

# Special Shelby County Community Corrections

## Advisory Board Meeting

**Date: June 27, 2023**

**Time: 4:00pm**

**Location: Shelby County Probation Office**

**Advisory Board members present:** Josh Martin, Lindsay Devine, Alison Everhart, Don Parker, Louie Koch, Judge Riggins, Judge Apsley, Judge Meltzer, Jennifer Weimer, Scarlett Tinsley-Price, Sarah Dudley, John DePrez, Kathleen Miltz

**Advisory Board members absent:** Brad Rund, Brad Landwerlen, Andy Eads, Mark Weidner, Jeremiah McAdams, Norm Gahimer, Leigh Langkabel

**Call to Order:** John DePrez called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

### **New Business**

#### **a. Shelby County Court Services Discussion and Vote:**

**Discussion:** The purpose of the Special Advisory Board meeting is to propose to unify Shelby County Community Corrections and Shelby County Probation Department as Court Services. Judge Riggins explained that this is Community Corrections being absorbed by Probation with Judge Apsley adding that these two departments would be under the moniker of Court Services. Judge Riggins stated that this is not new ground as this has been talked about for several years. Community Corrections and Probation merging would help merge duties together and be more efficient/effective in numerous ways. Alison Everhart stated that some of the redundancies that both agencies have are: Case Management Systems, Intakes, Pretrial Supervision, and drug screening. The agencies would be able to provide better services, overall. The Community Corrections Advisory Board will still continue to meet quarterly. There will still have to be votes/approvals. Judge Apsley stated that this proposal was initiated by Alison Everhart and Josh Martin. Although it has been discussed for years, they both approached all Judges regarding the merger.

Josh Martin mentioned that with IDOC funding there are workarounds for that. All Case Managers at Community Corrections would become Probation Officers which makes them Judicial employees. He also mentioned that the county would be saving money due to not opening 2 positions that are currently unfilled- a case manager position and a field officer position. These positions could be eliminated if a merger happened.

John DePrez asked budget questions due to budgets being due very soon. Alison talked about Court Services being 1 overall budget. The budgets are still separate for now (submitted as two). If Court Services happens it will be 1 budget with both Probation and Community Corrections as Court Services but designated as Court Services – Probation and Court Services – Community Corrections.

The next step is for Advisory Board approval. The second step is for the court to all jointly approve. Then, the County Council will know what is going on during budget meetings that will be held July 17, 2023. Included in the agreement is for Alison Everhart to become the Director of Court Services and designated as Community Corrections Director. These changes would not take place until January 1, 2024.

**Vote:** Judge Riggins made a motion to approve the Shelby County Court Services contract to form Court Services. Don Parker seconded the motion. All Advisory Board members present were in favor.

**Adjournment:** John DePrez adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm. Judge Meltzer made the motion and Scarlett Tinsley-Price seconded. All of the Advisory Board members present were in favor.

**\*Next meeting: July 18, 2023, at 4:00pm.**

Submitted by:

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