

**MEETING SUMMARY BOONE COUNTY JUDICIAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

Persons present: Judge Mike Bradley, Lisa Thomas, Kay Evans, Capt. Keith Hoskins – Boone County Corrections, Capt. Jenny Atwell – Boone County Corrections, Deputy Chief Terry Toalson – Ashland PD, Janet Thompson, John Schloot, Rusty Antel

Judge Bradley updated the members about the alternative courts. The Veterans Court has been up and running since July 2013. Funding for the Veterans Court was provided by a grant from the Veterans United Foundation. There are currently approximately ten participants. Participation in Veterans Court requires eligibility for VA services. Each veteran in the program is assigned to a volunteer mentor who has a background of military service. Judge Bradley noted that the Mental Health Court has been in existence for more than ten years. The DWI Court program is approaching capacity with almost 30 participants who are all highly motivated and have been very successful in completing program requirements. DWI Court recently shifted to treatment services provided by Phoenix Programs.

We also discussed the current status with our jail population. The county commission budgets a total of \$300,000 per year to pay for out of county housing expenses which allows us to house 23 inmates out daily at \$35 per day. Looking at the issue from a very broad range, we housed a relative small number of inmates out from January 2013 through May 2013. We experienced a population “spike” from June 2013 until the late fall 2013 where we were frequently at or beyond budget. We experienced a downturn in late fall 2013 and numbers remained low until January 2014. For 2014, we have been at or near budget. Consistent with recent history, approximately 70% of the jail population is pre-trial felony cases. The remaining 30% is misdemeanors, most of whom are serving an actual sentence or shock detention. A very large number of the persons in jail have more than one case and many of those persons serving time on a misdemeanor are also on a pre-trial felony case.

The next task force meeting will be scheduled for April or May at a date to be determined. Any suggestions as to speakers or discussion topics would be very helpful.

Rusty Antel - Chair