

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18TH, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Adam Snow at 4:04 p.m. on June 20, 2023, in the Washington County Commission Chambers, and via Zoom 111 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Commissioner Adam Snow, Commissioner Gil Almquist, Commissioner Victor Iverson, County Attorney Eric Clarke, County Administrator Nicholle Felshaw and Deputy Clerk Jessica Jones.

INVOCATION BY: Rabbi Helene Ainbinder, Beit Chaverim Jewish Community of Greater Zion

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: John Groff, US Army

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting the consideration of routine matters. If a commissioner requests that items be removed from the consent agenda, those items are placed at the beginning of the regular agenda. Other than requests to remove items, a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda is not debatable.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for June 21, 2023 through July 18, 2023
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 20TH, 2023
- Consideration of Special Commission Meeting Minutes of June 30TH, 2023
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Application(s) for Property Tax Abatements (2)
- Acknowledgement of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-1235-O, Published on Wednesday, July 5, 2023
- Consideration of FY 2024 Five County Association of Governments Contract with Washington County Council on Aging for Aging and Nutrition Services

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner to Approve Almquist the Consent Agenda as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

PRESENTATION: DAMMERON VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Captain Ryan D'Ambrosio Dammeron Valley Fire Special Servie District reported that June 9th at 2am on Highway 18 mile marker 13 there was an accident that resulted in a vehicle fire. 911 was called by Jaden Jaren. After he reported the accident Jaden ran down the embankment and pulled the patient out of the burning vehicle at that time Sargent Kilpack had arrived and both formed a

team to assist the patient with lifesaving care. Jaden and Sargent Kilpack were recognized for their heroic efforts in saving the patient.

PRESENTATION: CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER VOCA GRANT REPORT

Children's Justice Center (CJC) Director Kristy Pike explained that the CJC collaborates with multidisciplinary partners to protect each child, advance justice, promote healing, and educate the community. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant is a funding source for the Children's Justice Center. There were 211 primary victims served from January 1 – June 30 2023.

(See attached report.)

PRESENTATION: EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead recognized Dean Wulffenstein on his fifteen (15) years of service to Washington County.

PRESENTATION: EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Sergeant Darrel Cashin reported there were fourteen (14) call outs with ninety eight (98) man hours through July 17, 2023.

(See attached report.)

CONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION PURCHASE REQUESTS

Dixie Center, Dishwasher and Installation (\$166,204.00)

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE REQUESTS

Roads Department, Equipment Purchase.....	(\$10,000.00)
Roads Department, Specialized Road Base	(\$14,209.02)
Roads Department, Chipseal	(\$159,900.00)
Roads Department, Chip Oil	(\$477,775.00)
Roads Department, Specialty Chip Oil	(\$71,400.00)
Roads Department, 2023 F350	(\$71,692.00)
Roads Department, 2023 Dodge Ram	(\$74,695.00)
Greater Zion, Tourism Conference	(\$23,450.40)
Greater Zion, Visa Travelers Subscription	(\$15,000.00)

Legacy Park, Water Truck Repair	(\$26,457.75)
Legacy Park, Outdoor Stalls	(\$71,638.00)
Legacy Park, Installation of Outdoor Stalls	(\$13,500.00)
Legacy Park, Indoor Arena Panels	(\$43,394.99)
Public Safety, Specialty Vehicle	(\$352,184.00)
Dixie Center, Cameras	(\$91,283.41)
Clerk Auditor, (2) 2023 F150	(\$3,600.00)

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve the Purchase Requests as Outlined. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1236-O, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CODE MODIFYING VARIOUS TITLE 10 ZONING REGULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY SHORT TERM RENTAL PROVISIONS, REVISING ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES TO COUNTY CODE § 10-13-23

