and ethnic disparities in our criminal justice system.

The Chairman communicated that process to develop the 21st Century Police report was exhaustive and the report has mostly been sitting on a shelf collecting dust since its publication. The Governor recognizes that there are components of the report that can be immediately adapted for Pennsylvania and he has called upon the Commission to do that. We will:

- **Review the recommendations** and, to the extent practicable adopt those that can be implemented at the state level.
- **Create a Racial and Ethnic Disparities Subcommittee under the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) at PCCD.** Currently, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee has a similar subcommittee, which utilizes data to examine trends and makes policy recommendations for the full Advisory Committee to consider in their bi-annual plans to the Governor.
- **We will provide technical assistance to develop citizen advisory boards. Where he has seen these used, there have been improvements in law enforcement and community relations.**

- **We will provide resources to local law enforcement on best practices and procedures to build and promote community trust.** Using the expertise of the members of the Commission, its multiple advisory committees, and community stakeholders (e.g., PA Chiefs of Police Association), PCCD can promote several Report recommendations and provide best practice guidance to the field.

Chairman Ramsey concluded by stating that this has been his life's work and he very much looks forward to taking advantage of the opportunity to support our law enforcement and strengthening communities moving forward. As this work develops, we will be in touch with ways in which Commission members can contribute to this work.

There were no questions or comments.

III. Executive Director's Report

Michael Pennington, Executive Director

Mr. Pennington thanked the advisory committee chairs for doing a great job on the committee calls. He then provided updates and an overview of recent activity within PCCD.

- PCCD staff have been out of the building and working remotely since March 13th. He is very proud of our staff as they developed ways to continue to provide services while juggling family obligations, figuring out our remote capacity, and getting used to engaging each other and our stakeholders from their homes as compared to from our offices. For the most part, we have been able to maintain operations during the pandemic with the exception of some of our face-to-face trainings which are now coming back online. Our victim's compensation program had been most reliant on having access to physical records, but they were able to work through those challenges to be able to continue to make payments.

When we left the building, there was considerable concern from our grantee community related to how this may impact funding. We have been able to continue to make payments to grantees, we expedited Project Modification Requests, and we found alternative methods to continue the process of approving and processing grants. We were able to implement an electronic signature process and we continued to operate the Egrants helpdesk remotely.

Grantees have expressed concerns about the continued availability of funding based on the budget and, where possible, we have been assuring them that the grant funding will remain intact.

Additionally, we had several funding announcements that were open when we began working remotely. We extended the application deadlines for these submissions and also extended the deadlines for submitting some quarterly reports.

- **2020-2021 State Budget** The Governor signed a partial budget that provides 5/12th of the amounts that were enacted in fiscal year 2019-2020. The Governor's proposed budget had included \$6M dollars to support the implementation of Gun Violence Reduction recommendations. In the current budget model, those funds are not going to be available. We are, however, optimistic that we will be able to continue to fund our ten Gun Violence grantees. The current economic climate makes it very difficult to predict the revenue for a twelve-month period. We will treat this partial budget similarly to an annual budget, which practically means that we will only be able to guarantee that amount of funding to our grantees that receive awards from the General Fund.
- The School Safety and Security Committee has been administering a \$60M per year program for the past two years. This year the program will be allocating \$214M to school entities across the state (\$199M in federal funding and \$15M in state funds). The program is required to be

more focused on mitigating the issues related to the Coronavirus, however, \$7.5M will continue to be dedicated to the Community Violence program and \$7.5M will be made available to the non-public schools to assist them in responding to the pandemic. There are approximately 3,000 non-public schools in Pennsylvania. We are working with the School Safety and Security Committee on how to make resources available to this group.

- Due to the uncertain economic issues, the Governor's Budget office also invoked a hiring freeze that currently impacts our federal programs and our General Fund programs. Special/Restricted funds have some flexibility and we have received an exception to fill our Victim's Compensation Program vacancies.

Overall, we feel fortunate with the budget allocations we have received and will need to wait and see how the economy fares over the next several months.

- **PCCD Strategic Plan** Last month, PCCD staff kicked off efforts to update the agency's Strategic Framework between now and December. PCCD has established an internal Strategic Planning Team comprised of senior leadership and office directors, deputy directors, and other key staff, and will be meeting with all of our staff to provide ideas and input as we develop the 2021-2025 Strategic Framework Project Plan. As with prior Strategic Framework updates, PCCD will utilize a Committee of Chairs to align agency strategic planning efforts with Advisory Committee priorities and responsibilities.

