

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE JUNE 23rd, 2020 MINUTES [NO CLOSED SESSION CONTENT]

CALL TO ORDER:

Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh called the meeting to order at 2:45PM.

I. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilwoman Monica Mayer, Councilwoman V. Judy Brugh, Councilman Fred Fox. Quorum established.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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Item deferred.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

No items.

V. PROGRAM UPDATES:

A. Public Safety Division of Drug Enforcement – Gerald "Chip" White Jr., Chief of Drug Enforcement

Written report submitted for the record. Report included summary information concerning recent investigations, arrests, testimony, and judgments. Report on recent overdose activity.

B. TAT Law Enforcement - Nelson Heart, Chief of Police

Written report submitted for the record entitled CY Fort Berthold Overdose Information. Report on current staffing & vacancies. Total Overdoses January 1-June 23, 2020 (49 total), Overdose with Narcan Deployment (32), Overdose Deaths to date (4). Most prevalent was Opioid, with smaller instances of NSAID, Heroin, Cocaine & Benzodiazepine. New Town saw the majority of overdoses at 78%, Four Bears at 10%, Mandaree at 8%, Parshall at 4% and Twin Buttes at 0. Report of monthly drug charges with the highest being Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Meth).

C. Department of Transportation – Richard Hall, Director

Item deferred.

D. TAT Tribal Court – Marvel Heart, Court Administrator



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Report submitted entitled: Fort Berthold District Court Summary & Monthly Report (For May 2020). On May 26 we went back to full staffing. 30(FTE) active employees - 3 vacancies. Vacancies include: 1 Chief Judge, 1 Lay advocate, 1 adult probation, 1 receptionist. Cash Receipts/Fines & Fees for May: \$25,622.00 Processed. \$62,436.0000 (10/1/2019 through 1/31/2020). The Court is addressing policies for the court building as well as public. We have been utilizing technology and making accommodations for the community elders and other vulnerable persons who may come to court. The Court has issued a policy and has posted the document on the entrance of the Court; the policy is attached to this summary. We are in the process of "clean-up of the Full Court files" as well as finishing up filing the boxes of documents from the old court building. Many of our FBDC files were incomplete and needed updating because of the high turnover in Court staff in previous years. The updating and clean-up of files have been our priority. The Court Manual has been completed, however, due to the Covid-19 we have not completed the publishing of the final documents. The Court was working on acquiring a house for the Chief Judge because housing has been a concern when hiring new staff. This project continues to be in the planning stage. The Court had been attending Recovery Service meetings and is working with others on the implementation of a Drug Court. EYB is in the process of developing a plan and will work with group when we are allowed to meet again. Continue working on the Tribal Codes; The Justice Commission has scheduled a meeting for June 19 and the Tribal Code is on the agenda. We will be meeting via "Zoom". We continue to advocate the use of personal recognizance bonds for non-violent offenses. This is being done as a matter of safety for both those detained and correctional center staff. Criminal appointments were lower in April and May than average, probably attributable to closures and "stay home" directives from authorities. Formal juvenile proceedings have largely been continued or in some cases been diverted to informal adjustments rather than formal court hearings. Staff at the Juvenile Detention Center have helped to minimize any juvenile period of detention during this period in which access to the Court has been limited. Court received a bill from Parshall Resource Center for \$1,800. Never had to pay before. CEO will look into it. \$425,000 supplemented by the Tribe. Circle of Life does not currently have an LAC.

Motion: Councilman Fred Fox moved to forward Resolution entitled: "MHA Wellness Drug Court Program: to implement an intensive holistic program that offers treatment as an alternative to criminal prosecution and jail, thereby reducing the criminal recidivism rate of alcohol and drug addicted offenders" to the next TBC. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion carried.

E. Homeland Security – Cliff Whitman, Director

Item deferred.

F. Adult Detention (GTFJC) - Daniel Good Luck, Adult Administrator



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Item deferred.

G. Juvenile Detention (GTFJC) – Mike Hunter

Item deferred.

H. Child Support – Alison Johnson, Director

Staffing- We are currently down 1 staff member and are awaiting to hire an Office Assistant due to the hiring freeze in place. Monthly collections: Total collected in (March 2020 was \$157,483.59), (April 2020 was \$86,659.51), (May 2020 was \$162,361.78). Tribal Court- Our next court dates are June 24th and July 8th, 2020. Requesting the formation of a Child Support Guidelines Committee review the Child Support Guidelines. Would need 2 members from the Council (preferably someone who collects and someone who pays child support.) to attend a yearly meeting to work on updating guidelines and codes. Councilman Fred Fox and Councilwoman Monica Mayer will attend the meeting.

I. Victim Services - Sadie Young Bird, Director

Item deferred.

J. TAT Legal – Tyra Wilkinson, Supervising Attorney

Item deferred.

K. HR Departments -Melissa Brady, Director

Item deferred.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

No items.

VII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion: Councilwoman Fred Fox moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Monica Mayer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.



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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Chairman for the Tribal Business Council's Judicial Committee of the of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, hereby certify that the Tribal Business Council's Judicial Committee is composed of three [3] members of whom [2] constitute a quorum; 3 were present at the Judicial Meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened and held on the 10th day of November, 2020; that the foregoing Minutes were duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of 3 members; 0 members opposed; 0 members abstained; 0 Members not voting.

Dated this 10th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

Judicial Committee Chairman, Council Woman V. Judy Brugh

Tribal Business Council
Three Affiliated Tribes

Executive Secretary, Councilman Fred W. Fox Tribal Business Council

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