Community Development Director Scott Messel explained that the County desires to improve making adjustments to previously approved Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance. Two public hearings have been held, two meetings have been held to address concerns for those who own short term rentals and those whom live around them. There will be language added to the STR zoning for health, safety and welfare.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Alimquist to Approve Ordinance No. 2023-1236-O, An Ordinance Amending the Washington County Code Modifying Various Title 10 Zoning Regulations, Specifically Short Term Rental Provisions, Revising Enforcement Provisions, and Other Miscellaneous Changes to County Code § 10-13-23 . Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3149, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AWARDED TO DAMMERON VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Mack Sorenson Chair of Dammeron Valley Fire Special Service District (DVFSSD) stated that help was requested from the County Commissioners for their input on the *FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant*. DVFSSD was awarded \$197,000 to purchase equipment. The County will facilitate the purchase of equipment, with DVFSSD reimbursing the County from the FEMA funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3149, A Resolution Approving to Firefighters Grant Awarded to Dammeron Valley Fire Special Service District. Motion seconded by Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3150, A RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER

Ms. Pike stated that these are the CJC annual grants. There is a new contract that includes Kane County and Forensic Interviewer allocation. The second contract terminates the previous forensic interview contract.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3150, A Resolution Approving State Contract Amendments for Services Provided by the Washington County Children's Justice Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3151, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO ADMINISTER THE KANE COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER

Ms. Pike introduced Kane County Attorney Rob Van Dyke. Kane County CJC will act as a satellite branch of the Washington County CJC.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3151, A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement to Administer the Kane County Children's Justice Center. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3152, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT FOR FILM INDUSTRY MARKET RESEARCH AND CONSULTING

Jamie Allen, Operations Manager of Greater Zion Tourism informed the Commissioners that Kristy Grayson will be contracted to provide film industry market research for the Kevin Costner film, Horizon.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3152, A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement for Film Industry Market Research and Consulting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3153, A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRT FUNDING FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE DIXIE CONVENTION CENTER MASTER PLAN

Ms. Allen stated that the Dixie Convention Center Master Plan proposes to review plans of what existing space exists, evaluate future needs, provide possible expansion options and proximate costs of what expansion needs are necessary.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3153, a Resolution Approving TRT Funding for Architectural Services for the Dixie Convention Center Mater Plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3154, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JUSTICE COURT BY TOQUERVILLE CITY, UTAH

Eric Clarke addressed the need Toquerville has for the use of the Washington County Justice Court.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3154, A Resolution Approving the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement Governing the Use of the Washington County Justice Court by Toquerville City, Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3155, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Nicholle Felshaw Washington County Administrator informed the Commissioners that a few months ago a law enforcement agency was in need of leasing office space in the old administration building. Ms. Felshaw confirmed there is currently is space available.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3155, A Resolution Approving a Lease Agreement for Law Enforcement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3156, A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW PROCESS REQUIRED TO REQUEST PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE WEST SIDE OF GUNLOCK RESERVOIR ACROSS BLM PROPERTY

Commissioner Iverson states that this is a process to work toward gaining better public access to the West side of Gunlock reservoir.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3156, A Resolution to Participate in the Review Process Required to Request Public Access to the West Side of Gunlock Reservoir Across BLM Property. Motion seconded by Commissioner Almquist and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-3157, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON STATUE AT THE NORTH ENTRANCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Commissioner Almquist stated that while Liberty Village is under construction that the statue of George Washington will be taken care of on the Washington County building grounds on the North East entrance.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Almquist to Approve Resolution No. R-2023-3157, A Resolution Approving the Placement of the George Washington Statue at the North Entrance of the Administration Building. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote with Commissioners Snow, Almquist and Iverson voting aye.


