

NO. 18 - 0912

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFYING SPOKANE)
COUNTY RESOLUTION NOS. 14-0392,15-0849,)
17-0259 AND 18-0209 WHICH RE-)
ESTABLISHED THE SPOKANE COUNTY LAW)
AND JUSTICE COUNCIL)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the RCW 36.32.120(6), the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Board" or "Board of County Commissioners") has the care of County property and the management of County funds and business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6) and RCW 72.09.300, the Board of County Commissioners re-established the Law and Justice Council under Spokane County Resolution No. 14-0392; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 72.09.300(1), the County legislative authority shall determine the size and composition of the council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Spokane County Resolution Nos. 15-0849, 17-0259 and 18-0209 the Board of County Commissioners modified Spokane County Resolution No. 14-0392; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 72.09.300 wants to increase the number of members of the Spokane County Board of County Commissioners on the Spokane County Law and Justice Council from two (2) members to (3) members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6) and RCW 72.09.300, that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby modify Spokane County Resolution Nos. 14-0392, 15-0849, 17-0259 and 18-0209 as more particularly set forth in Attachment "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference to increase the number of Spokane County Board of County Commissioners on the Spokane County Law and Justice Council from two (2) members to three (3) members.. But for the changes identified in Attachment "A", all other terms and conditions within Spokane County Resolution Nos. 14-0392, 15-0849, 17-0259 and 18-0209 shall remain in full force an effect. Attachment "A" will identify by striking and underline changes in Resolution No. 2018-0209.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of December, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON



ATTEST:

Ginna Vasquez
Ginna Vasquez, Clerk of the Board

Josh Kerns
JOSH KERNS, Chair

Mary Z Kuney
MARY KUNEY, Vice-Chair

Al French
AL FRENCH, Commissioner

ATTACHMENT "A"

(Highlighted and underlined language added, highlighted and lined-out language deleted.)

Section 1: **ESTABLISHMENT OF SPOKANE REGIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

There is created a board, to be known as the Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Council", which shall supersede and repeal all prior measures regarding bodies established pursuant to RCW 72.09.300.

The Council shall have the following composition (*the 13 italicized members are required by RCW 72.09.300*):

- a. ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) members of the Spokane County Board of County Commissioners ~~selected by the Board of County Commissioners;~~
- b. *Spokane County Sheriff;*
- c. *A representative of Municipal Police Departments to be selected by the Municipal Police Departments;*
- d. *Spokane County Prosecutor;*
- e. *A representative of Municipal Prosecutors to be selected by the Municipal Prosecutors;*
- f. City of Spokane Council Member to be selected by the Spokane City Council;
- g. *A representative of the City Legislative Authorities, other than the City of Spokane, to be selected by the City Legislative Authorities;*
- h. *A representative of Spokane County Superior Court to be selected by the Spokane County Superior Court;*
- i. *A representative of Spokane County Juvenile Court to be selected by the Spokane County Superior Court;*
- j. *A representative of Spokane County District Court to be selected by the Spokane County District Court;*
- k. *A representative of Municipal Courts to be selected by the Municipal Courts;*
- l. *Spokane County Jail Administrator (Detention Services Director);*
- m. *Spokane County Superior Court Clerk;*
- n. *Spokane County Risk Manager;*
- o. *Secretary of Corrections;*
- p. Spokane County Public Defender;
- q. City of Spokane Mayor;
- r. Spokane County Pre-Trial Services Director;
- s. A representative of the Spokane Municipal Court to be selected by the Spokane Municipal court.
- t. City of Spokane Chief of Police; and
- u. Two (2) ~~Four (4)~~ at-large members representing the general population, to be selected by the Board of County Commissioners. The Council Strategic Planning Workgroup will be responsible for generating an updated list of regional criminal justice reform priorities every time a vacancy occurs in anyone of the four (4) at-large members. This updated list will be shared with the Board of County Commissioners prior to posting any vacancies in any one of the four (4) at-large member positions; and

- v. Such other member(s) as the Board of County Commissioners may hereinafter determine to be beneficial.

Any member of the Council may in writing appoint a designee. All designees shall be speaking representatives on behalf of the member and a voting member on any matter coming before the Council.

There is also created a Spokane Regional Law and Justice Administrative Committee, herein after referred to as the "Administrative Committee", which will have up to a maximum of seven (7) members.

The Administrative Committee shall be members of the Council and have the following composition:

- a. The two (2) members of the Spokane County Board of County Commissioner;
- b. City of Spokane Mayor;
- c. City of Spokane Council Member to be selected by the Spokane City Council;
- d. A representative of Spokane County Superior Court; and
- e. Up to two (2) additional members with agreement from the majority of the Administrative Committee.

