

**AT A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
COORDINATION COUNCIL HELD IN AND  
FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA ON APRIL  
3, 2025 AT 3:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING  
PROCEEDING WAS HAD, VIZ:**

**Present:**

**Eric Hinson, Chairman  
Kathy Garner, County Judge  
Jevin Matthews, CareerSource  
Maddie Berret, Apalachee Center  
Jasmine Queen, Apalachee Center  
Brylan Jacobs, Department of Corrections  
Darlene Rollins, Public Defender  
Temeka Rollins, Probation Manager  
Keith Parker, Chair of Big Bend Re-entry Coalition  
James Beville, Assistant State Attorney  
Adrian Boles, Disc Village  
Colonel Barkley, Gadsden County Sheriff's office  
Captain McWhite, Gadsden County Jail**

**Louis Baptiste, Interim County Attorney  
Adriana Quijada, Deputy Clerk  
Leann Jinks, Assistant BOCC Secretary**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Hinson called the meeting to order and went into introductions.

Everyone introduced themselves to the group.

**Election of Council Chair**

Mr. Jacobs made a motion for Mr. Hinson to remain the chair and Mr. Beville made the second. The council voted 9-0 by voice to approve.

**Review of Purpose and Statutory Requirements**

Temeka Rollins presented this item. Ms. Rollins stated the council meets for the purpose of assessing the population status of all detention or correctional facilities owned or contracted by the county and formulating recommendations to ensure that the capacities of such facilities are not exceeded. Such recommendations include an assessment of the availability of pretrial intervention or probation programs, work-release programs, substance abuse programs, gain-time schedules, applicable bail bond schedules, and the confinement status of the inmates housed within each facility owned or contracted by the county.

**Report on the Present Condition of the Jail – Facilities Maintenance, Jail Maintenance, and the Building Department**

Roosevelt Morris appeared to represent the building department.

Mr. Morris stated they recently repaired the HVAC unit; changed some locks due to them being old; overall the jail is in working condition.

Chair Hinson asked if county refurbished building in last 10 years; Mr. Morris stated they work on it annually and a lot of money is put into it every year.

Mr. Parker asked about touring the jail facility; Captain McWhite stated she will address this when she speaks.

**Jail Population Report/ Overview of the Jail Work Camp – Captain McWhite, Gadsden County Jail**

Captain McWhite appeared and stated she was the Jail administrator.

Captain McWhite stated the jail is 35 years old as of April 1, 2025, and the biggest challenge they face is salary for the employees.

Captain McWhite stated the annual inspection was done and has passed inspection in past 4 years 100%.

Captain McWhite stated the challenges they face within the jail: more mental inmates, medical disabilities, more contraband like cellphones, shanks, and drugs, along with overcrowding.

Captain McWhite stated anyone can come and tour the jail.

Chair Hinson asked about the jail work camp; Captain McWhite stated there is only 1 at this time doing work camp.

Mr. Beville asked if Captain McWhite has a breakdown on misdemeanor charges; Captain McWhite stated she did not have one.

Ms. D. Rollins asked about procedures relating to inmates being of harm to themselves; Captain McWhite stated the inmate gets put in confinement, have hourly checks, get checked on by the nurse, but if the behavior continues, they reach out to the judge to get an order to send inmate to PATH.

Colonel Barkley appeared; Ms. Rollins asked him about deputies taking inmates having a mental episode with just a misdemeanor to Apalachee, and he stated yes that is the procedure.

Colonel Barkley stated they do not have to arrest the individual, and just have to take them to Apalachee.

Mr. Jacobs asked about the percentage of violation of probation inmates; Captain McWhite stated it was 96.6%.

Ms. D. Rollins asked for clarification on the percentage numbers, and Captain Mcwhite stated 3.3% are sentenced felonies.

**Gadsden County Jail – Pretrial and Re-entry Report – Colonel Barkley and Ms. Murphy, Re-entry Coordinator, Gadsden County Jail**

Ms. Murphy appeared to talk about re-entry and gave an overview.

Mr. Jacobs asked about average length of stay, and Ms. Murphy stated some individuals have been there for 2 years due to waiting to be sentenced.

Mr. Parker asked about rate of mental health and Colonel Barkley stated they applied for a grant to help with mental health as there is a high percent of individuals with mental health.

Judge Garner stated for misdemeanor court, they do not have a backlog, but she can't speak for the attorneys.

Ms. Queen asked about pre-trial services and stated she sees it next to their name (Apalachee Center) but they don't offer those services; Colonel Barkley stated it is a needed program as it gets inmates out of jail and they lost their pre-trial individual at the jail but are in the process of hiring for that position.

Mr. Matthews asked how soon inmates start re-entry; Colonel Barkley stated immediately after entering jail they fill out paperwork.

**Overview of the Gadsden County Work Program – Temeka Rollins, Probation Division Manager**

Ms. T. Rollins provided an overview of this program. She stated Adrienne Boles was present.

Ms. T. Rollins stated the benefits of the Work Program is jail cost savings.

Ms. T. Rollins stated the program is still available and severely underused.

**Overview of the Apalachee Mental Health Pretrial Services – Amanda Chandler and Jasmine Queen, Apalachee Center Inc., Director and Associate Director of Residential and Forensic Services**

Ms. Chandler and Ms. Queen appeared to provide an overview of the services offered by the Apalachee Center.

Mr. Jacobs asked if this program must be court ordered; Ms. Queen stated yes it does have to be court ordered.

Mr. Beville asked who pays for services offered by Apalachee Center; Ms. Queen stated insurance or if the individual does not have insurance, then the state pays for the services, so it is no cost to the individual.

Mr. Jacobs asked how many participants they can take on with this program; Ms. Queen stated as many as they can get referred.

### **Future Objectives**

Ms. T. Rollins stated future objectives was for recommendations to bringing changes to the jail.

Chair Hinson mentioned small houses for re-entry program.

Ms. D. Rollins stated they have a large population of un-housed people, and there's not much resources for them.

Ms. Boles stated this was a very important meeting and it should be consistent.

Mr. Matthew asked if they should make a motion for being the council that is reported to by the Apalachee Center for their data findings.

Mr. Baptiste stated they need to look at the grant to see what the specific requirements are for their reporting.

Ms. Queen asked who she would need to send the copy of the grant to, and Ms. T. Rollins stated she would send Mr. Baptiste's contact information to her.

### **Questions/ Comments**

No questions/Comments

### **Discuss Meeting Frequency and Schedule Next Meeting**

Chair Hinson asked how frequent they want to meet.

Mr. Matthew stated once every 3 months.

Ms. T. Rollins stated July was a bad month for them as they have trainings; Chair Hinson stated they could look at that, then decide on a few dates, and get with everyone to get it scheduled.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hinson adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.