Public Comment (10) people maximum; one (1) comment per person at a maximum of two (2) minutes per comment. You must be present in person or via Zoom; no comments will be taken on behalf of others

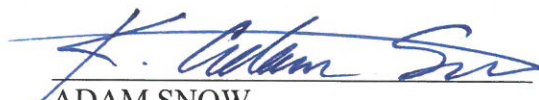
Public Comment:

1. Ron Whitehead – Roads
2. Shalynn Wilson – America's County/Elections
3. Wendy Godlewski – Elections / Public Notices / Public Comment
4. Steve Kemp – Economic Opportunity
5. April Pinkston – Public Comments
6. Bruce Bennett – Theater
7. Darryn Cox – Election Bills
8. Ryan Davis – Government Efficiency
9. Jordan Hess - Elections

Commissioner Iverson stated the next Commission meeting will be held August 1st, 2023.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.


JESSICA JONES
DEPUTY CLERK


ADAM SNOW
CHAIRMAN

**Board of Equalization
Personal Property
Commission Meeting
7/18/23**

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Date	Account#	Dist	Appellant	Type	Address	City, State Zip	Reason for Appeal	Tax Year(s)	Refund Amount	Requested By	Commission Meeting Date
07/07/23	P040650	8	DETAIL GARAGE SO UTAH LLC	Adjustment	1812 W SUNSET BLVD STE 26	ST GEORGE, UT 84770	NEW OWNER CAME IN TO FILE FOR 2023. HE PROVIDED A LIST AND IS EXEMPT. UNABLE TO LOCATE PRIOR OWNER FOR COLLECTION OF PAST DUE TAXES.	2022	\$260.20	MICHELLE HARRIS	7/18/2023
07/05/23	P040765	8	JEREMY BEITLER PHOTOGRAPHY	Adjustment	543 E 600 S UNIT A	ST GEORGE, UT 84770	ESTIMATED TAXES FOR 2022. BUSINESS WAS NOT IN OPERATION IN 2022, AND IS CURRENTLY OUT OF BUSINESS. ACCOUNT IS CLOSED.	2022	\$188.34	MICHELLE HARRIS	7/18/2023
06/26/23	P025804	8	SOUTHWEST AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS	Adjustment	1755 S RICHARD ST #2058	COLORADO CITY, AZ 86021	BUSINESS IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY. INITIAL LICENSE WAS IN ST GEORGE. RELOCATED TO AZ IN 2011. NEW LICENSE HAD HILDALE ADDRESS- ADDRESS IS NOT IN HILDALE, IT'S IN COLORADO CITY. CLOSED ACCOUNT.	2021, 2022	\$447.83	MICHELLE HARRIS	7/18/2023
06/29/23	P038875	8	STOIC PARKOUR ACADEMY LLC	Adjustment	1478 S 270 E #1	ST GEORGE, UT 84790	NEW OWNER CAME IN TO FILE FOR 2023. HE PROVIDED A LIST AND IS EXEMPT. UNABLE TO LOCATE PRIOR OWNER FOR COLLECTION OF PAST DUE TAXES.	2022, 2021, 2020	\$647.46	MICHELLE HARRIS	7/18/2023
07/07/23	P017566	8	TOP NAILS & TAN	Adjustment	144 W BRIGHAMN RD STE 18	ST GEORGE, UT 84770	ESTIMATED TAXES FOR 2021. NO LONGER AT THIS LOCATION. UNABLE TO LOCATE THE OWNER. NO OTHER INFORMATION. CLOSED ACCOUNT.	2021	\$260.20	MICHELLE HARRIS	7/18/2023

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County/Circuit Breaker				Commission Approval			
Account	Last Name	First Name	Application Type	Notes	Over Income Limit? \$38,369	How Much Over Limit	Recommend Approval
933033	Garate-de-Damron	Eisa	Circuit/County	Eiso was widowed in 2019 and also got COVID. She is a bit over in income but has proof that over half goes to paying the mortgage. She knows she needs to consider downsizing but is also 72 years old and afraid of what that involves...moving-wise. She is not over in liquid assets.	yes	\$4,152.00	Recommend
1002372	Neilson	Maria	County	Maria is 51 years old and a single mom of a 12 year old. She received help last year with half of her taxes. She is asking for help again this year. She works at Walmart and earns close to \$35,000 a year. She also receives money monthly via Venmo. We recommend deny because the money and expenses she put down in the hardship letter do not match the money and expenses in bank accounts...which reveal higher income amount via other sources than reported.	no		Deny

