CITY OF COFFEYVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE	July 14, 2015	
RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NUMBER	n/a	
AGENDA TITLE	Discussion and action to make appointment to the Montgomery County Community Corrections Board	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT	Administration	
PRESENTER	Cindy Price, City Clerk	
FISCAL INFORMATION	Cost as recommended:	n/a
	Budget Line Item:	
	Balance Available	
	New Appropriation Required:	[ ] Yes [ ] No
PURPOSE	The purpose of the Montgomery County Community Corrections Board Corrections advisory board is to actively participate in the formulation of the comprehensive plan for the development, implementation and operation of the correctional services in the county and make a formal recommendation to county commissioners at least annually concerning the comprehensive plan and its implementation and operation during the ensuing year.	
BACKGROUND	According to K.S.A. 75-5297, the board shall consist of 12 or more members who shall be representative of law enforcement, prosecution, the judiciary, education, corrections, ethnic minorities, the social services and the general public. The City of Coffeyville, being the only first class city in the county, is responsible for making three appointments. There is no residency requirement.	

SPECIAL NOTES	**<u>Applicant</u>** Ruth Ritthaler new applicant **<u>Current City Appointed</u>** Dennis Webb Vacant
ANALYSIS	
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROCESS	Notice of the board openings was placed on the City's website and Channel 13.
BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	n/a
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Allow applicant present to make comments and appoint one person to serve on the Montgomery County Community Corrections Board serving to January 1, 2017.
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED	Application K.S.A. 75-5297

CITY OF COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS
BOARD APPLICATION

Date June 15, 2015

Board or Commission: **Montgomery County Community Corrections Advisory Board**

Term: **2-Year Terms**

Meeting Times: **Quarterly**

Purpose and Membership: To rehabilitate, train, treat, educate and prepare persons convicted of felonies in this state for entry or re-entry into the social and economic system of the community upon leaving the custody of the state agencies and officers.

This Board is comprised of 12 members; 5 are statutory members and 4 are appointed by the County Commission. The remaining three positions are appointed by the Coffeyville City Commission. At least two members of the board shall be representatives of ethnic minorities and no more than 2/3 of the members of each board shall be members of the same sex.

Name Ruth A. Ritthaler

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Work Experience and Training See attached

Interest in Board I strongly believe in this program and its benefit to both probationers + the community. I am familiar with its objectives + personnel and believe I would contribute to its success.

Ruth A. Ritthaler
Signature

RUTH A. RITTHALER

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EDUCATION:

Legal	University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas J.D. Conferred December 1986 Admitted to Kansas Bar, U.S. District Court April 1987 Comparative Legal Studies, Brunel University, London, 1985
Undergrad	Bethel College North Newton, Kansas Graduated May 1974 - Magna Cum Laude B.A. in Music, Minor in History, Order of the Golden A (Honor Society) Senior Fellow in Music

LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

April 2015	CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY COUNSELOR and PRIVATE PRACTITIONER
Sept. 2008 to April 2015	ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS - Prosecute adult felonies and misdemeanors to resolution - Represent the State of Kansas, Montgomery County, in written and oral arguments before the Kansas Court of Appeals and Kansas Supreme Court
November 2005 to August 2008	ATTORNEY, CASE MOSES ZIMMERMAN & WILSON, P.A. - General private practice including elder law, probate, domestic, agricultural, municipal law - City Attorney, City of Yates Center, Kansas
August 2004 to Sept. 2005	OFFICE OF KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL Assistant AG, Consumer Protection/Antitrust Division - Chair, Vulnerable Adults Task Force - Liaison for elderly consumers and agencies statewide - Investigated and if appropriate litigated alleged violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act - Presented information to consumers, law enforcement agencies and citizens on identification, reporting & prevention of elder abuse - Proposed legislation advancing interests of seniors and consumers - Participated in elder abuse councils/TRIADS statewide on behalf of the Attorney General
July 2003 to Aug. 2004	CARETAKER OF AGING MOTHER, HOMEBUILDER

July 2001
to July 2003

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
7th Judicial District, Douglas County, Kansas

- Prosecuted all types of criminal felony and misdemeanor offenses at all stages of criminal proceedings from filing through jury trial and appeal
- Assisted in filing and prosecution of first elder homicide by neglect case in Kansas
- Liaison with law enforcement and community on issues related to elder abuse
- Speaker on various criminal topics at law enforcement and community seminars

Dec. 1987
to July 2001

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
18th Judicial District, Sedgwick County, Kansas
Criminal/Consumer/Probate/Juvenile/Traffic Divisions

- Prosecuted all types of criminal cases, infractions through "Hard 50" homicides, including sex crimes, domestic violence, property and financial crimes, gang-related offenses, drug offenses, and other felonies.
- Conducted case evaluation and negotiations; courtroom appearances at preliminary hearings, pleas, sentencings, probation violation hearings, motions. Prepared for and tried cases to judge or jury; made other court and public appearances on behalf of the office.
- Advised & assisted law enforcement, made charging decisions as requested.
- Investigated and handled to resolution civil matters and lawsuits alleging violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act.
- Guest lecturer - Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, Wichita State University, and Wichita Citizens Police Academy. Topics included investigation & prosecution, criminal law and procedure, Kansas sentencing guidelines, law enforcement policy & procedure, elder abuse.
- Instructor at National Advocacy Center, Columbia, S.C., training prosecutors from across the United States on behalf of National District Attorneys Association. Areas of instruction included Trial Advocacy, Rules of Evidence, Courtroom Presentation, Cross-examination