Staff are beginning the work with an initial planning and information gathering phase that will include the development and launch of a Grantee and Applicant Perception Survey. We are also conducting an analysis of relevant performance metrics and data related to the agency's mission, goals, and objectives.

We will keep members apprised of the progress on this as we head into the summer and will be organizing a meeting in mid-July with the Committee of Chairs to formally launch the strategic planning process, which will be completed by our December Commission meeting.

- **CESF Recommendation** As part of the federal CARES Act which passed in April, PCCD was eligible for and applied for \$17.6M in Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF). Funds awarded under this program are to be used by state and local law enforcement to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Allowable projects and purchases must all be COVID-19 related, and include overtime, equipment and supplies, hiring, training, travel expenses, and addressing the medical needs of inmates.

To determine the level of local need, PCCD administered a statewide survey for criminal justice system stakeholders, including county jails, juvenile detention centers, law enforcement, probation and parole officers, victim service providers, judiciary/court houses, and any other relevant criminal justice stakeholders. We received 632 completed responses representing all 67 counties, with local law enforcement being the main respondent. A little over half of all responding agencies indicated that they had financial need for support, and the main need requested was for supplies and equipment (PPE, cleaning solution, thermometers, etc.).

In the interest of getting funding available to locals immediately, PCCD staff developed a plan to administer up to \$8M in funding to counties and their Criminal Justice Advisory Boards to coordinate an application with their local criminal justice agencies for eligible uses. Funding would be distributed via a formula that is based on the population of the county, with a minimum base allocation of \$40,000. A summary and the formula amount for each county was included in your packet on pages 48-49. Staff reviewed this plan with the Committee of Advisory Committee Chairs prior to releasing the funding announcement to ensure that they were comfortable with this approach.

Further, we informed the Chairs that our intention is to continue to monitor the needs of the field over the next few months and continue to develop a plan for the remaining funds. We intend to reach out to our state agency partners to ascertain their level of need and possibly reissue the survey that we put out in April in the fall. We will have additional recommendations for the Commission's consideration at the September meeting. It was noted that PCCD received these dollars on April 28 and was able to release the funding in just under three weeks. Mr. Pennington thanked staff for doing an incredible job.

Action Item:

Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding

It is requested that the Commission take action to award up to \$8M to all 67 counties in the amounts as identified on page 49 of your materials, conditioned upon the submission of an application that delineates those agencies within the county who will receive resources and the process utilized to make those decisions.

Commissioner Delaney made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Ard. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

IV. Victims' Services Advisory Committee Report

Mr. John Delaney

Ms. Kathy Buckley

- Committee Chair John Delaney provided the Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) report, which begins on page 1 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Delaney provided brief highlights from the VSAC meeting held on May 12, 2020 and presented three informational updates and two action items for the Commission's approval.

Action Item:

State Crime Victims Compensation Funds

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommends approval of one application submitted by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape for the 2020-2021 Victims Compensation Sexual Assault Claims funding announcement in an amount not to exceed \$149,923 in Victim Compensation funds for a 12-month period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

Commissioner Delaney made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Lavery. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Baker

Action Item:

Federal Victims of Crime Act Funds – Delegation of Authority

Staff and the Victims' Services Advisory Committee recommends the approval of a Delegation of Authority to the VSAC Chair, PCCD Executive Director, and the PCCD Chairman to augment, if needed, the Center for Victims Tree of Life Synagogue Grant in an amount not to exceed \$245,806.

Commissioner Delaney made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Bowes. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

V. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee Report

Mr. Keith Snyder

Ms. Sally Barry and Mr. Geoffrey Kolchin

- Committee Chair Keith Snyder provided the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee (JJDP) report, which begins on page 5 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Snyder provided brief highlights from the JJDP meeting held on May 14, 2020 and presented seven informational updates and three action items for the Committee's approval.

Action Item:

State Violence and Delinquency Prevention Program (VDPP) Funds

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee recommends approval of 12 applications requesting \$1,681,891 (over two-years) in state Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) funds to support the implementation of evidence-based programs throughout the Commonwealth. pending resolution of any program or fiscal concerns.

Mr. Snyder made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Action Item:

State Violence and Delinquency Prevention Program (VDPP) Funds – Continuing Project

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of one application requesting up to \$2,800,000 (over two-years) in a combination of state Violence and Delinquency Prevention Programs (VDPP) funds; federal DDAP Block Grant funds; and federal SOR funds for the continuation of Penn State’s Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support (EPIS) Prevention Project, pending resolution of any fiscal and/or program concerns.