**SAR Incident Synopsis
for June 19th, 2023 through July 17th, 2023**

Sheriff Brooksby,

Below is the SAR Report from June 19th, 2023 through July 17th, 2023

July 2023 Report

Total calls this report – 14

Total SAR calls 2023 - 98

Total Man Hours this report – 336

Rescued Subjects

In County Residence – 7

Out of County (Utah) Residence - 4

Out of Utah – 9

International – 0

06/20/2023 @ 1321, Missing Juvenile, Virgin River, Hurricane – Man Hours - 4

SAR Deputies and DPS Star 8 responded on a missing 10 year old male. He was last seen on the Virgin River and had been gone for several hours. Star 8 located him, picked him up, and flew him back to the IC. No medical was needed.

06/22/2023 @ 1902, Over Due Cave Explorers, Bloomington Caves – Man Hours – 6

SAR Deputies responded to assist in locating a group of 25 subjects from a youth group. They were from Las Vegas and unfamiliar with the caves. They went in at 0900 and were not out by 1900. Deputies located them near the entrance of the cave. They had been lost for several hours, but found their way back. No medical was needed.

06/28/2023 @ 1140, Ill Hiker, Snow Canyon State Park – Man Hours – 4

SAR responded to an ill hiker that was off trail up the west canyon. The 46 year old male said he couldn't find the trail. He was located just east of the west canyon road. He was checked by EMS and released.

06/30/2023 @ 1609, Lost and Ill Hikers – Vortex, Lower Sand Cove – Man Hours – 46

SAR responded to 2 hikers in the Vortex. A 63 year old female called in and said her husband was ill and lost. The 67 year old male had kept moving trying to find his way out. SAR deployed in two teams. One went toward the female and one team went in to find the male. Both subjects were located and brought back to the IC. They both denied medical treatment.

07/02/2023 @ 1400, Missing Swimmer, Sand Hollow State Park – Man Hours – 12

SAR responded to a Utah State Park Rangers were searching the water and shore line while SAR Deputies set up and IC to deploy SAR Members. The male was located in good condition near the reeds in the south part of the lake. He was unaware people were looking for him. SAR was cleared and canceled.

07/04/2023 @ 1855, Stranded Tubers, Virgin River near Virgin – Man Hours – 30

SAR responded to a report of 3 stranded people. A 61 year old male, 47 year old female, and 13 year old male had been tubing down the Virgin River. SAR located them south of Sheeps Bridge and north of the Diversion Dam. SAR assisted them up the hills, place them into vehicles and drove them back to the IC. No medical was needed.

07/06/2023 @ 1232, Lost Hikers, Snow Canyon State Park – Man Hours – 12

SAR responded to a 62 year old female and 64 year old male that were hiking the Lava Tubes trail. They got off trail and had been wandering around for almost 2 hours trying to get out. The female said they were out of water and her hands were turning purple. They were told to stay put, but they kept moving. They were located coming out the trail and were met at their vehicle. They denied any medical care.

07/08/2023 @ 1615, Ill Hikers, Pine Valley Mountain – Man Hours - 62

SAR responded to a report of a 20 year old and 21 year old males who had been hiking for over 9 hours. The 20 year old male became ill and was unable to hike. The 21 year old got cell service and called for SAR. Two SAR teams deployed along with one fireman. DPS Star 8 was called to assist and Life Flight was called. Star 8 located the hikers and hoisted them out. They were checked by Enterprise EMS. The 20 year old was flown by Life Flight to SGRH. The second male refused medical treatment.

