

**Benton County Law & Justice Council  
Meeting Minutes – 2/10/16**

**Present:** Paul Parish, City of Kennewick Council Member  
Ken Hohenberg, City of Kennewick Police Department  
Darryl Banks, Benton & Franklin Counties Juvenile Department  
Dave Giles, City of Prosser Police Department  
Brian McElroy, City of West Richland Police Department  
Don Engelman, City of West Richland Council Member  
John Hansens, Benton County Coroner  
Jefferson Coulter, Northwest Justice Project  
Ray Kofoed, Citizen Representative  
Katy Butler, Benton County District Court Judge  
Josie Delvin, Benton County Superior Court Clerk  
Andy Miller, Benton County Prosecuting Attorney  
Eric Hsu, Benton County Office of Public Defense  
Denise Gerry, Benton County Office of Public Defense

**January 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes** – Approved for posting to the website.

**New Member**

- Don Engelman, City of West Richland Council Member (alternate for Chief Brian McElroy).

**Public Safety Sales Tax Updates**

Superior Court Clerk – Jose Delvin

- Clerk will be hired in 2016 for Ex Parte Docket.

Mental Health Court – Judge Butler

- Offering in-house training (CLE credit) for all attorneys.
- Accepting referrals beginning in March with court up and running the first week of April.
- Megan Kilgore (Prosecuting Attorney), Dawn Hickman (Defense Attorney), Judge Butler and Tara Symons (Manager).
- Traveling to Spokane in February to observe the Mental Health court.
- Judge Butler was complimented on her extra time spent above and beyond her regular case load on mental health court.
- Pro Tem Judge has been allowed by the tax, but is not funded at this time.

Juvenile – Darryl Banks

- Additional family court will be adding three families with a total of 25.
- Drug Court is being slowly increased.
- Probation counselor is taking up to 30 juveniles.

City of Kennewick – Ken Hohenberg

- Looking for an assistant city attorney.
- Hired one police support specialist with two more positions left to fill.

Benton County Prosecuting Attorney – Andy Miller

- One prosecutor is slated for the new phase.

Office of Public Defense – Eric Hsu

- Still watching the case load numbers. Once the remodeled office is finished, a new staff attorney will be hired.
- Contracting with Dawn Hickman for Mental Health Court.

**Website – Public Safety Sales Tax**

- Presentation of new website.
- Metrics of the hits on google.
- County Departments and Cities can link whatever they would like to the website.

Adjourn meeting at 12:30 pm.