Mr. Snyder made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Heckler. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Action Item:

State Violence and Delinquency Prevention Program (VDPP) Funds – Augmentation

Staff and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee are recommending approval of one augmentation requesting \$10,000 in Violence and Delinquency Prevention Program funds to extend and augment the Penn State Pennsylvania Youth Survey support by the principal investigator, pending resolution of any fiscal or program concerns.

Mr. Snyder made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Ward. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

VI. Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee Report

Mr. William Ward

Ms. Sally Barry and Ms. Jacqueline Weaknecht

- Committee Chair William Ward noted that the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC) was scheduled to meet on May 13, 2020; however, due to the implications of COVID-19, the meeting was canceled. There were no action items for consideration.

VII. Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee Report

Honorable David W. Heckler

Ms. Kirsten Kenyon

- Committee Chair David Heckler provided the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) report, which begins on page 20 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Heckler provided brief highlights from the CACAC meeting held on May 19, 2020 and presented two action items for the Committee's approval.

Action Item:

State Endowment Act Funds – Child Advocacy Centers

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of 11 applications requesting a total of \$1,025,592 in state Endowment Act funding.

Commissioner Heckler made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Evanchick

Action Item:

State Endowment Act Funds – Direct Victim Service Organizations

Staff and the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee are recommending approval of ten applications requesting a total of \$959,818 in state Endowment Act funding.

Commissioner Heckler made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Adams. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Ard, Commissioner Evanchick

VIII. Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Mike Vereb

Ms. Sally Barry and Ms. Jacqueline Weaknecht

- Committee Chair Mike Vereb and Director Sally Barry provided the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) report, which begins on page 29 of the Commission meeting materials. Mr. Vereb and Ms. Barry provided brief highlights from the CJAC meeting held on May 20, 2020 and presented two informational updates and four action items for the Committee's approval.

Regarding the update on the County Intermediate Punishment Delegation of Authority, Commissioner Fitzgerald questioned why Montgomery County's reduction was so large. Jackie Weaknecht responded that they reduced their amount due to their inability to spend down the money.

Action Item:

Capitol Case Indigent Funds

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of seven applications requesting up to \$219,969 in state funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Ard, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Adams

Action Item:

Pennsylvania Opioid Overdose Reduction Technical Assistance Center

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of one application requesting up to \$1,619,682 in State Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner McGinley. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Evanchick

Action Item:

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Funds

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of three applications requesting up to \$171,201 in federal Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Heckler. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Evanchick

Action Item:

Law Enforcement and Corrections Body Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Project

Staff and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee are recommending approval of 11 applications requesting up to \$237,339 in Federal Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation funds contingent upon the availability of the funds.

Commissioner Vereb made the motion for approval of this action item, which was seconded by Commissioner Harvilla. Chairman Ramsey asked if there was any comment.

Hearing no further comment and no public voice, Chairman Ramsey called for a vote. The motion carried, with the Commissioners and Designees voting as noted:

Voting Aye: Commissioners Adams, Ard, Baker, Bergstrom, Bowes, Casteel, Damiani, Delaney, Delozier, Ellis-Marseglia, Evanchick, Fitzgerald, Harvilla, Heckler, Lavery, McGinley, Moulton, Nichols, Roberts, Smith, Snyder, Storm, Sutter, Vereb, Wallace, Ward, Wechsler, and Designees Deery (Hughes) and Wilken (Browne).

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

IX. Constables' Education and Training Board Report

Mr. John Bruno
Mr. John Pfau

X. Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board Report

Sheriff Eric J. Weaknecht
Mr. John Pfau

Chairman Ramsey noted that there is no report for the Constables' Education and Training and Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Boards other than the material that is included as part of your packets.

XI. Other Business

Chairman Ramsey invited members to bring other business before the Commission. Commissioner Delaney noted that it is important to recognize and thank Chairman Ramsey for critically important work he has done and continues to do in helping law enforcement and communities establish and maintain trusting relationships, and that he is a leader across the Commonwealth and the country. Chairman Ramsey responded that change needs to come, but unfortunately it usually takes a crisis to make change happen.

Commissioner Ellis-Marseglia said they are looking for guidance, or PCCD research, based on their jail population being so low due to COVID, but overall, the county continues to be functioning well. They are wondering why things are functioning well with so many less people in jail, and how that could guide them in the future. Mr. Pennington responded that PCCD would be happy to do additional research into this.

XII. Public Voice

Chairman Ramsey invited anyone from the public to address the Commission. There were no members of the public who addressed the Commission.

XIII. Adjournment

Chairman Ramsey thanked everyone for the work they do, especially the staff at PCCD. He noted that the next Commission Meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2020, which will likely be remote.

Commissioner Vereb made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Lavery. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting concluded at 11:09 AM.