07/08/2023 @ 1700, Stranded Hikers, Canaan Mountain – Man Hours – 8

SAR and deputies responded on 2 lost and stranded hikers on Canaan Mountain. They were above the rappels to Water Canyon. DPS Star 8 responded after the Pine Valley rescue. They located the subjects, picked them off the mountain and turned them over to deputies. They were checked by EMS and released.

07/09/2023 @ 2154, Injured/Ledged Hiker – Snow Canyon State Park – Man Hours – 84

SAR responded to a 42 year old male that fell 8 feet, hit his head, and was ledged out 400 feet up. SAR teams deployed up the mesa and DPS Star 8 was ask to respond. SAR set up a raise system and pulled him up 70 feet to the top of the mesa. He was loaded on the DPS helicopter and flown back to the IC. He was checked by Santa Clara EMS and released.

07/11/2023 @ 2116, Lost Motorcyclist, Long Valley Area – Man Hours - 4

SAR and Deputies responded to the Long Valley area on a 19 year old male motorcycle rider. He said his motorcycle broke down. He had been walking for a while and was lost. The deputy located him 200 yards off the main gravel road. SAR was canceled. The deputy took him back to his vehicle.

07/12/2023 @ 1400, Ill Hiker, Snow Canyon State Park – Man Hours – 26

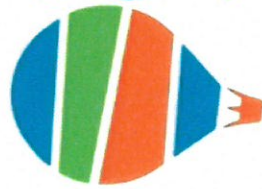
SAR responded to a 64 year old male hiking near Johnson Canyon. The subject was ill from the heat and unable to hike out. SAR and Santa Clara EMS located him. He was placed in a wheeled Stokes and carried back to his vehicle. He was released to EMS for evaluation.

07/15/2023 @ 0354, Overdue Hiker, Canaan Mountain – Man Hours – 10

SAR and deputies responded to a 21 year old male that was overdue from a hike. His parents found his vehicle at the Squirrel Canyon Trail. DPS Star 8 responded to assist. SAR Deputies made contact with the parents to get a better ideas where their son was. Star 8 located the subject on a ledge 6 miles north and west of Squirrel Canyon. Star 8 hoisted the subject off and flew him to Maxwell Park. He was released to his parents. Hildale PD and EMS also assisted on the incident.

07/16/2023 @ 1351, Ill Hikers, Scout Trail, Snow Canyon – Man Hours – 28

Deputies and SAR responded to an ill 26 year old female hiker. She was located on Scout Trail. She was treated by EMS and carried by SAR on a Wheeled Stokes. Her hiking companion, a 25 year old male, became ill on the way back. SAR assisted him back to the IC. Both subjects were checked by EMS and transported to SGRH.



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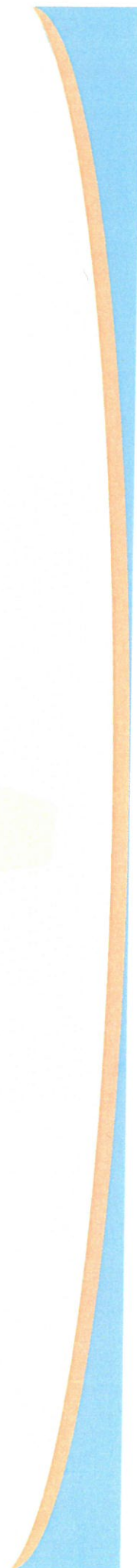


Our Mission

We collaborate with multidisciplinary partners to protect each child, advance justice, promote healing, and educate our community.