MEMBER:

Attorney General Derek Schmidt Advisory Panel on Elder Consumer Issues
Kansas Bar Association
Kansas Peace Officers Association
Kansas County & District Attorneys Association
Wichita Bar Association
Wichita TRIAD Council
Co-Founder, Southeast Kansas Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition
Independence Kansas Rotary
Independence Kansas Soroptimists

PREVIOUSLY:

Midwestern Health Care Fraud Working Group
Aging and Mental Wellness Coalition of Sedgwick County
ICAN Board of Directors (Program to assist seniors)
Council on Adult Abuse Prevention, Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas (sponsor of Senior Safehouse)
National Board of Directors, Women Work!

75-5297. Corrections advisory boards; membership, qualifications, appointment; alternative membership, qualification and appointment provisions for cooperating counties. (a) Subject to the other provisions of this section, each corrections advisory board established under this act shall consist of at least 12, but not more than 15, members who shall be representative of law enforcement, prosecution, the judiciary, education, corrections, ethnic minorities, the social services and the general public and shall be appointed as follows:

(1) The law enforcement representatives shall be: (A) The sheriff or, if two or more counties are cooperating, the sheriff selected by the sheriffs of those counties, or the designee of that sheriff, and (B) the chief of police of the city with the largest population at the time the board is established or, if two or more counties are cooperating, the chief of police selected by the chiefs of police of each city with the largest population in each county at the time the board is established, or the designee of that chief of police, except that for purposes of this paragraph (1) in the case of a county having consolidated law enforcement and not having a sheriff or any chiefs of police, "sheriff" means the law enforcement director and "chief of police of the city with the largest population" or "chief of police" means a law enforcement officer, other than the law enforcement director, appointed by the county law enforcement agency for the purposes of this section;

(2) the prosecution representative shall be the county or district attorney or, if two or more counties are cooperating, a county or district attorney selected by the county and district attorneys of those counties, or the designee of that county or district attorney;

(3) the judiciary representative shall be the chief judge of the district court of the judicial district containing the county or group of counties or, if two or more counties in two or more judicial districts are cooperating, the chief judge of each such judicial district, or a judge of the district court designated by each such chief judge;

(4) the education representative shall be an educational professional appointed by the board of county commissioners of the county or, if two or more counties are cooperating, by the boards of county commissioners of those counties;

(5) a court services officer designated by the chief judge of the district court of the judicial district containing the county or group of counties or, if counties in two or more judicial districts are cooperating, a court services officer designated by the chief judges of those judicial districts;

(6) the board of county commissioners of the county shall appoint or, if two or more counties are cooperating, the boards of county commissioners of those counties shall together appoint at least three, but not more than six, additional members of the corrections advisory board or, if necessary, additional members so that each county which is not otherwise represented on the board is represented by at least one member of such board; and

(7) three members of the corrections advisory board shall be appointed by cities located within the county or group of cooperating counties as follows: (A) If there are three or more cities of the first class, the governing body of each of the three cities of the first class having the largest populations shall each appoint one member; (B) if there are two cities of the first class, the governing body of the larger city of the first class shall appoint two members and the governing body of the smaller city of the first class shall appoint one member; (C) if there is only one city of the first class, the governing body of such city shall appoint all three members; and (D) if there are no cities of the first class, the governing body of each of the three cities having the largest populations shall each appoint one member.

(b) If possible, of the members appointed by the boards of county commissioners in accordance with subsection (a)(6) and by the governing bodies of cities in accordance with subsection (a)(7), members shall be representative of one or more of the following: (1) Parole officers; (2) public or private social service agencies; (3) ex-offenders; (4) the health care professions; and (5) the general public.

(c) At least two members of each corrections advisory board shall be representative of ethnic minorities and no more than 2/3 of the members of each board shall be members of the same sex.

(d) In lieu of the provisions of subsections (a) through (c), a group of cooperating counties as provided in subsection (a)(2) of K.S.A. 75-52,110, and amendments thereto, may establish a corrections advisory board which such board's membership shall be determined by such group of counties through cooperative action pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-2901 through 12-2907, and amendments thereto, to the extent that those statutes do not conflict with the provisions of this act, except that if two or more counties in two or more judicial districts are cooperating, the chief judge of each such judicial district, or a judge of the district court designated by each such chief judge shall be a member of such board. In determining the membership of the corrections advisory board pursuant to this subsection, such group of counties shall appoint members who are representative of law enforcement, prosecution, the judiciary, education, corrections, ethnic minorities, the social services and the general public. Any corrections advisory board established and the membership determined pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the approval of the secretary of corrections.

History: L. 1978, ch. 364, § 8; L. 1984, ch. 112, § 16; L. 1989, ch. 92, § 10; L. 1999, ch. 57, § 69; L. 2009, ch. 31, § 1; July 1.