The role of the Administrative Committee is to (1) receive the process, policy, administrative and budgetary recommendations of the Council members, (2) analyze, authorize and implement resource allocations in alignment with those priorities, and (3) advocate for priority reforms recommended by the Council members and the community at large.

Section 2: **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Council is to provide a permanent on going forum and structure to coordinate and enhance the administration of justice in Spokane County.

Section 3: **TERMS**

The terms of the members of the Council and Administrative Committee who are elected shall run as long as such individual retains the prerequisite elected position. The terms of members of the Council and Administrative Committee who are designated by a selecting authority shall be renewed by the selecting authority every four (4) years. Provided, further, the terms of the (4) four at-large members, except as provided for herein after, shall be four (4) years and staggered so that a new at-large member is appointed every year. The initial terms of at-large members shall be as follows; at-large member Position No.1, four (4) years terminating in October 2019; at-large member Position No. 2, four (4) years terminating in October 2020; at large member Position No. 3, four (4) years terminating October 2021; and at large member Position No.4, five (5) years terminating in October 2022. The clerk of the Board of County Commissioners shall, as directed by the Board of County Commissioners, determine which individuals appointed to fill member Position No. 3 and member Position No. 4 will have a four (4) year term or five (5) year term. The individual determined to have a five (5) year term shall be designated as member Positon No. 4. After 2022, the member appointed to fill at-large member Position No. 4, shall have a four (4) year term. The selecting authority has the ability to designate a different representative provided that the underlying qualifications for the position are satisfied. Members may be removed by their selecting authority. Except in the case of removal, each member shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed. Any non-elected official member shall have a four year term.

Section 4: **COMPENSATION**

Members of the Council and Administrative Committee shall serve without compensation and/or per diem of any kind or nature whatsoever, including compensation for travel to and from the usual places of business

to the place of a regular or special meeting of the Council or Administrative Committee.

Section 5: MEETINGS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Council and Administrative Committee shall hold meetings as deemed necessary by the Chairperson or a majority of the Council or Administrative Committee, respectively. The Council and Administrative Committee may adopt rules and regulations governing the transaction of business. The Council and Administrative Committee shall keep public records of all actions as may be required by applicable laws. All meetings of the Council and Administrative Committee shall be open and accessible to the public as provided by law.

A quorum for doing business by the Council or Administrative Committee shall be established by the presence of at least 50% of the members or their authorized designees either in person or telephonically.

Section 6: OFFICERS

The chairperson of the Council shall be a Spokane County Board of County Commissioner member as designated by the Board of County Commissioners on an annual basis in January.

The vice chairperson of the Council shall be selected by the Council on an annual basis in January by a simple majority vote of the quorum of the voting members.

The chairperson and vice chairperson of the Administrative Committee shall be selected by the Administrative Committee on an annual basis in January by a simple majority vote of a quorum of the voting members.

The chairperson(s) shall preside over all meetings, and in the absence of such chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall preside.

Section 7: MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Council is to create and sustain a cost-effective regional criminal justice system that builds a health and strong community by fostering the best possible outcomes for community, reducing recidivism and increasing system collaboration.

Section 8: POWERS AND DUTIES

The Council, in conjunction with carrying out the above mission statement, shall make recommendations to the appropriate elected officials and the Administrative Committee on the following issues:

- (a) Maximizing local resources including personnel and facilities, reducing duplication of services, and sharing resources between local and state government in order to accomplish local efficiencies without diminishing effectiveness;
- (b) Reviewing data and reports with a goal of ensuring that departments are reducing recidivism, increasing program completion, engaged in more efficient practices, generating cost savings, expediting cases when appropriate, and contributing to a reduction in crime;
- (c) Jail management;
- (d) Mechanisms for communication of information about offenders, including the feasibility of shared access to databases;

- (e) Partnerships between the department and local community policing and supervision programs to facilitate supervision of offenders under the respective jurisdictions of each and timely responding to an offender's failure to comply with the terms of supervision; and
- (f) Developing a Local Law and Justice Plan for Spokane County. The Council shall design the elements and scope of the Plan, subject to final approval by the Spokane County Board of County Commissioners. The general intent of the Plan shall include seeking means to maximize local resources, reduce duplication of services, and share resources between local and state government.

The Council may establish work groups and/or subcommittees to assist in carrying out its powers and duties.

The Council has no authority to appropriate / expend any moneys or execute any agreements.

Section 9: STAFF SUPPORT

Spokane County shall provide staff support for the Council and Administrative Committee as is deemed necessary.