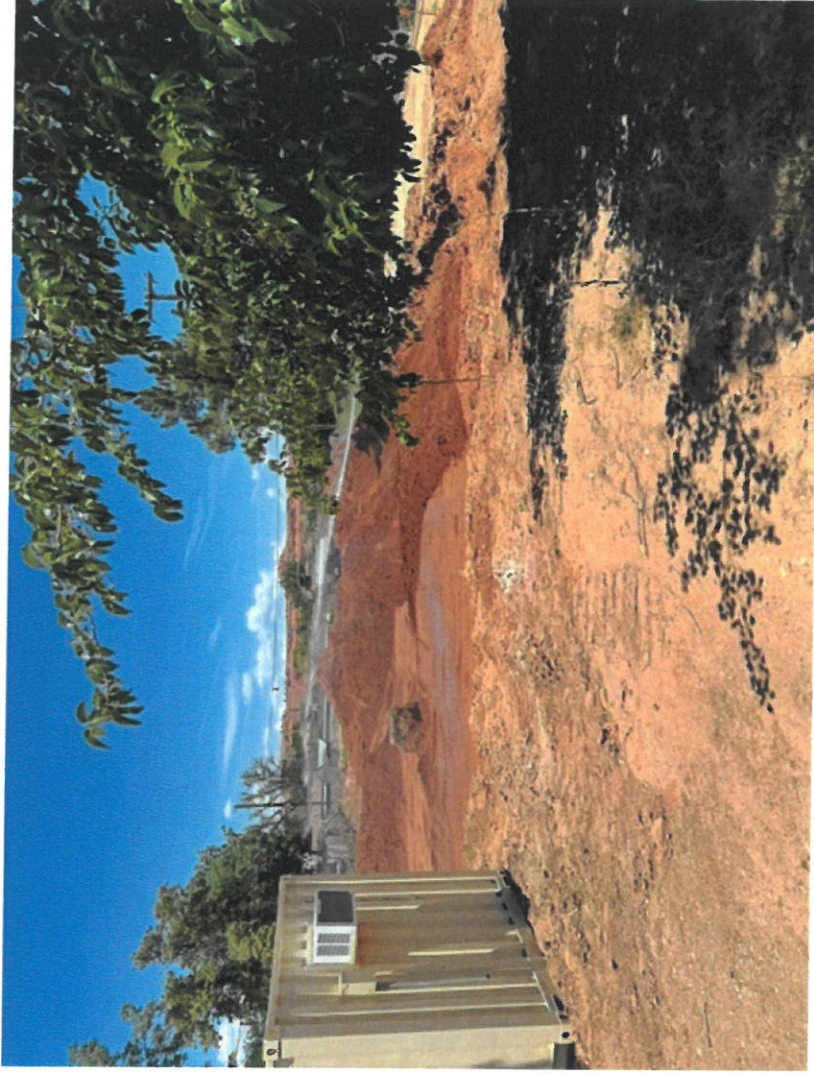


In January through June 2023, we:

- Served 211 primary victims
 - Performed 148 forensic interviews
 - Completed 85 medical exams
 - Completed 51 traumatic-stress screenings with an average score of 20.9 (anything over 20 is considered high)
 - Facilitated 86 individual case reviews with multidisciplinary team
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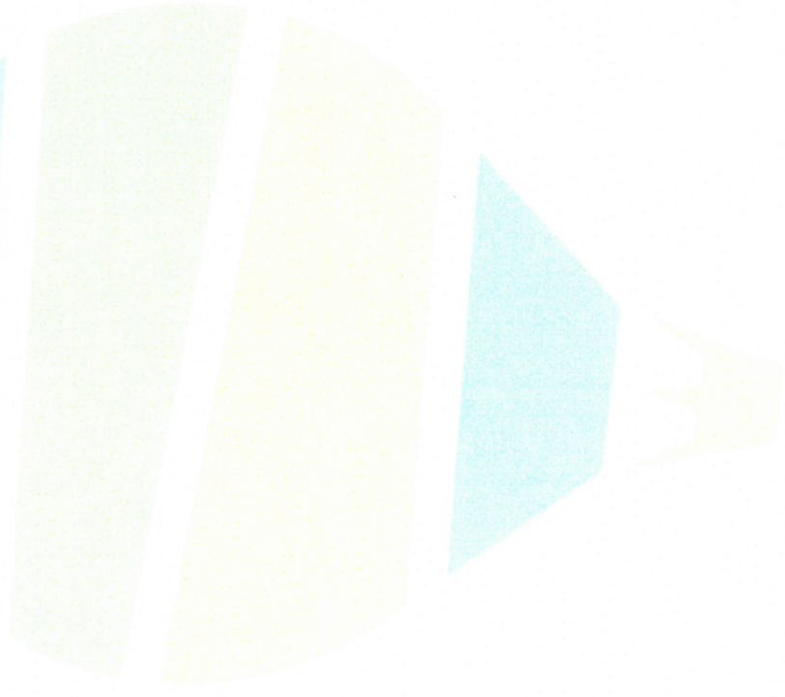
FY 2024 Operations – Where We Landed

