

TENNESSEE
PRIVATE PROBATION SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES

DATE: June 7, 2013

PLACE: Conference Room I-B, Davy Crockett Tower
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee

PRESENT: Board Members -
Judge Chris Craft, Chairman
Judge Hugh Harvey
Judge John Hudson
Dena McCollough

ABSENT: Judge J. Klyne Lauderback, Vice-Chairman
Sidney Chism
Veronica Thornton

PRESENT: Staff Members -
Donna Hancock, Executive Director
Susan Lockhart, Executive Assistant
Benton McDonough, Assistant General Counsel

GUESTS: Junior Colther, Lisa Helton, Debbie Inglis and Bobby Straughter .

Call to Order – Chairman Craft called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and the following business was transacted:

Roll Call – Ms. Hancock called the roll. Four (4) council members were present and three (3) were absent.

Notice Given – Ms. Hancock then read the following notice for the record:

"This meeting's date, time and location have been posted on the Tennessee Private Probation Services Council's website, included as part of this year's meeting calendar, since November 11, 2012. The agenda for this month's meeting has been posted on the Council's website since May 31, 2013 and this meeting has been noticed on the tn.gov website since June 4, 2013.

Agenda – Judge Hudson made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Judge Harvey.
MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes – Judge Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2013, seconded by Ms. McCollough. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS STAFF MEMBERS - DISCUSS SUPERVISION OF CLASS E FELONS

Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) staff members (Bobby Straughter, Assistant Commissioner of Community Supervision; Debbie Inglis, General Counsel; and Lisa Helton, Director of Field Services) appeared before the Council to discuss Tenn; Code Ann. §40-35- 303(P), relative to the private probation supervision of Class E felony offenders. Ms. Inglis stated that the Department of Corrections has not established a time table for implementing contracts for offenders as specified in the recently enacted T.C.A. She further advised the department has established a working group and has issued a Request for Information (RFI) for their review before a Request for Purchase (RFP) will be written. To date, five private probation companies have responded to the RFI and the working group is scheduled to review the responses on June 18, 2013.

A discussion regarding concerns for the implementation of contracts between TDOC and private probation companies then ensued. Some items discussed included fiscal concerns regarding the supervision fees to be paid to private entities; objective criteria for assignments by TDOC; and the role of the Council. Mr. McDonough advised that a recent meeting with General Counsel for the Division of Regulatory Boards resulted in the opinion that the Council would review applicants to determine if they meet the criteria to supervise felony offenders as specified in Tenn. Code Ann. §40-35-303(P) and process them similar to a registration program. Ms. Inglis advised the statute is unclear as to the Council's role other than processing applications but advised TDOC would welcome their involvement or input. She further advised the concerns discussed would be taken under consideration moving forward and requested an invitation at future meetings for further discussions as necessary.

LEGAL REPORT – BENTON MCDONOUGH, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. McDonough advised there were no pending complaints for the Council to review.

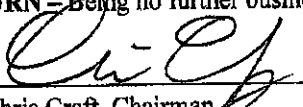
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – DONNA HANCOCK, DIRECTOR

Complaint Statistics & Comparison Report – Ms. Hancock stated that since there were no pending complaints she did not have any information for a current complaint comparison report.

Budget Report – Ms. Hancock presented a report of the expenditures and revenues for the last three (3) fiscal years in comparison to the year-to-date figures for the current fiscal year.

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS – There was no unfinished or new business to discuss.

ADJOURN – Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.



Judge Chris Craft, Chairman



J. Klyne Lauderback, Vice-Chairman

(minutes approved
in 3/7/14 meeting)