

Skagit County Law and Justice Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Attendance: Linda Eiford, Mike Ellis, David Svaren, Pam Springer, Al Jongsma, Letty Alvarez, Jackie Brunson, Joan Cromley, Daniel Dempsey, Wayne Dowhaniuk, Ken Bergsma, Gregg Freeman, Gary Shand, Will Reichardt, Rich Weyrich, John Lum, Peter Browning, Charlie Wend, Linda Christensen

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Gregg Freeman at approximately 8:15 a.m.

September 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Charlie Wend made a motion and Linda Eiford seconded to approve the September 17 meeting minutes with the following two changes: On page one under Court Consolidation, replace (?) with the word dates. On page two remove (?) in the fourth paragraph. The motion carried.

October 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Charlie Wend made a motion and Gregg Freeman seconded to approve the October 8 meeting minutes with the following change: Change the Law & Justice Council retreat from December 10 to December 4. The motion carried.

December 4, 2008 Retreat Overview

Charlie Wend briefly discussed the upcoming retreat. Charlie and Gary Shand will meet and put together a formal agenda.

Overview of goals accomplished

Linda Eiford presented the main points of the Law & Justice Council accomplishments since the last retreat in August 2004.

2009 Executive Board Election

Gary Shand mentioned to the Council that new elections are coming up for the 2009 calendar year. Those interested in participating on the Board should contact one of the present executive members.

Other Business

County wide department budget meetings will be held this week and a budget hearing will be held on November 19. The Council discussed various budget trickle down effects.

Gregg Freeman gave an update on the Zamora case. A letter to Governor Christine Gregoire from the Washington Association of Sheriff's and Police Chiefs dated October 24, 2008 will be e-mailed to the Council.

Gregg Freeman announced with winter coming there is a greater need for sex offender housing. Gregg moved that the Law & Justice Council establish a sub-committee to address sex offender housing. Charlie Wend seconded the motion. The motion carried. Interested individuals should contact Gregg.

Ken Bergsma thanked the Council for taking the lead in establishing excellent hospital and medical care. He also mentioned that hospitals and medical offices are now billing insurance as the primary payer.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Minutes approved on January 14, 2009 by the Law and Justice Council