- VOCA Award for FY 24 is \$254,367 (FY 23 \$242,564)
 - \$28,750 for Kane County
 - Grant is now solely personnel and contracted therapy
- State Award for FY 24 is \$276,176 (FY 23 \$169,471)
 - Will help cover VOCA cuts and loss of Cambia grant
 - An additional \$100,000 in one-time money will help
- County and Friends portion stayed stable



Information on Criminal Justice Process

- Goal: 400
- Achieved: 837



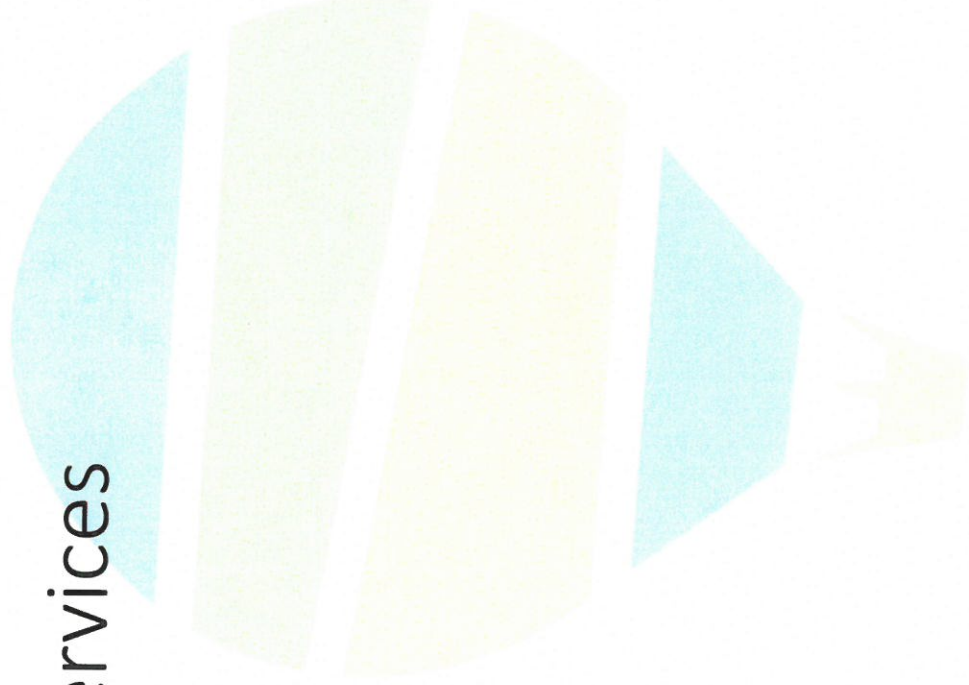



Refer to Medical Exam

- Goal: 310
- Achieved: 281

Interpreter Services

- Goal: 100
- Achieved: 156





Individual Counseling Sessions (In-house and Contracted)

- Goal: 1250
- Achieved: 1126

Emergency Financial Assistance

- Goal: 30
- Achieved: 46



Assist in Obtaining Protective or Restraining Orders

- Goal: 15
- Achieved: 21



Submit CVR (Crime Victims Reparations) Applications

- Goal: 45
- Achieved: 72

Traumatic Stress Screeners/Refer for Mental Health

- Goal: 200
- Achieved: 116