

**Benton County Law & Justice Council
Meeting Minutes – 5/11/16**

Present: Chris Guerrero, City of Kennewick Police Department
Ray Kofoed, Citizen Representative
Don Engelman, City of West Richland Council Member
Josie Delvin, Benton County Superior Court Clerk
Fred Brink, Citizen Representative
Alex Ekstrom, Benton & Franklin Counties Superior Court Judge
Jefferson Coulter, Northwest Justice Project
Wendy Culverwell, Tri-City Herald
Adam Fyall, Benton County Sustainable Development Manager
John Hansens, Benton County Coroner
Pat Austin, Benton & Franklin Counties Superior Court Administrator
Eric Hsu, Benton County Office of Public Defense
Denise Gerry, Benton County Office of Public Defense

County Gang and Crime Prevention Initiative – Adam Fyall

- RFP – Gang and Crime Prevention Initiative – located on Benton County Website
- Non-profit organizations that are looking for funding
- \$500,000 is available
- The following parties have expressed their interest:
 1. Benton Franklin Health District Nurse Practitioner
 2. Boys and Girls Clubs
 3. My Friends Place
 4. Mirror Ministries
 5. Yes Program – Benton City
- Eric Hsu, Loretta SmithKelty, Andy Miller helped with this RFP.
- 5/13/16 will be the deadline for accepting applications.
- Applications will be reviewed and recommendations will be sent to the Commissioners.
- Projects will have an end date of 12/31/16 with a possibility of an extension.

Community Program and Public Relations Coordinator – Adam Fyall

- This position will manage the above program, future programs and monitor the Public Safety Tax Fund.
- Half of the salary for this position will be paid from the Public Safety Tax Fund.
- The position is open until closed. 15 applicants have been received.

Public Safety Sales Tax Updates

- Office of Public Defense – seeing an increase in the District Court numbers for 2016. Due to this increase, a new public defender has been contracted will be funded through this tax.

Future Meeting Dates

- The June, July and August meetings will be cancelled due to summer scheduling. The next meeting will be in September.

Adjourn meeting at 12:16 pm.