

**Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
Minutes
September 10, 2015**

A public meeting of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on September 10, 2015 at Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85007 by conference call.

Members Present:

Bill Montgomery, Chairperson, Maricopa County Attorney
David Byers, Vice Chairperson, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, Jerry Landau representing
Joe Brugman, Chief, Safford Police Department
K.C. Clark, Navajo County Sheriff
Sean Duggan, Chief, Chandler Police Department
Chris Gibbs, Mayor, City of Safford
Ellen Kirschbaum, Chairperson, Board of Executive Clemency
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, David Smutzer representing
Frank Milstead, Director, Department of Public Safety
Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney
Charles Ryan, Director, Department of Corrections, Jeff Hood representing
David Sanders, Pima County Chief Probation Officer
Roberto Villaseñor, Chief, Tucson Police Department

Members Absent:

Joseph Arpaio, Maricopa County Sheriff
Mark Brnovich, Attorney General
Drew John, Graham County Supervisor
Heston Silbert, Law Enforcement Leader

Staff Participating:

John A. Blackburn, Jr., Executive Director
Wendy Boyle, Executive Secretary

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bill Montgomery at 10:05 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was declared present.

II. ACJC Budget-CJEF Formula Recommendation

Executive Director Blackburn reviewed part of the statutory requirement A.R.S 41-2405.7 for the Commission to make recommendations to the legislature and the governor's office through the ACJC budget request regarding the purposes and formula for allocation of fund monies for the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF). At the July 2015 meeting, the Commission asked staff to review the statute to see if any recipients could potentially use the increased funds from the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) allocated to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for activities and therefore shift their share of CJEF to fund ACJC operations.

Executive Director Blackburn pointed out that DPS went from \$8M to \$40M annually in the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant. ACJC staff reviewed the distribution to CJEF recipients to see if any CJEF funded projects would be eligible to be funded through the DPS VOCA grant and found the only CJEF program eligible would be the Attorney General's Office of Victim Services through A.R.S. 41-2401.D-13.

Executive Director Blackburn stated that the VOCA guidelines are not finalized so it is unknown at this time whether the program would be eligible under the new rules. Once the final rules governing the additional VOCA funds are complete, examining the shifting funds next year might be a viable option.

Executive Director Blackburn stated the funding has decreased significantly in the last seven years; and all programs funded by CJEF have undergone reductions. ACJC has worked closely with the Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council (APAAC) and Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (AZ POST), who also have been affected by the reductions. Any changes in the formula to obtain additional funding for ACJC would further hinder the other program and agencies funded by CJEF. ACJC staff will continue to explore the possibility of a formula change as

soon as the rules are finalized at VOCA and to work with DPS and the Attorney General's (AG) Office. Therefore, staff recommends no change to the formula as part of the submission with the ACJC budget at this time.

Commissioner Joe Brugman entered a motion recommending no change to the CJEF formula this year for the budget submittal, asking staff to continue monitoring the rules for the VOCA funding and working with DPS and the AG's office should any funding changes arise next year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ellen Kirschbaum and was unanimously approved by the Commission.

III. Call to the Public

Chairperson Montgomery made a call to the public. No members of the audience addressed the Commission.

IV. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next Arizona Criminal Justice Commission meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 5, 2015** at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Blackburn, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

John A. Blackburn, Jr.
Executive Director

Audio recording is available upon request.