

Polk County Board of Supervisors Office News



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Polk County Board of Supervisors Names Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Executive Committee

DES MOINES, Iowa – July 1, 2008 — The Polk County Board of Supervisors took action today to establish a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee are John F. Mauro, Chair of the Polk County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Tom Hockensmith, Polk County Attorney John Sarcone, Polk County Sheriff Dennis Anderson, Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District Arthur Gamble, Public Defender Valorie Wilson and Director of the Iowa Department of Corrections, Sally Kreamer.

After review and discussion with the highly successful Public Service Coordinating Council in Hillsborough County, Florida, a decision was made to form a coordinating council in Polk County. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will work to ensure that the jail population remains manageable once the new Polk County jail opens in November. The Council will also review other issues within the criminal justice system.

"The Board of Supervisors wants to ensure Polk County taxpayers that we are doing everything within our means to keep the jail population manageable", stated Board of Supervisors Chair, John F. Mauro. "The establishment of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Executive Committee is a positive step in the right direction on this issue."

"By having all the key players within the criminal justice system at the table, the lines of communication and collaboration will be open for further discussion on ways to find improvements on other issues that affect the criminal justice system beyond jail overcrowding", stated Executive Committee member Supervisor Tom Hockensmith.

The Executive Committee will determine membership to the larger Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Members of this larger group will include representatives from local law enforcement, schools, neighborhood and minority groups.

The Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will meet in at 8 a.m., Thursday August 14th, Room 8, HyVee Hall, 730 – 3rd Street.

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