

Okaloosa County Public Safety Coordinating Council
Regular Meeting
Thursday May 28, 2026

Present:

Commissioner Paul Mixon
John Moring, Director of Corrections
Maj. April McDaniel
Craig Coffey, Deputy County Administrator
Maria Everton, Clerk to Board of County Commissioners
Larry McFarland
Cindy Kelly
Ingrid Webb
Aaron Broxson
Monty Lollie
Itza Andrade
Ron Kimble
Susan Priddy

Location:

Okaloosa County Courthouse, Board Chambers, Crestview, Florida

Minutes prepared by Maria Everton

Commissioner Mixon called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The February 12, 2026 minutes were approved as presented by the majority.

2. Old Business

None.

3. Jail Population/Statistical Report: Q & A

Maj. McDaniel presented a PowerPoint for the jail population/statistics for January – March 2026. The document was sent to the group by email prior to the meeting. The jail is currently populated in the low 700's. It was noted that the Sheriff's Office will not change their methods for the summer. There were no concerns or questions.

4. Inmate Programs Update

Ms. Andrade presented statistics for current jail programs as follows:

- Celebrate Recovery – 20 females attending, 20 males attending
- Celebrate Recovery (Special Housing) – 10 females attending, 15 males attending
- Yoga – 20 females attending
- Emerald Coast Life Center – 20 females attending, 20 males attending
- Emerald Coast Life Center (Pod) – 36 participants
- Alcoholics Anonymous – 12 females attending, 16 males attending
- Narcotics Anonymous – 20 females attending, 20 males attending
- Anger Management – 12 females attending, 16 males attending
- Re-entry – 56 participants
- FLOW bus – 8 individuals received State identification cards/driver licenses
- Rehabs/Transitional Housing (outside the jail) – 15 females accepted, 38 males accepted

Ron Kimble introduced himself and represented the Sheriff's Office. He recently transitioned to judicial services. Ingrid Webb, LCSW, also introduced herself as the Director of Behavioral Health at the jail.

5. Pre-Trial Information

Ms. Huckabee was not in attendance but submitted the pre-trial data as part of the jail population/statistical report.

6. New Business (informational only)

a. Medical/MAT/Mental Health Update

Ms. Priddy informed the group that Suzanne McGinn, LPN, joined the team in April 2026 as the new MAT nurse. Ms. McGinn has completed training and has adapted quickly to the role.

To further support inmate success within the MAT program, two new MAT-focused groups have been developed (one for females and one for males). These groups are facilitated by the Mental Health Team's Peer Recovery Specialist, Aaron Lee-Miller. Positive feedback has been received from inmates. MAT program participation numbers continue to remain consistent with the support of jail recovery programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Celebrate Recovery. Bridgeway Center continues to report positive outcomes regarding continuity of care for individuals participating in the MAT program.

Staff has been working with the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association for grants. The association began with an \$80k grant. Their fiscal year begins July 1st through June 30th. An audit was conducted and went very well. Another

\$13,500 has been requested. All the funds have been/will be returned to the County. Staffing credits totaling \$28,647.25 have been returned to the County for January-May 2026.

Ms. Webb stated that no individuals have been admitted to Florida State (hospital) in the past week. In May 2026, two patients were transferred to Florida State (hospital) and three returned. No Baker Act cases for May 2026, so far. She continued by providing a MAT update. The jail is currently running 21 patients. MAT screenings at intake is 152. There were zero withdrawal interventions. Ms. Webb then provided additional statistics.

Beginning in June 2026, Melissa Milani will be joining the team as a social worker. Beth Pristera will be the new Mental Health RN. With these two new additions to staffing, staffing will be at 100%.

b. In-jail Competency Restoration

Maj. McDaniel informed the group that in response to the lack of capacity at state hospitals and the length of wait lists, in-jail competency restoration is being promoted by the Department of Children and Families and the judiciary. This service can only be provided by certain individuals with select credentials. The First Judicial Circuit currently has a forensic mental health specialist for Okaloosa County and Walton County who are trained to provide this service. Jail command staff, Morse Behavioral Health leadership, and the forensic mental health specialist will meet on June 1, 2026 to discuss the operational implications, timelines, and appropriate candidates.

7. Public Comments

Larry McFarland – Affordable housing
Commissioner Paul Mixon – Sunshine Law/PSCC purpose (F.S. 951.26)

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.